

# Introducing CaliforniaColleges.edu

Windsor Unified School District

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The Official College & Career Planning  
Platform of the State of California

# California College Guidance Initiative

## Who We Are

- State-funded nonprofit.
- Manager of **CaliforniaColleges.edu**.
- Critical part of infrastructure for the **Cradle-to-Career** system.

## Why We're Here

- To smooth the path to college and career for all California students.
- To ensure equitable outcomes for all students, especially the underserved.

## What We Do

- College and career planning.
- Capacity building.
- Provide data-informed tools to students, parents, and educators.

Visit the Cradle-to-Career Website



# What is CaliforniaColleges.edu?

## California's official college and career planning platform.



**Built for Californians** Designed to meet the specific needs of California students, parents, educators, and school districts.



**Connects California Systems** The only platform integrated with all three state public higher education systems (CCC, CSU, UC) and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).



**Written into California Ed. Code** CaliforniaColleges.edu is authorized service provider for all California school districts.



**Funded by the State of California** CaliforniaColleges.edu is funded by the State of California through Proposition 98.



**Critical part of infrastructure for the California's Cradle-to-Career system** AB 132 outlines specific steps in order to implement the Cradle-to-Career System and realize its objectives, including making CaliforniaColleges.edu tools and services free to all California school districts serving 6-12th grade students and designating CaliforniaColleges.edu as the preferred starting point for all applications to California public colleges, FAFSA and CADAA.

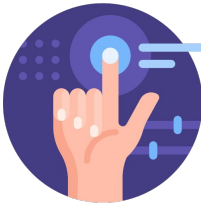
# Our Role in Recovery with Equity

CaliforniaColleges.edu is an infrastructure that can help your collaborative make significant progress on four of the Strategies from the Recovery with Equity Report:



## Student Retention through Inclusive Support

Free tier one tools and resources to all 6-12 grade students and educators in California. We also partner with school districts to further support data monitoring and targeted student interventions.



## High Tech, High Touch Advising

We provide comprehensive, customized sets of lessons and tools for students, actionable reporting for educators, and streamlined intersegmental processes.



## College Preparation and Early Credit

We provide “a-g” coursework verification and eligibility tracking for CSU and UC, as well as support implementation of the A-G Completion and Improvement Grants.



## College Affordability

We provide lessons and tools to help students understand their financial aid options and submit their FAFSA or California Dream Act Application, as well as support implementation of AB 469 and AB 2015.



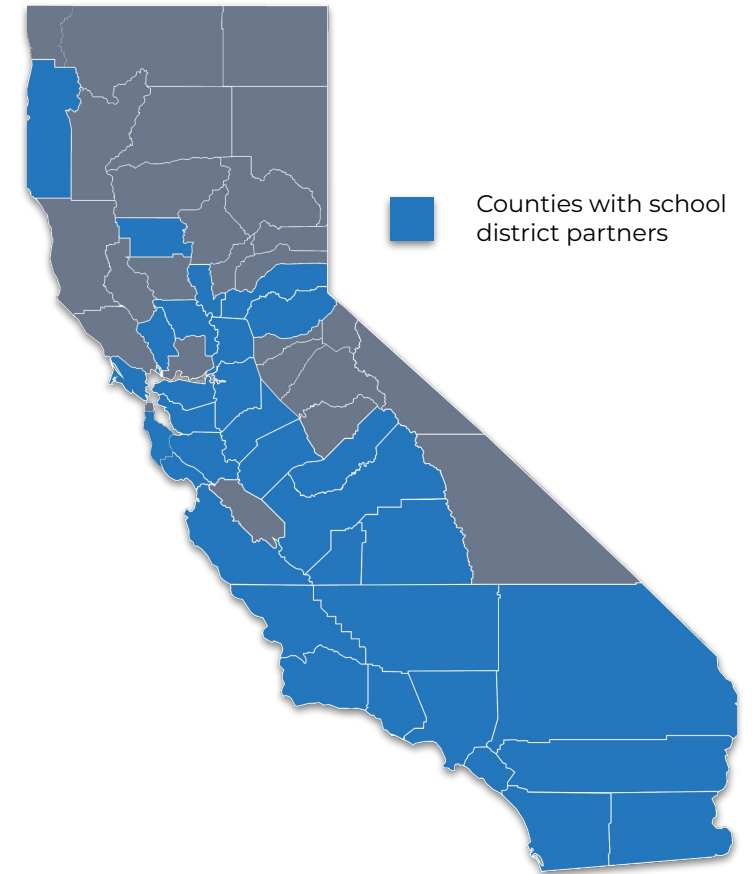
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# CCGI Partner Districts

More than **50% of California's high school students** are enrolled in a **school district that has partnered with CCGI.**

Our Partner Districts include nearly **200 school districts** and serve more than **1 million 9th-12th grade students** in California.

And each year, our partner list continues to grow!



▼ See who our Partner Districts are ▼

[californiacolleges.edu/learnmore/list-of-partner-districts/](https://californiacolleges.edu/learnmore/list-of-partner-districts/)

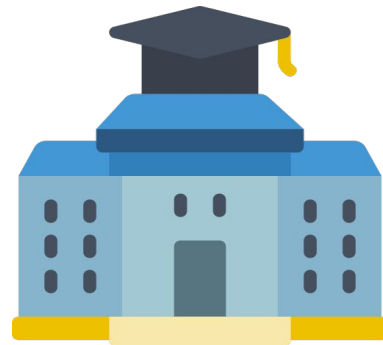
# What is CaliforniaColleges.edu?

**CaliforniaColleges.edu is the state of California's official college and career planning platform.**

Benefits of a CaliforniaColleges.edu account include access to free tools to help students with:



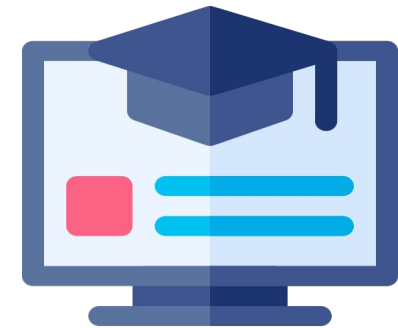
**Career  
Planning**



**College  
Planning**



**Financial  
Aid**



**Progress  
Tracking**



# What Tools are Available on CaliforniaColleges.edu?

CaliforniaColleges.edu provides tools to empower students and educators alike.

| We provide students with:



- Career exploration tools
- College and major search tools
- Financial aid lessons
- CSU/UC eligibility tools
- College and financial aid application integration

| We provide educators with:



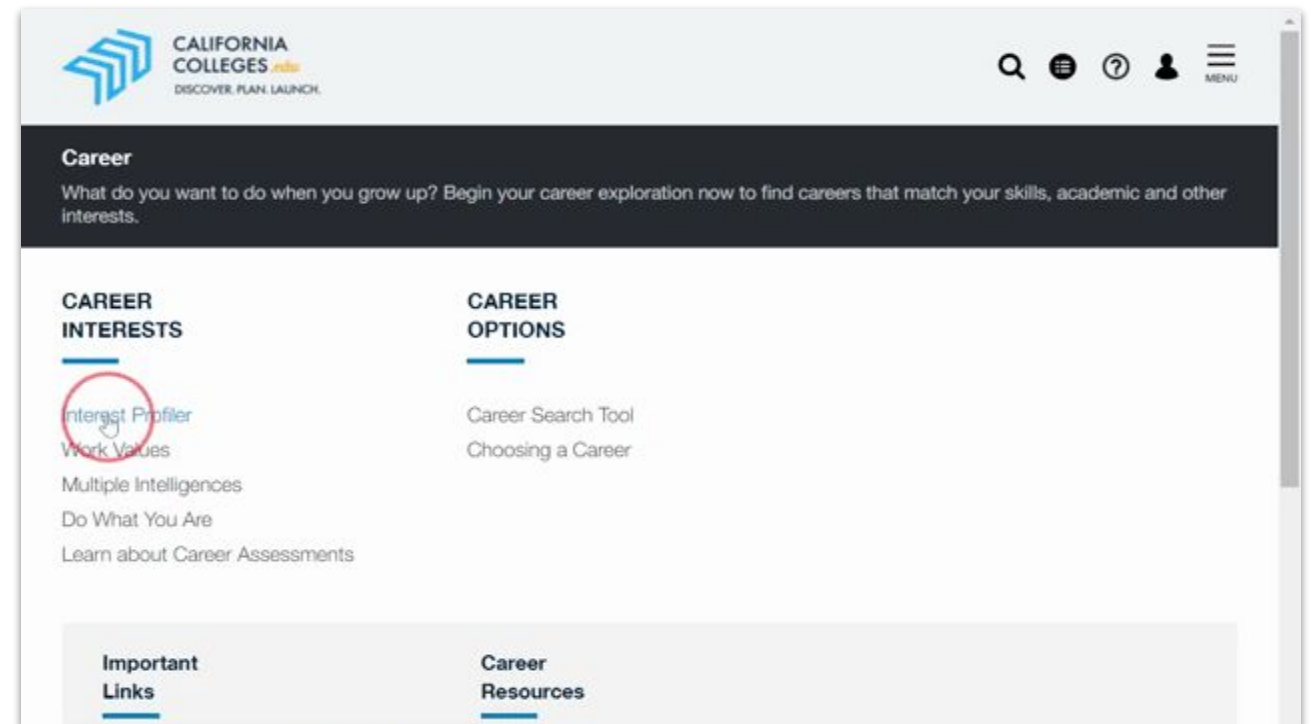
- College and career planning tools *in one place*
- Ability to track student progress and better target interventions
- Data and reporting tools to help districts comply with regulatory requirements

# Career Assessments

Our career assessments can help students identify their values, interests, learning styles, and personalities and learn how they can connect to fulfilling careers.

## Our assessments include:

- ▶ Interest Profiler
- ▶ Work Values
- ▶ Learning & Productivity
- ▶ Intelligences
- ▶ Personality
- ▶ Skills







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# Career Search Tool

**Our Career Search Tool helps students find the right career path by figuring out what they want to be and what it will take for them to get there.**

**CaliforniaColleges.edu allows students to:**

- ▶ Explore careers that match their interests.
- ▶ Learn what careers involve.
- ▶ See what kind of pay and growth potential jobs offer.
- ▶ Understand what education and skills they will need to pursue their career of choice.

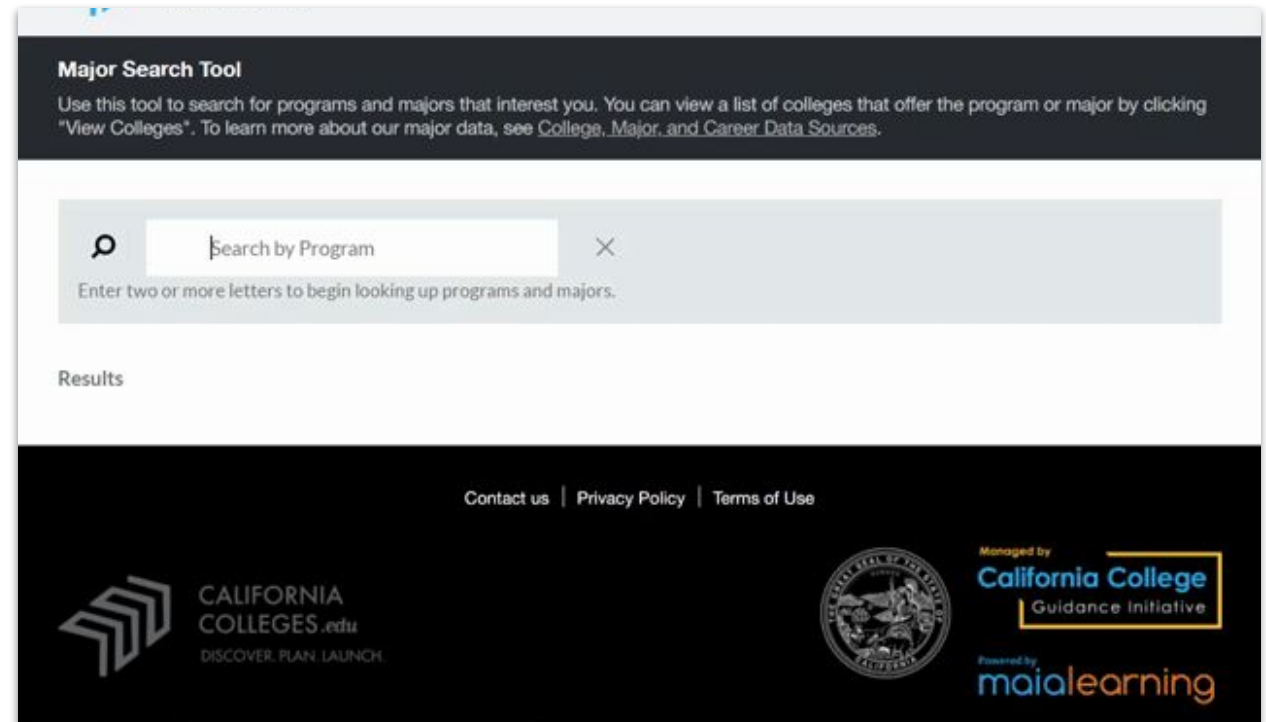
A screenshot of the Career Search Tool web interface. At the top, a dark header contains the title "Career Search Tool" and a brief description: "Explore careers that match your interests. Find careers by using the keyword search or the Industry and Bright Outlook filters. To learn more about our career data, see [College, Major, and Career Data Sources](#)." Below the header, there are three search input areas. The first area on the left has a text box containing "Scientist" and a blue "Search" button. The second area on the right has a dropdown menu labeled "Select Industry" and a blue "Search" button. The third area on the left has a dropdown menu labeled "Select Bright Outlook Occupation" and a blue "Search" button. At the bottom left, it says "Results 179". At the bottom right, there is a dark button labeled "Compare". A small "Compare" button with an information icon is also visible at the very bottom left.

# College and Major Search Tools

Our **College and Major Search Tools** allow students to find what majors will help them achieve their career goals and what colleges best meet their needs.

Our **Major Search Tool** allows students to discover programs and majors that interest them, learn more about what they involve, and find colleges that offer them.

Our **College Search Tool** helps students find the best colleges in California and across the country, based on the factors that matter most to them.



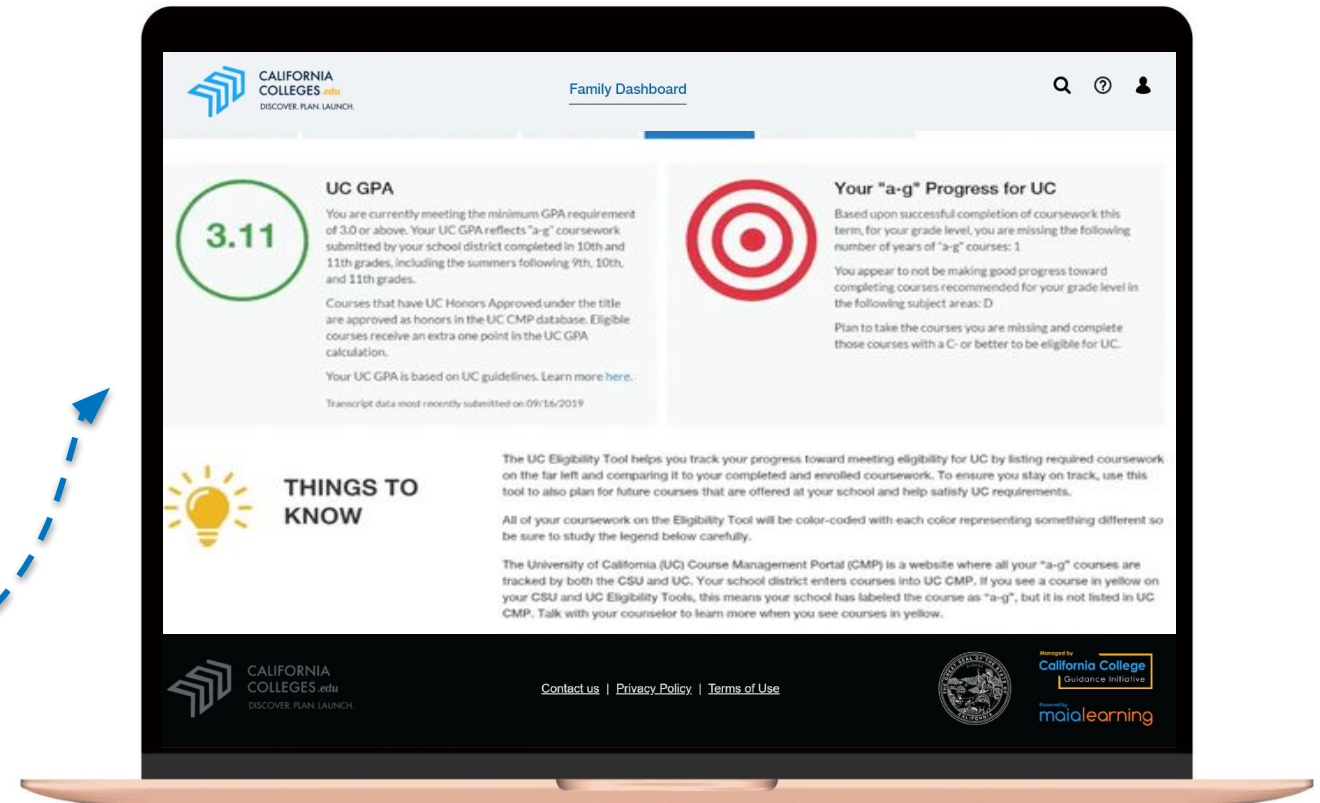
The screenshot shows the 'Major Search Tool' interface. At the top, it says 'Major Search Tool' and provides instructions: 'Use this tool to search for programs and majors that interest you. You can view a list of colleges that offer the program or major by clicking "View Colleges". To learn more about our major data, see [College, Major, and Career Data Sources](#).' Below this is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon on the left, a text input field containing 'Search by Program', and a close 'X' icon on the right. Below the search bar, it says 'Enter two or more letters to begin looking up programs and majors.' Underneath the search bar is a section labeled 'Results'. At the bottom of the interface, there are links for 'Contact us', 'Privacy Policy', and 'Terms of Use'. The footer includes the California Colleges.edu logo, the California State Seal, and logos for 'Managed by California College Guidance Initiative' and 'Powered by maialearning'.



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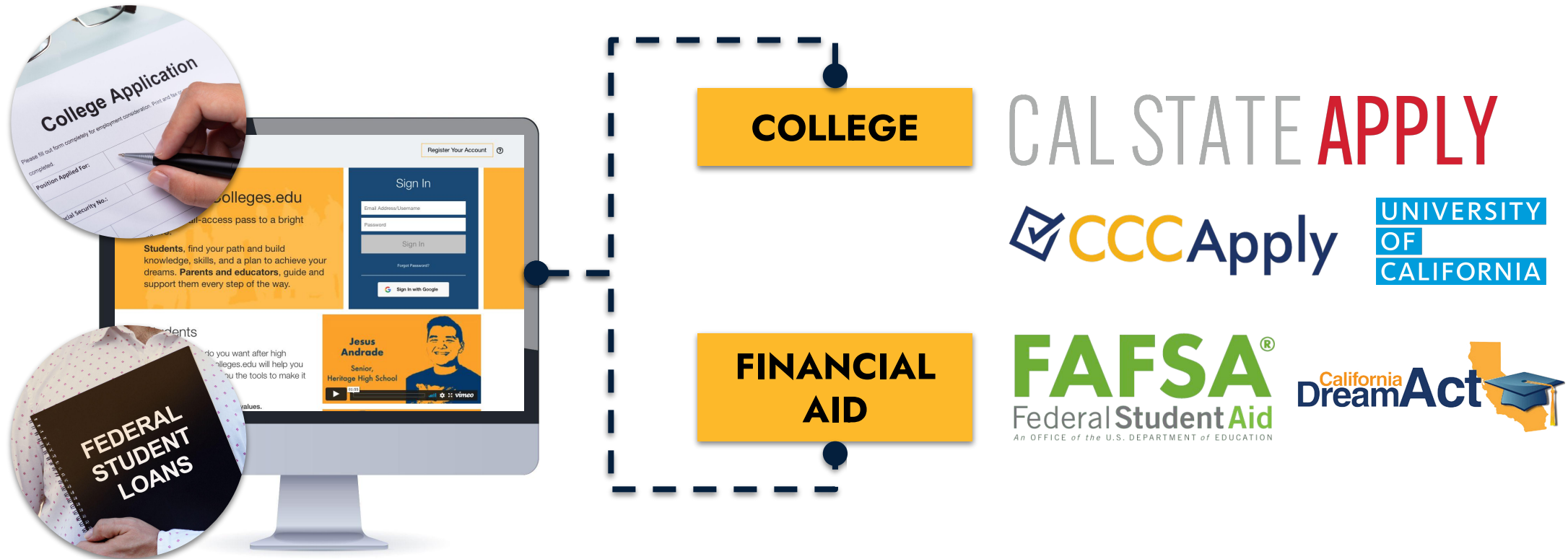
# CSU and UC Eligibility Tools (Students)

Students in Partner Districts can use CSU and UC Eligibility Tools to quickly track their progress toward meeting “a-g” requirements.



# College and Financial Aid Application Integrations

Students can launch college and financial aid applications directly from CaliforniaColleges.edu and track their progress.





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# What is CaliforniaColleges.edu?



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**Javier & Yvonne**  
*Student & Educator*





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# Financial Aid Tools

| We provide students with:



Financial Aid Lessons

Application Launch

Offer Comparison Tool

| We provide educators with:



Data & Reporting Tools

Student Progress Tracking

AB 2015/469 Compliance



# Alignment to Financial Aid State Policies



## Financial Aid Education for High School Students (EC 51225.8)

Established by AB 2015 (2018), districts are required to ensure that each student receives information about how to complete and submit FAFSA or CADAA, prior to entering Grade 12.

- ▶ **Aligns to:** CaliforniaColleges.edu Grade 11 Financial Aid Lessons for Students
- ▶ **Aligns to:** CaliforniaColleges.edu Financial Aid Lesson Completion Report for Educators



## Universal FAFSA/CA Dream Act Applications (EC 51225.7)

Established by AB 469 (2021), districts are required to confirm that each 12th grade student has completed their financial aid application or has been opted out by a parent/legal guardian.

- ▶ **Aligns to:** CaliforniaColleges.edu Grade 12 Financial Aid Lessons for Students
- ▶ **Aligns to:** CaliforniaColleges.edu FAFSA/CADAA Application Integration
- ▶ **Aligns to:** CaliforniaColleges.edu FAFSA/CADAA Status report for Educators



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# Tools for Educators

Educators in partner districts can run reports to monitor student progress on their activities on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

The screenshot displays the 'Educator Dashboard' on the CaliforniaColleges.edu website. The top navigation bar includes the logo, 'Educator Dashboard', 'College', 'Career', and 'Financial Aid' links, along with search, help, and user icons. The main section is titled 'Manage Reports' with a subtitle 'Track your student's college and career readiness by running reports.' Below this, a paragraph explains how to use the reports. The 'Select Report' section has a dropdown menu set to 'Academic' and a 'Select Report Type' dropdown. A 'Have a report question? Contact Us' link with a question mark icon is also present. The 'Select Filters' section contains several dropdown menus: 'Select Grade', 'Select Course', 'Select Section', 'Select Gender', 'Select Ethnicity', 'Select Special Population', and 'Select Race'. There are also input fields for 'Start Date: MM/DD/YYYY' and 'End Date: MM/DD/YYYY'. A 'Run Report' button and a 'Reset Filters' button are located to the right of the filters. At the bottom, it shows 'Report: None' and 'Filters Selected: Grade: All, Course: All, Section: All, Gender: All, Ethnicity: All, Special Population: All, Race: All'. Action links for 'Print', 'Download XLSX', and 'Download CSV' are provided. A 'Classic' view toggle is visible in the bottom left corner.





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# Educator Perspectives on CaliforniaColleges.edu



# Questions?



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# CaliforniaColleges.edu Demo



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# Reflection

How could you leverage  
CaliforniaColleges.edu to  
support **your district's**  
**goals?**





# Next Steps



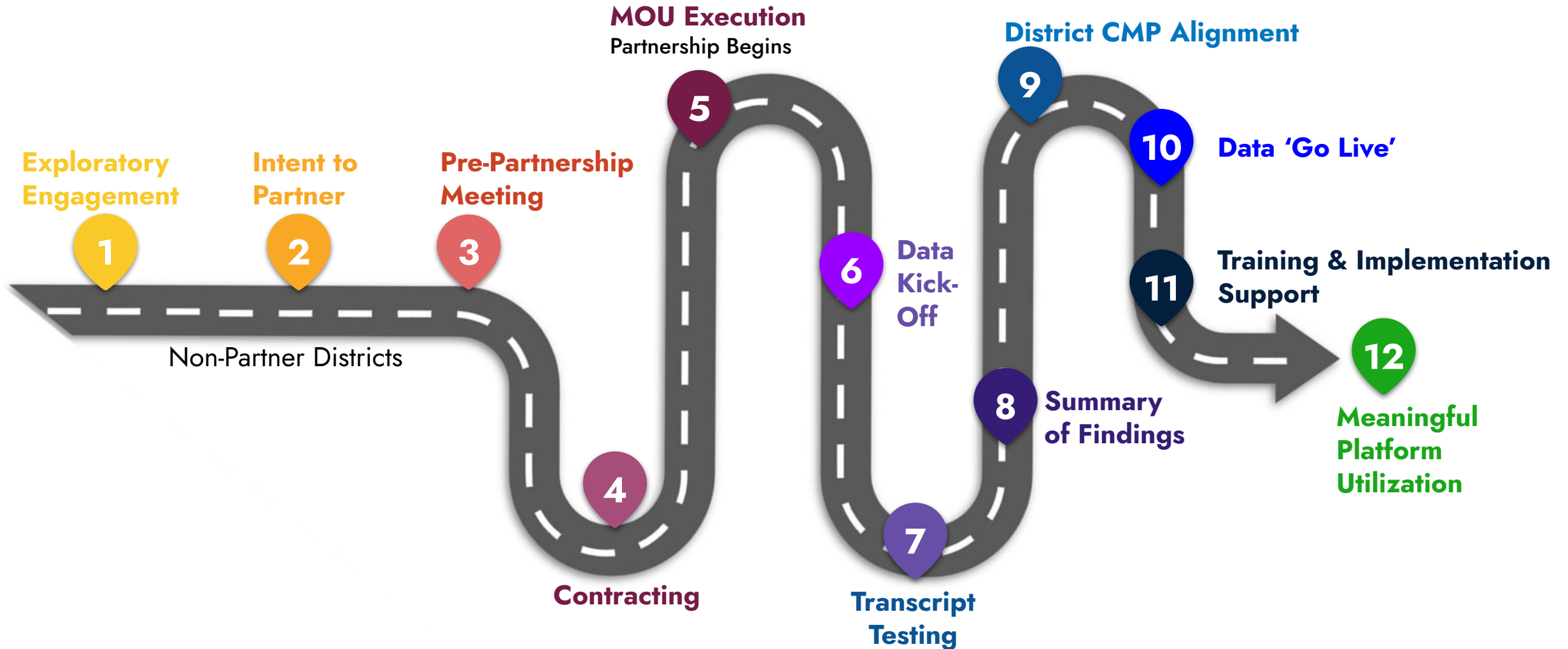
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# District Partnership Roadmap



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