

# Introducing CaliforniaColleges.edu

Arcadia Unified School District

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# Agenda

## Welcome

## System Alignment for All Students to Succeed

## About CaliforniaColleges.edu

## Successful Implementation

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“All California students deserve the opportunity to earn a college degree and pursue the career of their dreams.

CaliforniaColleges.edu makes it possible for students to plan their career, apply to college, and get financial aid - for free - all on one website.”

— **Governor Gavin Newsom**



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# California College Guidance Initiative

## Who We Are

- ▶ State-funded nonprofit.
- ▶ Manager of **CaliforniaColleges.edu**.
- ▶ Foundation of the state's new **Cradle-to-Career System** tools.

## 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





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# What We're Doing to Make the Journey Easier



# Universal Access to CaliforniaColleges.edu

One goal of the **Cradle-to-Career** legislation is to make **CaliforniaColleges.edu** available to every school district, student, and educator in California by 2026.

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Official school district partners

**1M+**

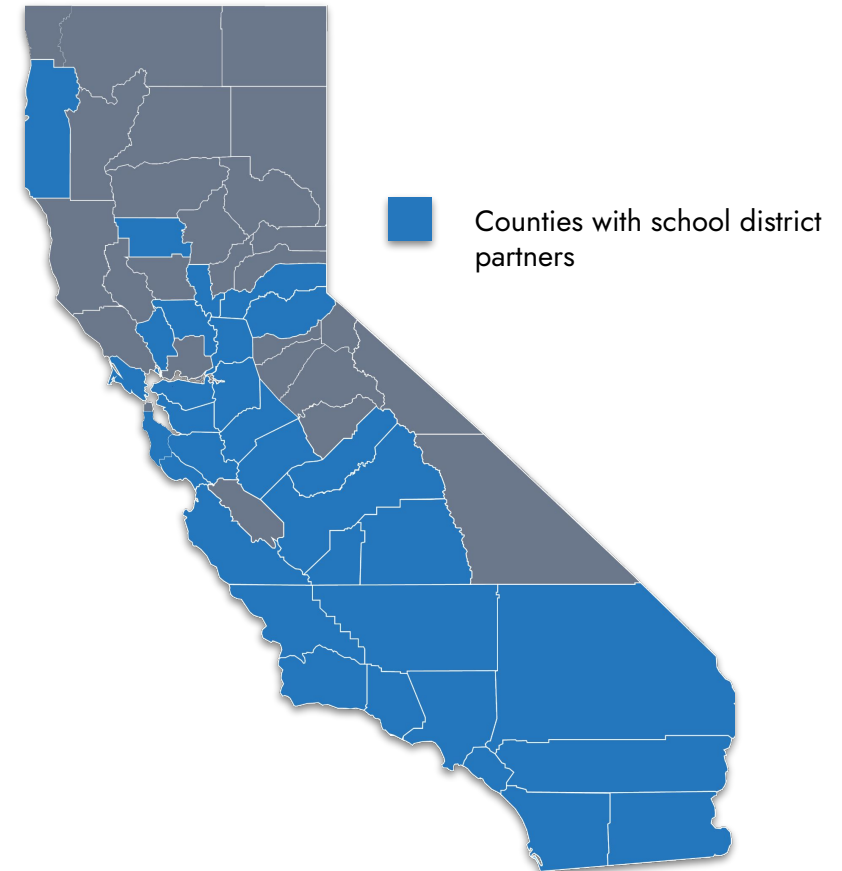
6th-12th grade students served

**81**

School districts in the pipeline for partnership by Fall 2023

**759k**

Additional students in the pipeline who will be served by Fall 2023



# Implementing Equity-Focused State Policies Using CaliforniaColleges.edu

Districts can use the data and reporting tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu to both make it easier to implement and meet compliance with equity-focused state policies.



**2021 Budget Act**  
Regional K-16 Education  
Collaboratives Grant  
Program



**AB 469**  
Universal FAFSA/  
CADAA for  
Graduating Seniors



**AB 132**  
Cradle-to-Career  
System

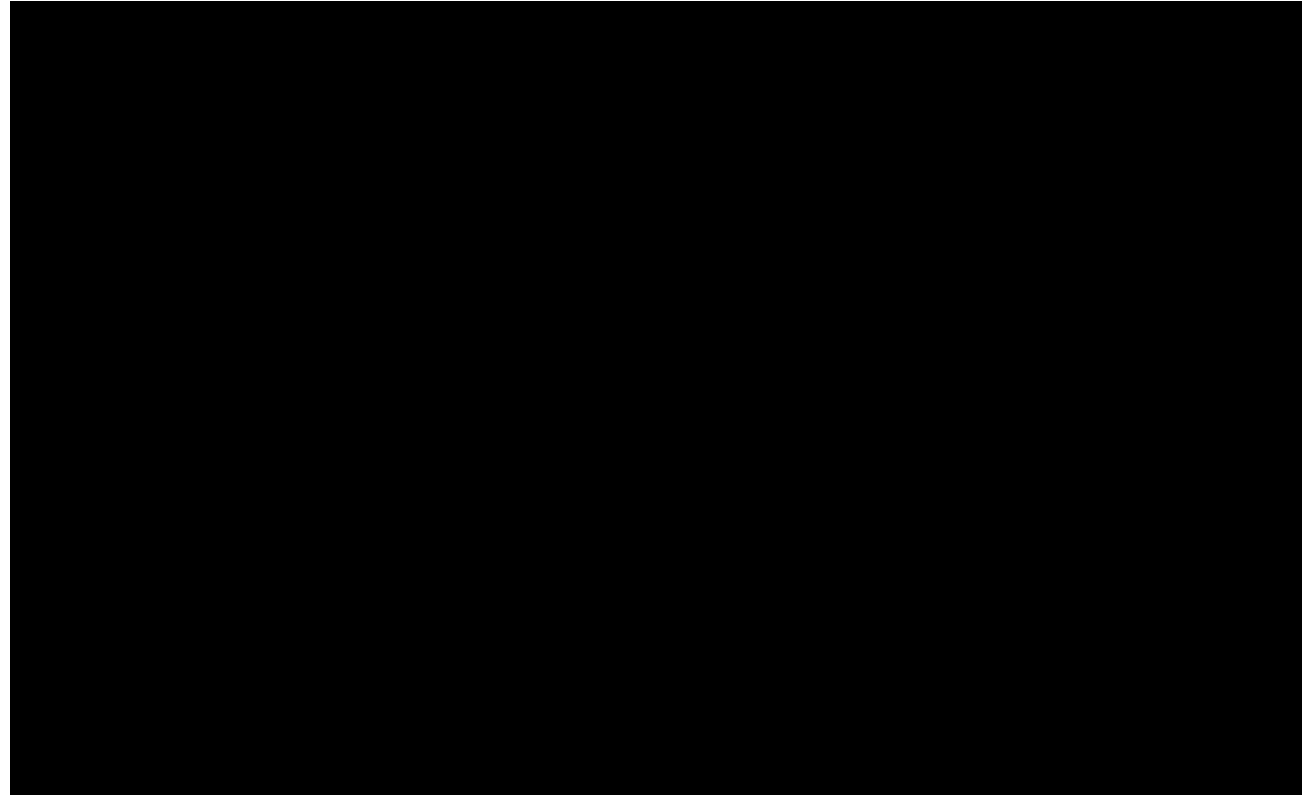


**AB 130**  
A-G Completion  
Improvement Grant  
Program



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# A Student's Perspective: Using the Tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu



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*Heritage High School*



# Career Exploration & College Planning Tools

Through CaliforniaColleges.edu, students can access tools that will help them with their college and career planning. These tools include:

## Career Assessments



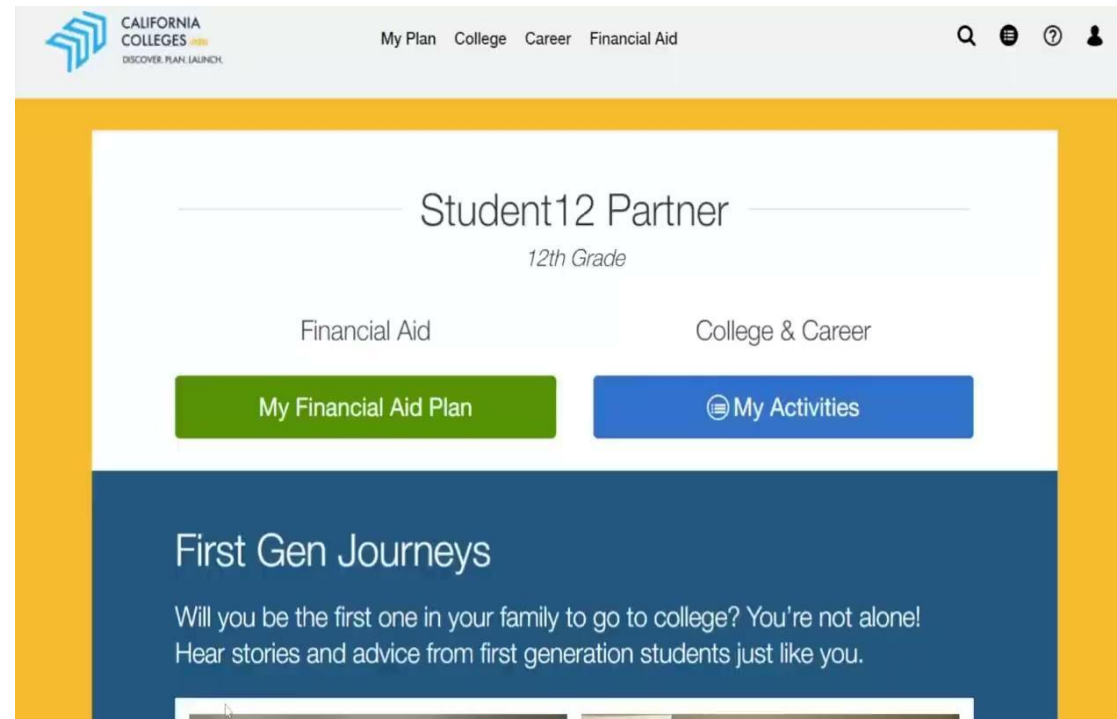
## College & Major Search Tools





# Academic Planner & My Plan

Using the **My Plan** section students access their digital academic planner to make sure they're on track to achieve their college and career goals.





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# Financial Aid Tools

| We provide students with:



Financial Aid Lessons

Application Launch

Offer Comparison Tool

| We provide educators with:



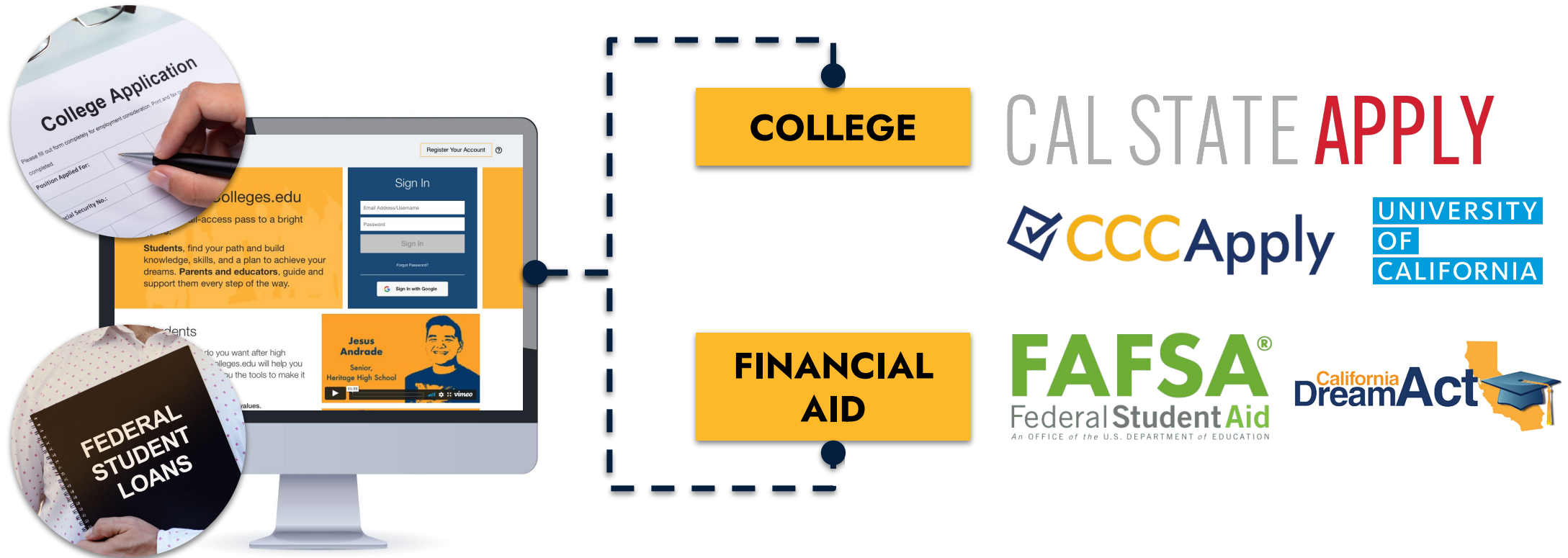
Data & Reporting Tools

Student Progress Tracking

AB 469 Compliance

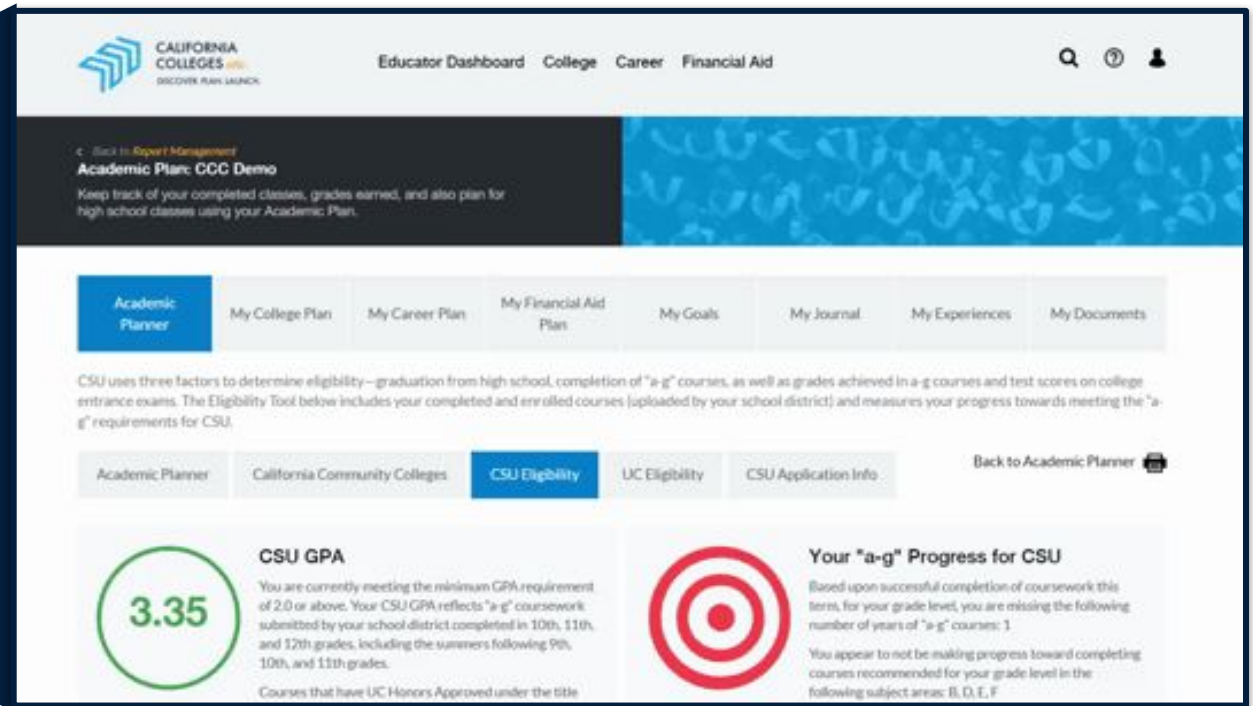
# College & Financial Aid Application Integration

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



# CSU & 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.



The screenshot displays the 'Academic Planner' interface on the California Colleges.edu website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Educator Dashboard', 'College', 'Career', and 'Financial Aid'. The main content area is titled 'Academic Planner: CCC Demo' and provides instructions on tracking completed classes and planning for high school courses. Below this, a horizontal menu allows users to navigate between 'Academic Planner', 'My College Plan', 'My Career Plan', 'My Financial Aid Plan', 'My Goals', 'My Journal', 'My Experiences', and 'My Documents'. The 'Academic Planner' section is active, showing a CSU GPA of 3.35 and a progress indicator for 'a-g' requirements. The CSU GPA section states that the user is currently meeting the minimum GPA requirement of 2.0 or above, with a GPA of 3.35. The 'a-g' progress section indicates that the user is missing 1 year of 'a-g' coursework and is not making progress toward completing recommended courses in the following subject areas: B, D, E, F.

**CSU GPA**  
3.35  
You are currently meeting the minimum GPA requirement of 2.0 or above. Your CSU GPA reflects "a-g" coursework submitted by your school district completed in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, including the summers following 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.  
Courses that have UC Honors Approved under the title

**Your "a-g" Progress for CSU**  
Based upon successful completion of coursework this term, for your grade level, you are missing the following number of years of "a-g" courses: 1  
You appear to not be making progress toward completing courses recommended for your grade level in the following subject areas: B, D, E, F





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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 'Manage Reports' section of the Educator Dashboard. At the top, the navigation bar includes the California Colleges.edu logo, the text 'Educator Dashboard College Career Financial Aid', and search, help, and user icons. The main heading 'Manage Reports' is followed by the instruction: 'Track your student's college and career readiness by running reports.' Below this, a paragraph explains how to use the reports: 'Quickly and easily obtain the aggregate data you need to better support your students on their path to being college and career ready. Select a report, choose your filters, and then, run report. View report summary and drill down on individual links with the summary for more details. Drill down even further, if you choose, by clicking on individual student names in the Student List tab and view their My Plans.' The 'Select Report' section features a dropdown menu set to 'Academic' and a 'Select Report Type' dropdown. A link 'Have a report question? Contact Us' 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, the 'Report: None' status is shown, along with '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.



# CaliforniaColleges.edu Demo



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# Reflection

How could you leverage  
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support **your district's**  
**goals?**



# Next Steps



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**Below is the timeline for districts with a “Go Live” date of Feb. 1, 2024.**

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# Guidance & Support

Partner districts will receive the following support as part of the CaliforniaColleges.edu implementation process:



Technical Assistance

User Support



Virtual Training

Office Hours

Regional Planning  
Meetings





# Next Steps

1

Determine if any further information is needed

2

Determine if additional stakeholders need to be brought in

3

Submit an Intent to Partner Form



# Questions?



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