

# Introducing CaliforniaColleges.edu



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# Agenda

## Welcome

## System Alignment for All Students to Succeed

## About CaliforniaColleges.edu

## Successful Implementation

## Next Steps

## Questions?

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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**

# 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.

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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+**

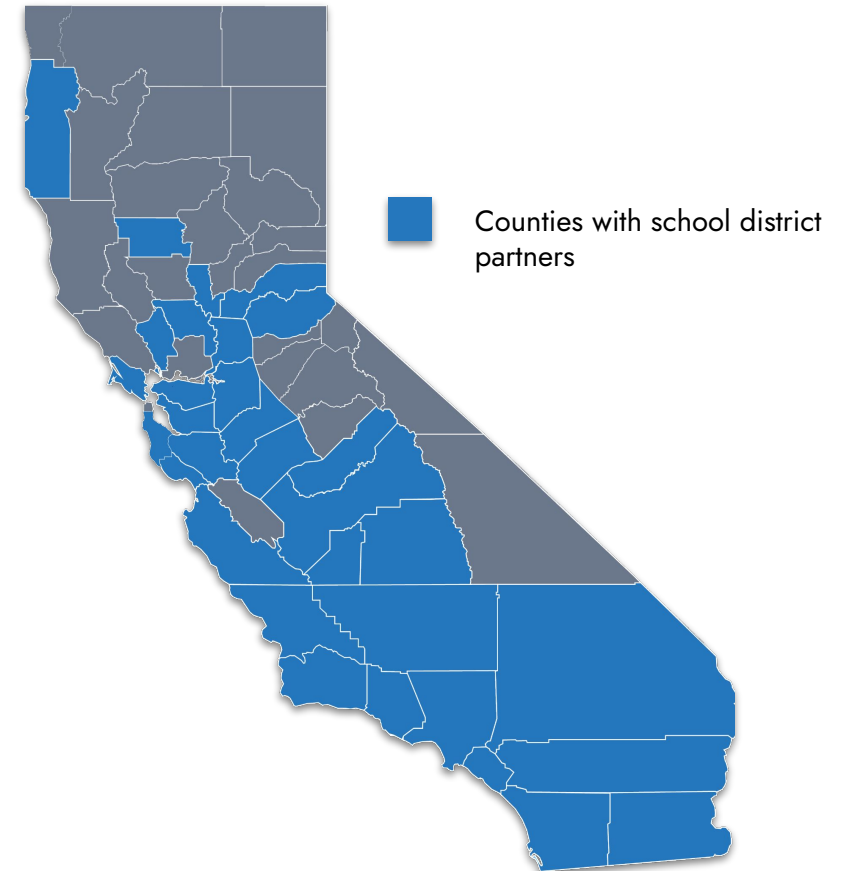
6th-12th grade students served

**61**

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

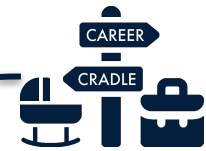
Districts can use the data and reporting tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu to both make it easier to implement and meet compliance with equity-focused state policies.



**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



# 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 their:



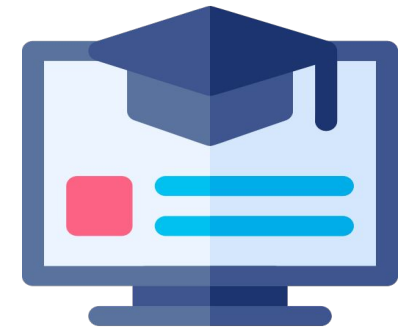
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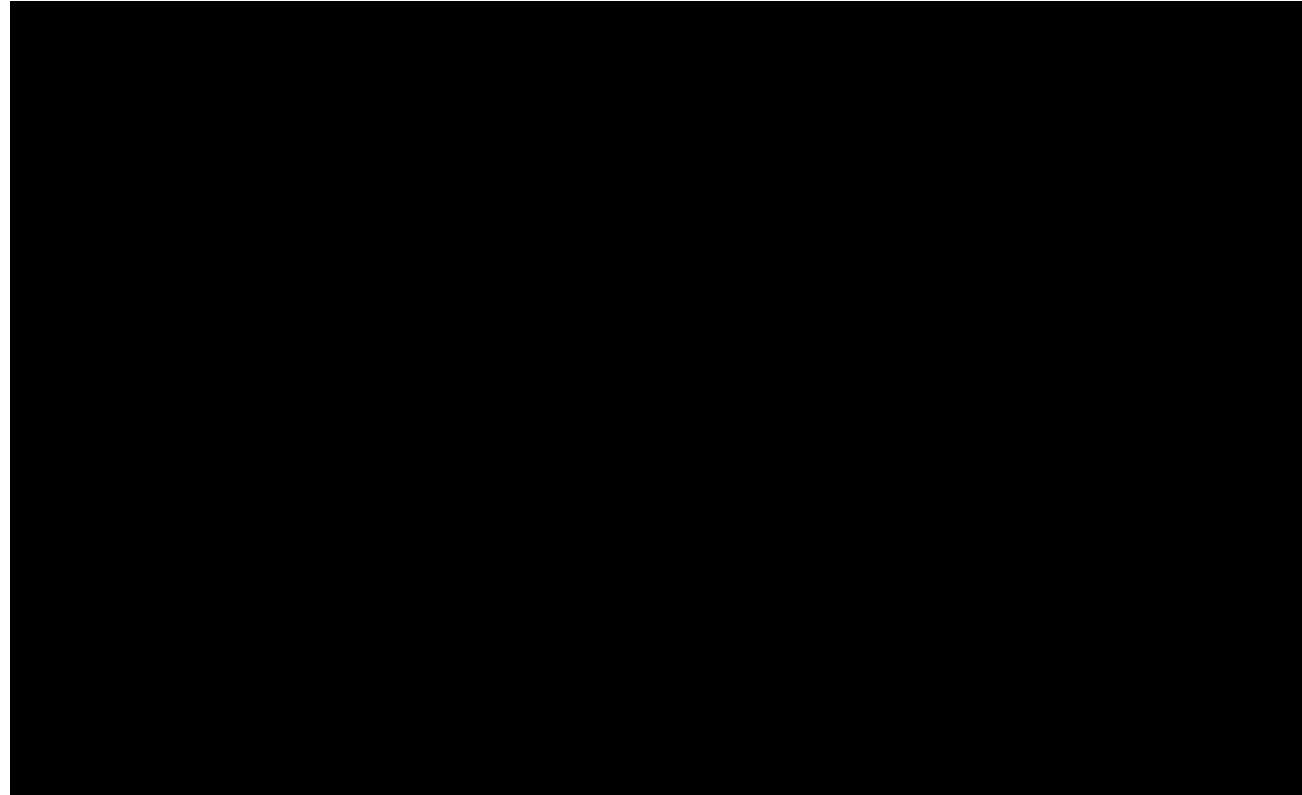


**Progress  
Tracking**



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



**Jesus Andrade & Katrina Cating**  
*Heritage High School*



# Career Exploration & College Planning Tools

Through [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu), students can access tools that will help them with their college and career planning. These tools include:

## Career Assessments

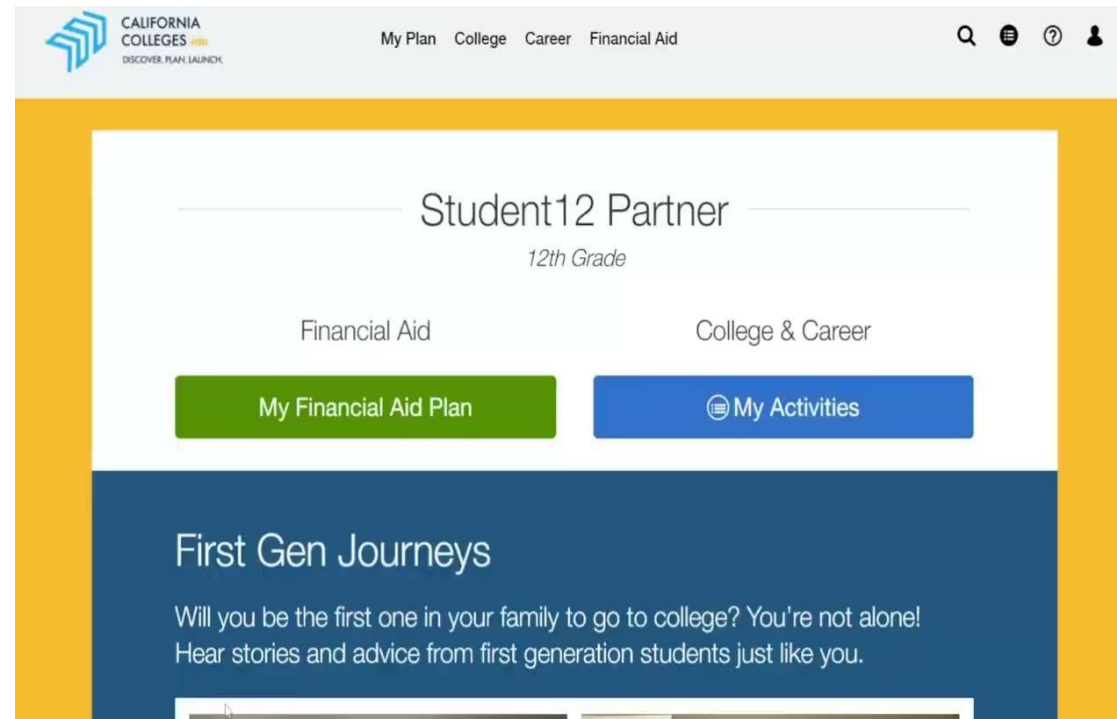


## College & Major Search Tools



# 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:



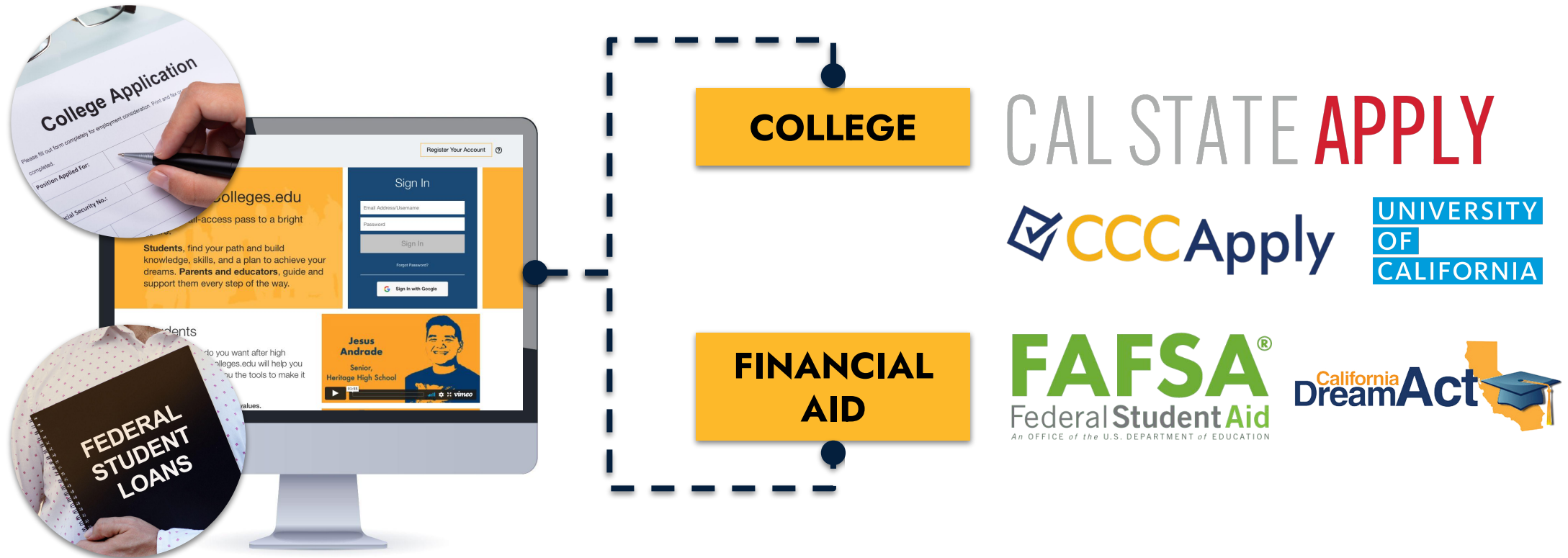
Data & Reporting Tools

Student Progress Tracking

AB 469 Compliance

# College & Financial Aid Application Integration

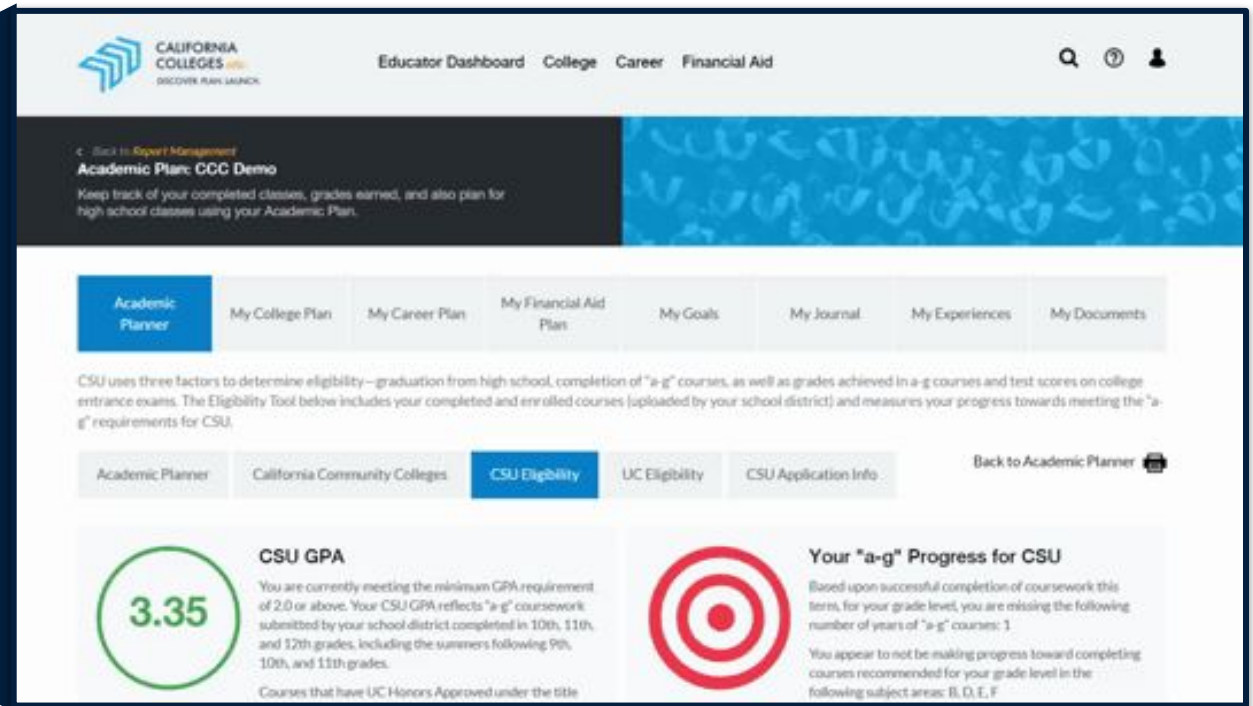
Students can launch college and financial aid applications directly from CaliforniaColleges.edu and track their progress.





# 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 note that the GPA reflects 'a-g' coursework submitted by the school district completed in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades, including the summers following 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. The 'a-g' Progress section shows a target icon and indicates that the user is missing 1 year of 'a-g' coursework, with a note that they appear to not be making progress toward completing courses recommended for their grade level in the following subject areas: B, D, E, F.

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Educator Dashboard College Career Financial Aid

Academic Planner: CCC Demo  
Keep track of your completed classes, grades earned, and also plan for high school classes using your Academic Plan.

Academic Planner My College Plan My Career Plan My Financial Aid Plan My Goals My Journal My Experiences My Documents

CSU uses three factors to determine eligibility—graduation from high school, completion of “a-g” courses, as well as grades achieved in a-g courses and test scores on college entrance exams. The Eligibility Tool below includes your completed and enrolled courses (uploaded by your school district) and measures your progress towards meeting the “a-g” requirements for CSU.

Academic Planner California Community Colleges **CSU Eligibility** UC Eligibility CSU Application Info Back to Academic Planner

**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 'Educator Dashboard' on the CaliforniaColleges.edu website. The top navigation bar includes the site logo, the text 'Educator Dashboard College Career Financial Aid', and search, help, and user icons. The main content area 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.



# CaliforniaColleges.edu Demo



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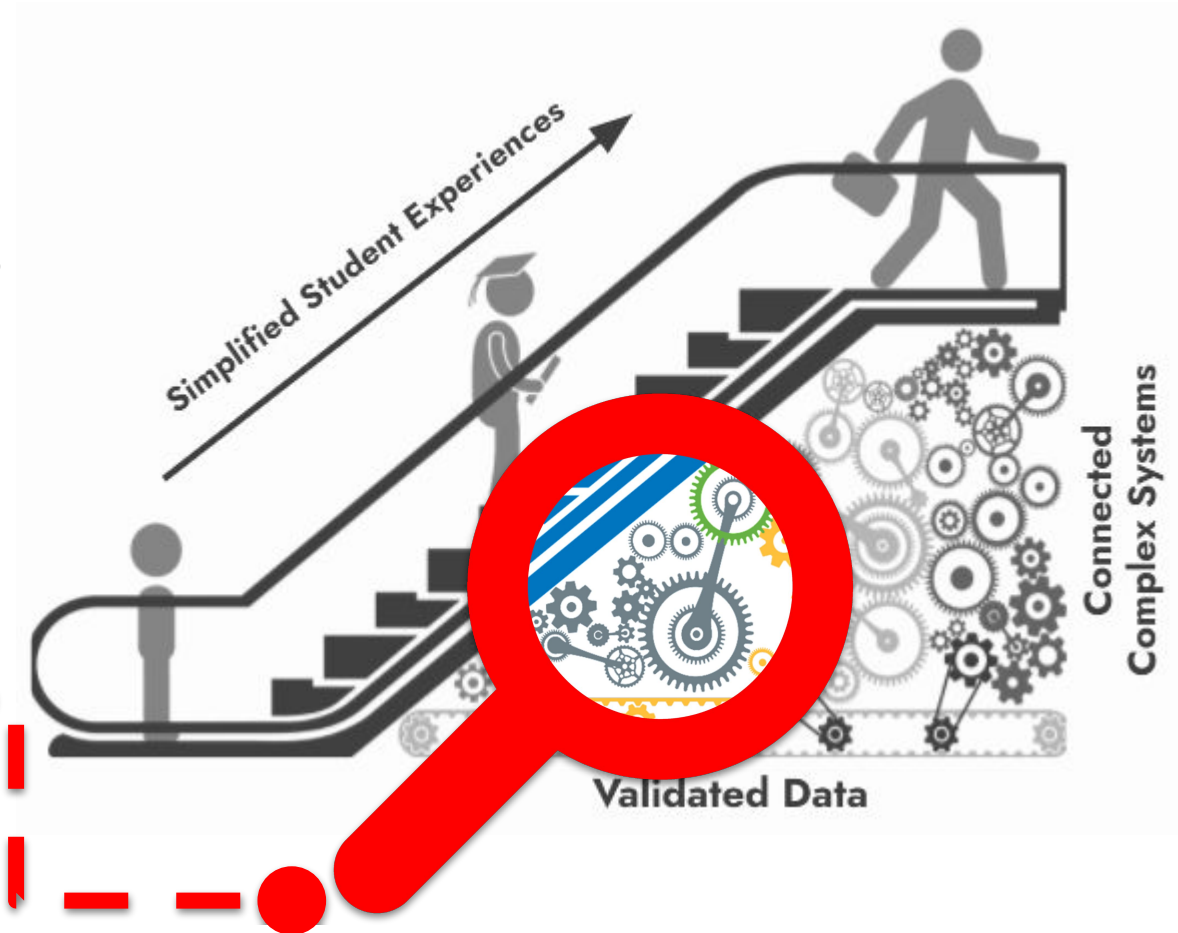
# Educator Perspectives on CaliforniaColleges.edu



# CaliforniaColleges.edu & District Needs

- Higher Education Systems
- College & Financial Aid Applications
- Labor/Workforce Systems
- Student Data

 **K-12 Systems**





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# Reflection

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



# Questions?



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# Fall 2023 Application Cycle and Timeline

Below is the timeline for districts with a “Go Live” date of July 1, 2023.

	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN '23	FEB '23	MAR '23	APR '23	MAY '23	JUN '23	JUL '23
Application Cycle Opens/ District Planning Begins	Jul. 1, 2022 – Jan. 20, 2023												
District Launch Meetings/ Planning (Step 1)				Oct. 1, 2022 – Feb. 15, 2023									
Contracting (Step 2)				Oct. 1, 2022 – Mar. 15, 2023									
CMP Data Alignment								Feb. 1, 2023 – Jul. 1, 2023					
“Go Live” (Step 3)													Jul. 1

# Guidance and 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





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# Next Steps

1

Connect with internal staff to determine your next steps

2

Submit an **Intent to Partner** form if you are ready to move forward



# Contact Us

[CommunityEngagement@CaliforniaColleges.edu](mailto:CommunityEngagement@CaliforniaColleges.edu)



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# Phase I: Onboarding

**Before a partner district can implement CaliforniaColleges.edu, it must go through a 3-step onboarding process. Those steps are:**

## 1. Pre-MOU

- LEA submits Application for Technical Assistance.
- LEA registers for and attends a Launch Meeting.

## 2. Contracting

- CCGI sends LEA an MOU.
- LEA completes parent/guardian notification process and captures opt-outs in SIS.

## 3. Data Testing & “Go Live”

- MOU is fully executed.
- Parent Opt-Out deadline passed.
- LEA undergoes transcript testing.
- “Go Live” date is established.