

Introducing CaliforniaColleges.edu

Tools for K16 Regional Education Collaboratives

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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.





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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.



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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.

144

Official school district partners

1M

6th-12th grade students served

43

School districts in the pipeline for partnership by Fall 2023

500k

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





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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

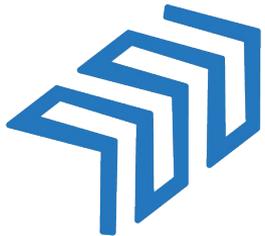
We provide “a-g” coursework verification and eligibility tracking for CSU and UC, as well as support implementation of the A-G Completion and Improvement Grants.



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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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



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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 shows the 'Academic Planner' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Educator Dashboard', 'College', 'Career', and 'Financial Aid'. Below this is a header for 'Academic Plan: CCC Demo' with a sub-header 'Keep track of your completed classes, grades earned, and also plan for high school classes using your Academic Plan.' A horizontal menu contains 'Academic Planner', 'My College Plan', 'My Career Plan', 'My Financial Aid Plan', 'My Goals', 'My Journal', 'My Experiences', and 'My Documents'. Below the menu, a paragraph explains that CSU uses three factors to determine eligibility: graduation from high school, completion of 'a-g' courses, and college entrance exam scores. A secondary menu includes 'Academic Planner', 'California Community Colleges', 'CSU Eligibility', 'UC Eligibility', and 'CSU Application Info', with a 'Back to Academic Planner' button. The main content area features two cards: 'CSU GPA' showing a score of 3.35 and 'Your "a-g" Progress for CSU' showing 1 year of progress towards the requirement.

CSU GPA
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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College & Financial Aid Application Integration

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





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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



Tools and Support 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' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the California Colleges.edu logo, the text 'Educator Dashboard College Career Financial Aid', and search, help, and user icons. Below this is a 'Manage Reports' section with a blue header and the text 'Track your student's college and career readiness by running reports.' A paragraph of instructions follows: '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 main area contains a form with 'Select Report:' (set to 'Academic') and 'Select Report Type' dropdowns, and a 'Have a report question? Contact Us' link. Below are 'Select Filters:' for Grade, Course, Section, Gender, Ethnicity, Special Population, Race, Start Date, and End Date. 'Run Report' and 'Reset Filters' buttons are on the right. At the bottom, it shows 'Report: None', 'Filters Selected: Grade: All. Course: All. Section: All. Gender: All. Ethnicity: All. Special Population: All. Race: All', and 'Actions: Print Download XLSX Download CSV'.





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Educator Perspectives on CaliforniaColleges.edu





Benefits to Higher Education Systems

What happens when a student uses CaliforniaColleges.edu to apply to a...

California Community College	California State University	University of California
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ SSID is linked to CCCID▶ 9th-12th grade coursework and grades provided to support first year English and Math placement*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Links SSID to CAS ID.▶ 9th-12th grade coursework and grades preverified and provided to support:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◀ Initial admissions decisions◀ First year English and Math placements◀ Final transcripts pull†	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ 9th-12th grade coursework and grades will be considered "Official Transcript Data"▶ Currently working on a timeline for coursework and grades migration into the application▶ Currently working on a timeline for use of data for final transcripts

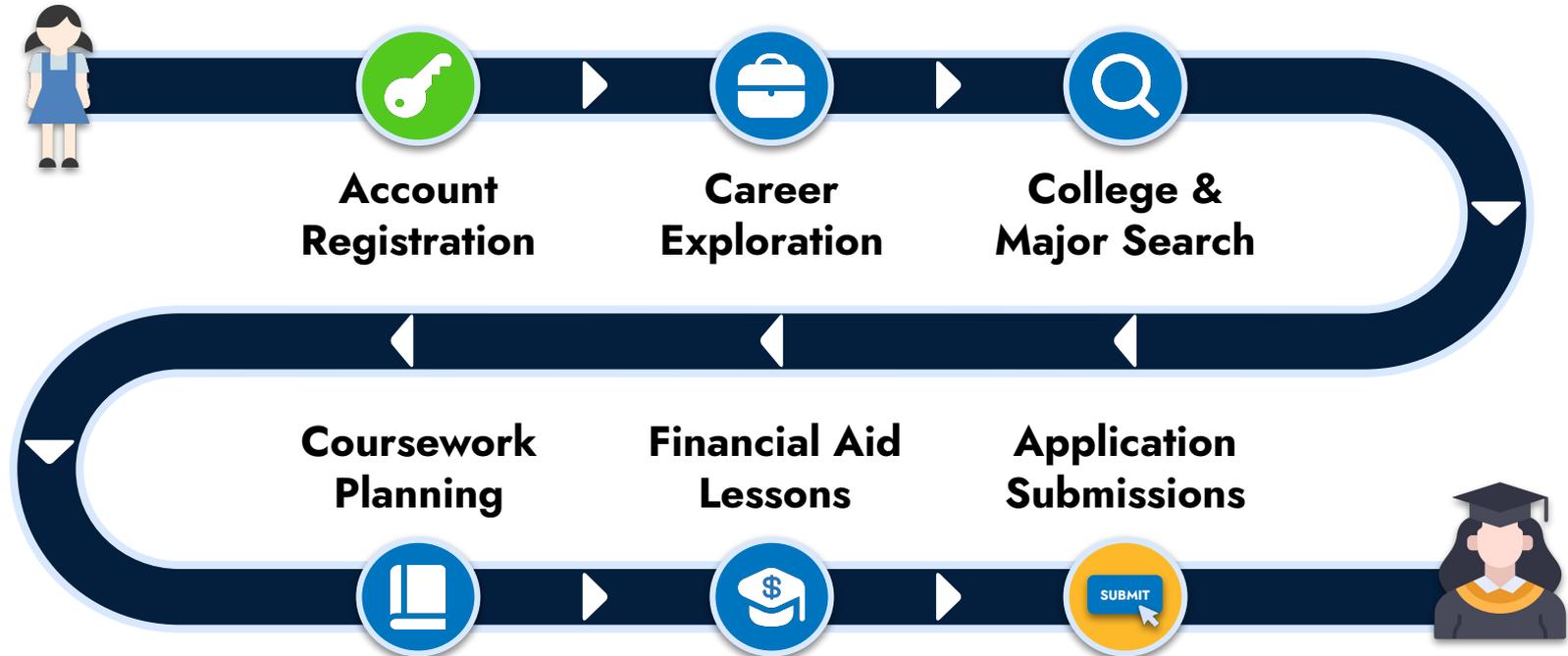
* Presently, this is done via the Multiple Measures Placement Service.

† Presently in pilot stage; will ultimately take the place of K-12 district sending transcripts.



Smoothing the Path for Students

When students are signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu, educators can track their activities and application progress using built-in reporting tools.



CaliforniaColleges.edu Demo



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Questions?



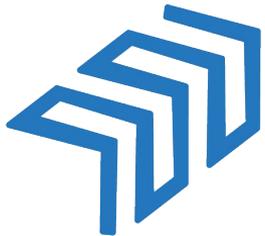
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Appendices

- ▶ [About AB 132 and the Cradle-to-Career Data System](#) - learn about the role of CaliforniaColleges.edu in the State's data system
- ▶ [CaliforniaColleges.edu Resource Hub](#) - a single site that compiles resources for students, parents and educators, including step-by-step informational guides to support use of the tools, video demonstrations, and testimonials from those who've used platform
- ▶ [Virtual Training Series for School Counselors](#) - Pre-recorded, 30 minute videos demonstrating use of key areas of CaliforniaColleges.edu that counselors can access at any time. If you'd prefer to attend a "live" virtual session with one of our trainers, the schedule and registration links can be found [here](#)
- ▶ [Subscribe to our mailing list](#) - get important announcements about CaliforniaColleges.edu enhancements and other updates
- ▶ [CCGI Newsroom](#) - see where our work has been featured by local, state and national media outlets, as well as numerous studies & reports that feature our approaches and impact