CALIFORNIA COLLEGE GUIDANCE INITIATIVE

Improving College Readiness to Improve College Success

The California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) supports 6th-12th grade students and their families as they plan, prepare, and figure out how to pay for college. Using technology-based college planning tools and partnering with K-12 districts, CCGI additionally supports both school and community-based counselors to extend their reach and support more students, more effectively. The combination of technology tools and personal guidance helps empower students to successfully research potential colleges and career paths, choose high school courses that prepare them for college, and navigate the process of paying for and applying to colleges. No matter what stage of the college planning process a student is in, CCGI offers intuitive tools that allow students to take control of their educational path. Technological tools also serve as resources for counselors, parents, and community-based organizations, making it easier to support students in achieving their goals.

CaliforniaColleges.edu

As the official source for college and career planning, CaliforniaColleges.edu is the state's common portal to higher education. The site functions as a "go-to" source for information on all three public higher education systems in the state, as well as private non-profit colleges and universities. In CCGI partner districts, student profiles are populated by students' academic data and will serve as the basis for both a personalized planning tool and a verified electronic transcript. All students in California can use the site to:

- View side-by-side college comparisons
- Browse career interest inventories
- Search for scholarships
- Get help with the FAFSA
- Choose the high school courses needed for college requirments
- Keep track of deadlines and events

Mobile App

CCGI is in the process of developing a new mobile app that helps students and parents keep track of key steps and deadlines in the college planning process. Download the new app in Fall 2014 at CaliforniaColleges.edu. This app will replace the existing CCGI app, Grad Guru 4 High School, (GG4HS). Please note that the GG4HS mobile app will no longer be available on the Apple and Google Play app stores beginning April 1, 2014.

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