



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. CCGI couples technology-based college planning tools with a data infrastructure that supports sharing of academic data between K-12 districts and higher education partners to inform student admission, placement, guidance, and educational planning.

CCGI partners with K–12 school districts to ensure the adoption and integration of these tools into both counseling and instructional time with students. The tools help counselors to extend their reach and support more students, more effectively, while helping teachers to integrate college and career planning activities into the classroom. The tools also serve as resources for counselors, parents, guardians, and community-based organizations, making it easier for them to support students in achieving their goals.

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 them to take control of their educational path.

CaliforniaColleges.edu

Managed by CCGI, 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 serve as the basis for both a personalized planning tool and a verified electronic transcript. All students in California can use the site to:

- Explore career interests and define aspirations
- Clarify what majors relate to what careers and which colleges offer which majors or programs of study
- Develop a college financing plan including both public financial aid and scholarships
- Choose the high school courses needed to meet college eligibility requirements

A complementary mobile app helps 10th through 12th grade students keep track of key deadlines and decision points in the college planning process.

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