California College Guidance Initiative

Improving College and Career Readiness to Improve Post-secondary 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 and career 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 combination of technology tools and personal guidance helps empower students to successfully research careers of interest and the post-secondary programs that help them gain entry into that career. The site walks students through the process of building a post-secondary plan.

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

Partner districts additionally benefit from data-informed tools for course planning that help students and educators match coursework to students’ aspirations, as well as data sharing opportunities with both California Community College and California State University campuses, and the California Student Aid Commission.

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Our Partners

CCGI is currently partnered with 39 school districts who collectively serve upwards of 465,000 6th-12th grade students (over 15% of all public school 6th-12th graders in California). Partner Districts are located throughout California in the following counties:

- Alameda County
- Fresno County
- Imperial County
- Kern County
- Kings County
- Los Angeles County
- Madera County
- Merced County
- Orange County
- Riverside County
- Sacramento County
- San Bernardino County
- San Diego County
- San Joaquin County
- San Luis Obispo County
- San Mateo County
- Santa Clara County
- Stanislaus County
- Tulare County
- Yolo County

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