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CaliforniaColleges.edu is a one-stop resource for parents who want to help their children prepare for life after high school.

What is CaliforniaColleges.edu?

CaliforniaColleges.edu is an online platform designed to help your child plan and prepare for college and their future career.

When signed in, your child can:

- Complete activities to guide your child toward a college and career plan that matches his or her goals and interests.
- Search for and save careers, colleges, majors, and scholarships.
- Plan high school courses and monitor completion of A-G course requirements, as well as CSU and UC eligibility. (See back side.)
- Apply to colleges and track submissions.
- Launch the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Store resumes, college application essays, and other important documents.

When signed in, you can:

- View your child's activity on the platform and monitor your child's progress.
- Learn valuable information to support your child through the career exploration, college and financial aid planning, and application processes.

College, career and financial aid planning can be complicated, and you probably have a lot of questions. **CaliforniaColleges.edu** is here to help guide you and your child through the process.

To create your family account:

- Go to **CaliforniaColleges.edu**.
- Click the lock icon in the top-right corner of your screen.
- Click on Create an Account in the box called Families.
- Enter the required information, including your child's name, date of birth, school district, school, and student ID number.
- For the student ID number, you can enter your child's Statewide Student Identifier (SSID), which is located in your child's transcript, or local ID. If you need help finding your child's ID number, contact your child's counselor.
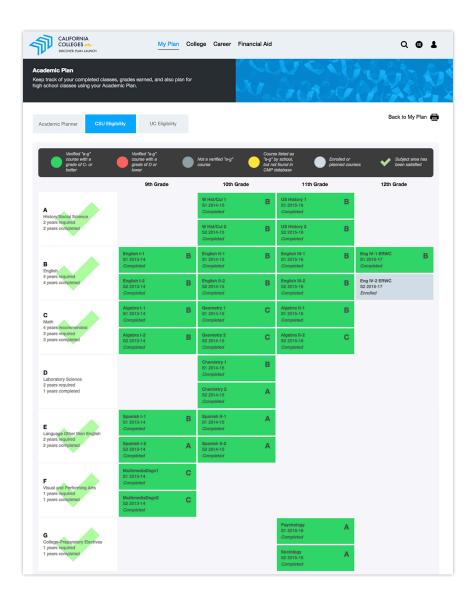
If you or your child have trouble signing in to **CaliforniaColleges.edu** or have questions about how to use the platform, contact your child's counselor.

CaliforniaColleges.edu is managed by the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI), which helps school districts make college and career planning a meaningful part of every student's experience.

CaliforniaColleges.edu gives your child the knowledge to create a college and career plan and the tools to pursue that plan.

Screenshot of the CSU Eligibility Tool, which shows your child's progress toward meeting A-G Subject Area requirements.

If you have questions about your child's academic progress, which courses your child should take, or how to use the Academic Planner or CSU and UC Eligibility tools on **CaliforniaColleges.edu**, **talk to your child's counselor.**

CaliforniaColleges.edu makes it easy to create and follow an academic plan that will help your child become career and college ready.

– The **Academic Planner** provides an overview of courses your child has taken and allows your child to plan future courses. Based on your child's goals, he or she may choose to take traditional high school courses, more advanced Honors (H) or College Preparatory (CP) courses, or even Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, which could qualify for college credit.

– The **CSU and UC Eligibility Tools** help make sure your child is on track to meet the minimum requirements for admission to a California State University (CSU) or a University of California (UC). These tools use course information from your child's school to track the following:
  – Your child's progress toward meeting **A-G Subject Area** requirements. A green checkmark appears when your child has met the requirements for a specific subject area, such as Math (area C).
  – Your child's approximate CSU or UC **Grade Point Average (GPA)**. You child must earn a C or better in all A-G coursework. CSU requires a minimum 2.0 GPA overall, while UC requires a minimum 3.0 GPA overall.
  – The **Progress Indicator** quickly tells whether or not your child is on track to meet eligibility requirements, assuming he or she will earn a C- or better in current courses.