

Parent's Guide To CaliforniaColleges.edu

Get a Parent account today!

- Visit www.CaliforniaColleges.edu
- Click on Create an Account
- Select the Parent profile
- Locate your student's school
- Fill out the profile information
- Click on Create Your Account

Download *College Guide* the new app to help students, parents, and counselors keep track of key steps and deadlines in the college and financial aid planning process.

Go to www.californiacolleges.edu to download the app beginning in September 2014. The app will be available via iTunes and Google Play.

The website provides parents, guardians, and families with:

1. Assessment tools to help your student figure out what kinds of careers might be a right fit.
2. A one-stop resource for information about colleges in California and nation-wide.
3. An opportunity to track your student's progress on college, financial aid, and career planning. Students can save key information and important documents over time in their online portfolio and parents can view that portfolio.
4. Free test preparation for the SAT, ACT, and GRE for your student.
5. A growing database of resources, articles, and tools your student can use starting in middle school all the way through college graduation and beyond.

By creating a portfolio on CaliforniaColleges.edu, students will be able to:

1. Share information with a school guidance counselor, who can better help them meet their high school, college, financial aid, and career goals.
2. Understand and track their progress towards completion of High School coursework-known as A-G subject requirements-needed for students to be eligible to apply to California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC).
3. Prepare and plan for success at the California Community Colleges, as well as any four-year college or university.
4. Automatically populate an application to apply for admission to the California State University (CSU) System when they are ready to apply.
5. Send transcripts to colleges for the purposes of admission and academic placement.

How your students can use CaliforniaColleges.edu

Create an Account.

They can use CaliforniaColleges.edu to meet their college, career, and financial aid planning goals! They can save careers, colleges, scholarships, etc. to an online portfolio, can create a four-year academic plan, and so much more! You can track their progress when you have a Professional Center account.

What to do. Go to www.californiacolleges.edu and click on **Create an Account**.

Create a Plan of Study.

Using the Plan of Study tool they can map out their high school coursework to ensure they are on track to meet A-G requirements.

What to do. Students must be signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu and click on **High School Planning** → **Your Plan of Study** → **Create Your Course Plan**.

Find Careers.

Research careers based on their interests to find career matches. They can learn what people actually do in specific careers, how much money they make, and what type of college degree they need.

What to do. Students must be signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu and click on **Career Planning** → **Learn About Yourself** → **Career Cluster Survey**.

Research Colleges.

They can learn about different programs/majors, campus activities, financial aid policies, and more.

What to do. Students must be signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu and click on **College Planning** → **Explore Postsecondary Schools** → explore the **Browse Schools** section. And, **College Planning** → **Explore Programs and Majors** → explore the **Browse Programs and Majors** section.

Take a Skills Assessment.

Students can identify their skill strengths and connect those strengths to careers.

What to do. Students must be signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu and click on **Career Planning** → **Learn About Yourself** → **Basic Skills Survey**.

Find Scholarships.

They can learn about local and national scholarships.

What to do. Students must be signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu and click on **Financial Aid Planning** → **Find Scholarships**. And, **Financial Aid Planning** → **Financial Aid 101**.

Make a Brag Sheet & Resume.

They can add activities and accomplishments to their portfolio and create a resume.

What to do. Students must be signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu and click on **Your Portfolio** → **Your Profile** → **Experiences and Activities**. And, **Career Planning** → **Get A Job** → **Resume Builder**

Explore Interests.

They can take an Interest Profiler to explore their interests and connect them to careers and programs/majors.

What to do. Students must be signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu and click on **Career Planning** → **Learn About Yourself** → **Interest Profiler**.

Apply to CSU.

They can apply to any of the California State University (CSU) campuses from CaliforniaColleges.edu! And, when you complete your Plan of Study, applying to CSU via CaliforniaColleges.edu is a quick and easy process.

What to do. Students must be signed in to CaliforniaColleges.edu and click on **College Planning** → **Apply to College** under **Quicklinks** → **Apply** next to the name of the CSU campus(es) you wish to apply to.

Download the Mobile App.

They can use a brand new mobile app called **College Guide**. This tool will help them keep track of key steps and deadlines in the college planning process. They can find valuable information on taking the right classes and tests, applying to college, financial aid, career planning, and even tips on how to live independently of their families when they go to college. Parents can also download the app and receive information they want and need to know to support you.

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