

# California College Guidance Initiative

## Smoothing the transition from high school to community college

### Overview

The California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) manages CaliforniaColleges.edu, the State of California's common portal to higher education. Through CaliforniaColleges.edu, 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students can:

1. Explore careers.
2. Learn about their postsecondary options.
3. Develop a plan to achieve their goals after high school.
4. Launch their CCCApply, Cal State Apply, FAFSA, and California Dream Act applications.

### Providing Verified K-12 Transcript Data to California Community Colleges

The free (open access) college and career planning tools on CaliforniaColleges.edu are used in most high schools across California. In a [growing subset of school districts](#) that have data sharing partnerships with CCGI, students' 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade courses and grades are uploaded to their CaliforniaColleges.edu accounts, which informs students' college planning and application processes and gives colleges access to verified transcript data for all high school coursework..

### CCCApply

- When students launch their CCCApply application from within their CaliforniaColleges.edu account, their unique K-12 identifier (SSID) is matched to their CCCID, enabling a 100% hard match of records across systems.
- Because transcript data is uploaded to CaliforniaColleges.edu monthly (or more frequently) and includes currently enrolled coursework for high school seniors, it is the preferred data source to support multiple measures placement.

### CCC "Affiliate" User Role:

CCGI seeks to unify the efforts of all adults supporting a student's transition from high school to college. The affiliate use role was designed to give college outreach and guidance staff view only access to a student's college and career planning portfolio on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

To learn more about the Affiliate Role, watch this [short video](#).

New districts are joining CCGI all the time. To learn more about CCGI, receive a customized list of CCGI partner districts within your college's feeder pattern, or work with CCGI to engage your local feeder districts, please contact [collegeteam@californiacolleges.edu](mailto:collegeteam@californiacolleges.edu).

CCGI is housed at the Foundation for California Community Colleges.