



CaliforniaColleges.edu is a one-stop resource to help your child prepare for life after high school.

What is CaliforniaColleges.edu?

CaliforniaColleges.edu is an interactive website designed to help your child plan and prepare for college and career.

When signed in, your child can:

- Complete grade-level appropriate activities designed to guide him or her toward a college and career plan that matches his or her goals and interests.
- Find and favorite (♥) careers, colleges, and majors.
- Plan high school courses and monitor progress toward 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) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA).
- Store resumes, college application essays, and other important documents.

When signed in, you can:

- View your child’s activity on CaliforniaColleges.edu 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 parent account:

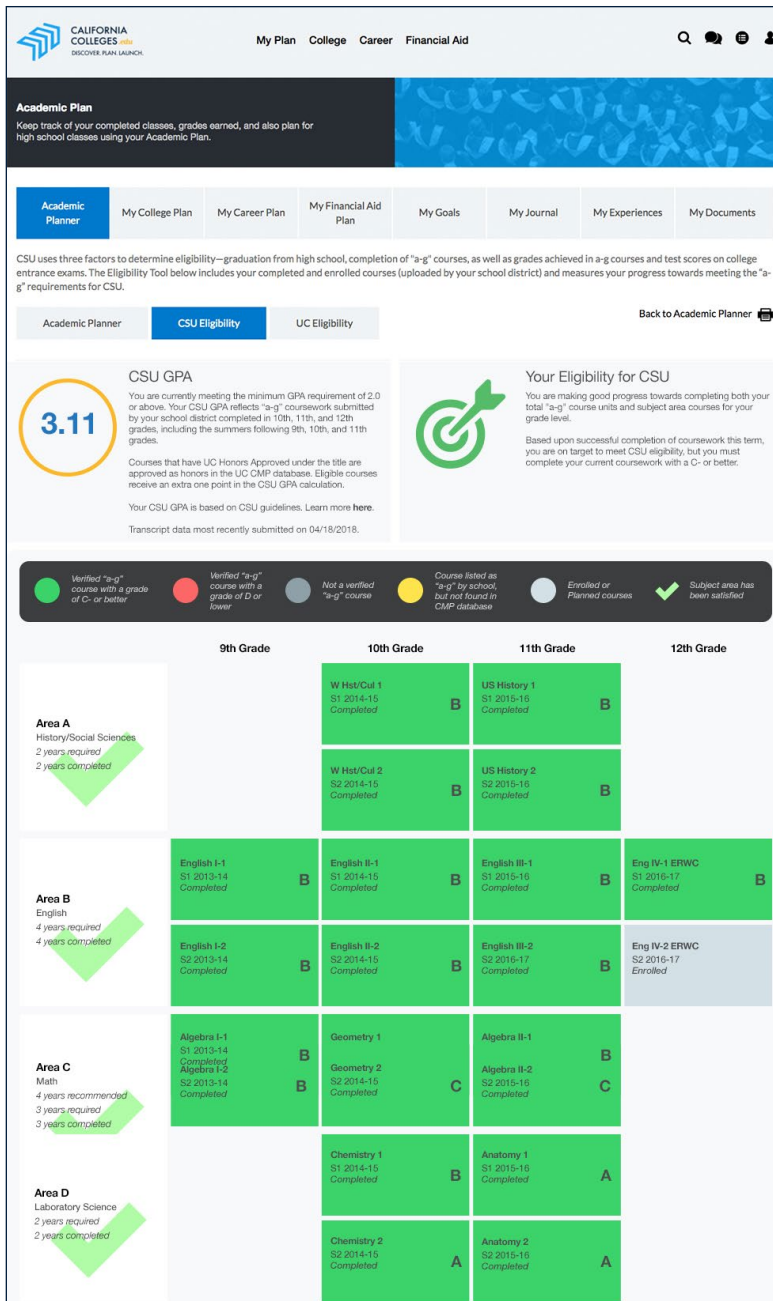
- Go to **CaliforniaColleges.edu**.
- Click the lock icon (🔒) in the top-right corner of your screen.
- Click on **Create an Account** in the box titled **Parents**.
- Enter the required information, including your child’s name, date of birth, school district, school, and student ID number.
- For the 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 questions about how to sign in to or use **CaliforniaColleges.edu**, 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 launch that plan.



The screenshot shows the 'Academic Plan' section of the CaliforniaColleges.edu website. It features a navigation bar with 'My Plan', 'College', 'Career', and 'Financial Aid'. Below the navigation bar, there are tabs for 'Academic Planner', 'My College Plan', 'My Career Plan', 'My Financial Aid Plan', 'My Goals', 'My Journal', 'My Experiences', and 'My Documents'. The main content area displays the 'CSU Eligibility' tool, which includes a 'CSU GPA' section showing a GPA of 3.11 and a 'Your Eligibility for CSU' section with a target icon. A legend at the bottom identifies various course statuses: Verified 'a-g' course with a grade of C- or better (green circle), Verified 'a-g' course with a grade of D or lower (red circle), Not a verified 'a-g' course (grey circle), Course listed as 'a-g' by school, but not found in CIP database (yellow circle), Enrolled or Planned courses (light blue circle), and Subject area has been satisfied (green checkmark). The main table shows course completion for four subject areas (Area A: History/Social Sciences, Area B: English, Area C: Math, Area D: Laboratory Science) across 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Each cell in the table lists the course name, semester/year, and a letter grade or completion status.

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
Area A History/Social Sciences 2 years required 2 years completed		W Hist/Cul 1 S1 2014-15 Completed	US History 1 S1 2015-16 Completed	
		W Hist/Cul 2 S2 2014-15 Completed	US History 2 S2 2015-16 Completed	
Area B English 4 years required 4 years completed	English I-1 S1 2013-14 Completed	English II-1 S1 2014-15 Completed	English III-1 S1 2015-16 Completed	Eng IV-1 ERWC S1 2016-17 Completed
	English I-2 S2 2013-14 Completed	English II-2 S2 2014-15 Completed	English III-2 S2 2015-17 Completed	Eng IV-2 ERWC S2 2016-17 Enrolled
Area C Math 4 years recommended 3 years required 3 years completed	Algebra I-1 S1 2013-14 Completing Algebra I-2 S2 2013-14 Completed	Geometry 1 S2 2014-15 Completed	Algebra II-1 S2 2015-16 Completed	
		Geometry 2 S2 2014-15 Completed	Algebra II-2 S2 2015-16 Completed	
Area D Laboratory Science 2 years required 2 years completed		Chemistry 1 S1 2014-15 Completed	Anatomy 1 S1 2015-16 Completed	
		Chemistry 2 S2 2014-15 Completed	Anatomy 2 S2 2015-16 Completed	

CaliforniaColleges.edu makes it easy to create and follow an academic plan that will help your child become college and career 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 College Preparatory (P or CP) courses, more advanced Honors (H) courses, or Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses, which could qualify for college credit. Many high schools also offer non-"a-g" courses that count toward graduation requirements and may have other benefits to your child.
- 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 means your child has met the requirement for a specific subject area, such as Math (area "c").
 - Your child's unofficial CSU or UC **Grade Point Average (GPA)**. Your child must earn a C- or better in all "a-g" courses. CSU requires a minimum 2.0 GPA, while UC requires a minimum 3.0 GPA. However, admitted students generally have GPAs that are much higher than the minimum requirement.
 - The **target icons** (🎯) quickly tell whether or not your child is on track to meet eligibility requirements, assuming he or she completes all in-progress courses with a C- or better.

Screenshot of the CSU Eligibility Tool on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

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, **talk to your child's counselor.**