

California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) Partnership: Opt-out Opportunity

Natomas Unified Parent/Guardian:

This is a required opt-out notification related to a new college and career planning tool that Natomas Unified School District has launched. Included below is information about our new partnership and the planning tools we are excited to introduce.

Natomas Unified School District is excited to announce a new partnership with the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI)! This partnership will provide our schools with new tools to help your child develop their plan for college and career.

1. CCGI is a nonprofit that works with school districts throughout California to ensure that: all high school seniors in California graduate with clear postsecondary goals and a plan for how to achieve them.
2. Each student's academic transcript data follows them as they advance across educational systems to reduce information gaps that could otherwise hinder their success.

As part of this effort, CCGI manages the state of California's college and career planning platform, CaliforniaColleges.edu. This web-based platform offers students, families, and educators a single access point for college, career and financial aid planning. It offers planning and college application tools, along with information to help plan for life after high school.

With CaliforniaColleges.edu, Natomas Unified School District students have access to exclusive tools and resources to support their college and career planning. These resources are only provided when students' transcript data is uploaded from the district's Student Information System (SIS) into CaliforniaColleges.edu in accordance with all state and federal student privacy laws.

The benefits of this transcript-informed functionality include giving students access to California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) eligibility tools to view progress towards meeting the "a-g" course requirements. This will help your child know if they are taking the right courses in high school to meet their goals after graduation and help the staff at your child's school provide them personalized support. You and your student can also use the platform to keep track of application deadlines and submissions. Students can apply to a California Community College, CSU, and UC directly from CaliforniaColleges.edu.

The district's transcript-informed accounts allow key information to transfer from your student's account to these applications, making the entire process faster and easier. It also allows your student's verified course information to be shared directly with community colleges and CSUs, helping those colleges make faster and better decisions about admission, placement, and financial aid. Students can also launch and track their FAFSA or California Dream Act Applications from their account, potentially smoothing the process of determining Cal-Grant eligibility.

If you do not wish to opt-out, you do not need to do anything. Should you wish to opt-out from the District's disclosure of your Student Information, please complete the steps listed below. **Please note that opting out will remove your student's access to CaliforniaColleges.edu's transcript-informed functionality.** Students who opt-out will not have their academic or course grade data available in their personalized planning tools and will not have access to the other CSU/UC eligibility tools that are transcript-informed.

Steps for Opting-out:

Send an email to rdsupport@natomasunified.org with the following information included:

1. Your student's name, grade, and current school site
2. Your name and relationship to the student (e.g. parent, guardian)
3. The statement: I wish to opt my student out of student information sharing for the CCGI program.
4. The best phone number to reach you at for follow-up.

Please submit any opt-out requests by Wednesday, August 28, 2024.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Steven Fong at (916) 561-5203.