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Back to School Night

JBHS Counselors
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Meet The JBHS Counseling Team



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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SOCIAL SCIENCE	3 Years
ENGLISH	4 Years
MATH	2 Years
SCIENCE	2 Years 1 Physical, 1 Biological
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2 Years
PRACTICAL ART	1 Year Requirement waived with 3rd year of LOTE
FINE ART	1 Year
HEALTH & ETHNIC STUDIES	1 Year
ELECTIVES	Additional credits as needed to complete a total of 230 credits
FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION	Complete FAFSA, CADAA or Opt-Out Form
TOTAL CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE	**230**

Service Learning Hours - No longer a requirement. Students who have submitted 100+ hours will receive special recognition.

Minimum Course Requirements for 4-year colleges (A-G)

THE A-G SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS ARE HIGH SCHOOL COURSES THAT STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE (WITH A GRADE OF C OR BETTER) TO BE MINIMALLY ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (UC) AND CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU).

a. history/social sciences — 2 years

Including 1 year of world history, 1 year of U.S. history, or 1/2 year of U.S. history and 1/2 year of American government or civics.

b. english — 4 years

College preparatory English that integrates reading of classic and modern literature, frequent and regular writing, and practice listening and speaking.

c. math — 3 years

College-preparatory math, including or integrating the topics covered in elementary and advanced algebra and two- and three-dimensional geometry.

d. laboratory sciences — 2 years

Laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in at least two of the three disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics. CSU - 1 biological, 1 physical science

e. language other than english — 2 years

Must be the same language or equivalent to the second level of high school instruction.

f. visual and performing arts — 1 year

Chosen from dance, music, theater or the visual arts.

g. college prep elective — 1 year

Any “a-f” courses beyond those used to satisfy the requirements above, or courses that have been approved solely in the elective area.

Classes must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

What are my options after high school?

Community College	4-year College	Trade School
Apprenticeships	Work	Military

Where should I start?

NEW! California Colleges Guidance Initiative

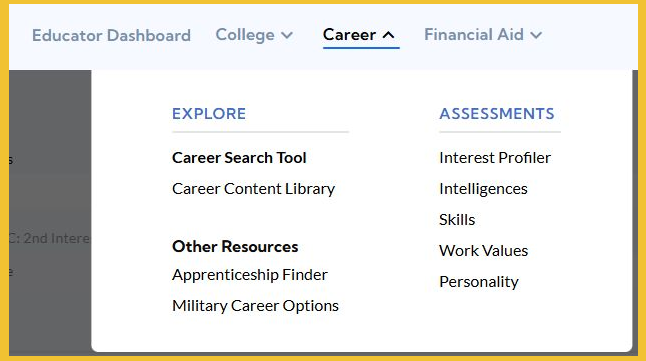
CCGI is a student's one-stop shop for the tools they need to plan for life after high school!

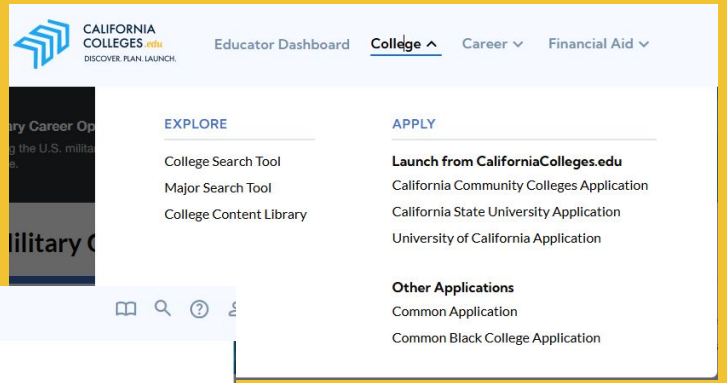
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DISCOVER. PLAN. LAUNCH.

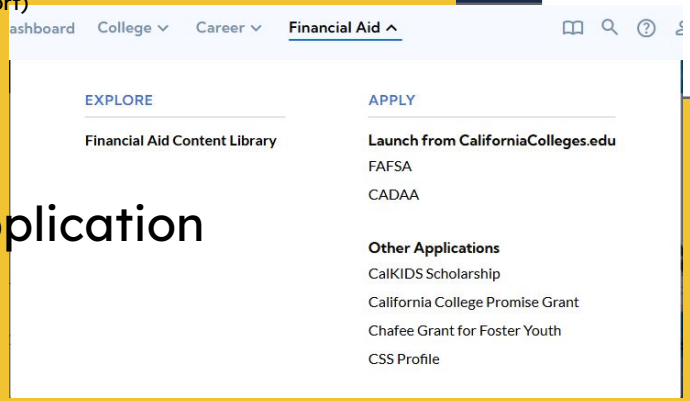
- Complete grade level activities designed to guide them toward a college or career that matches their goals and interests
- Find/favorite careers, colleges, majors
- Create college list
- Create Life Plans
- 4 Year plan + CSU/UC eligibility tracking
- Apply to colleges and track
- Launch FAFSA/CADAA

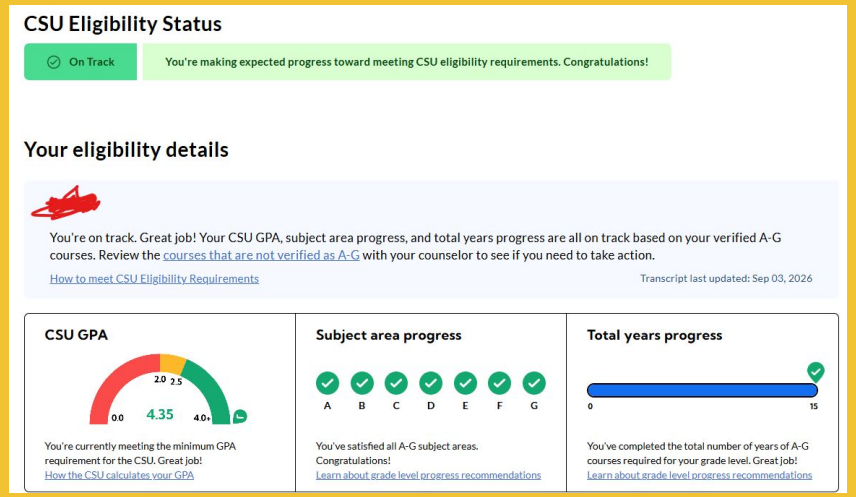
CCGI at-a-glance:

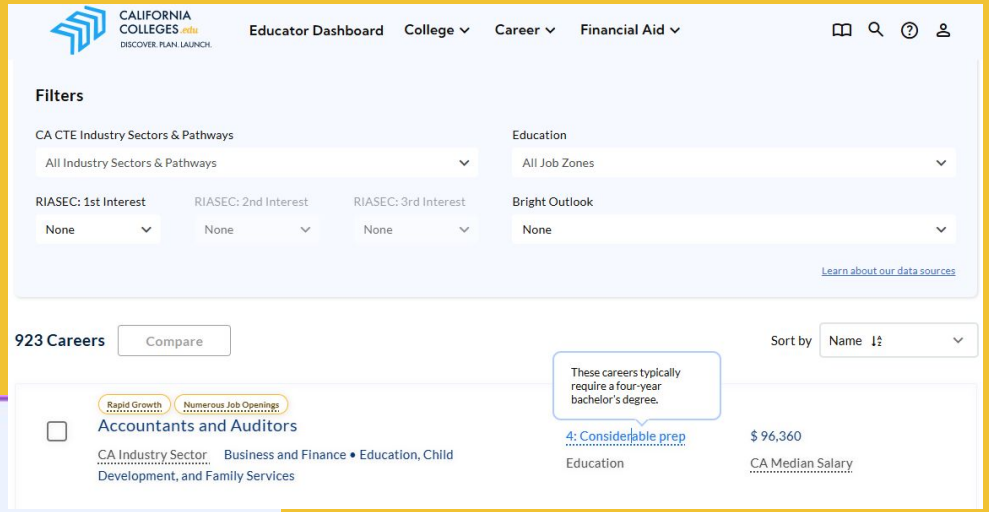
- Career
  - Assessments
  - Search Tool
  - Create Life Plan
- College
  - Track your GPA/A-G Status
  - Launch and track applications (auto Import)
- Financial Aid
  - FAFSA
  - CADAA
  - Education and Application

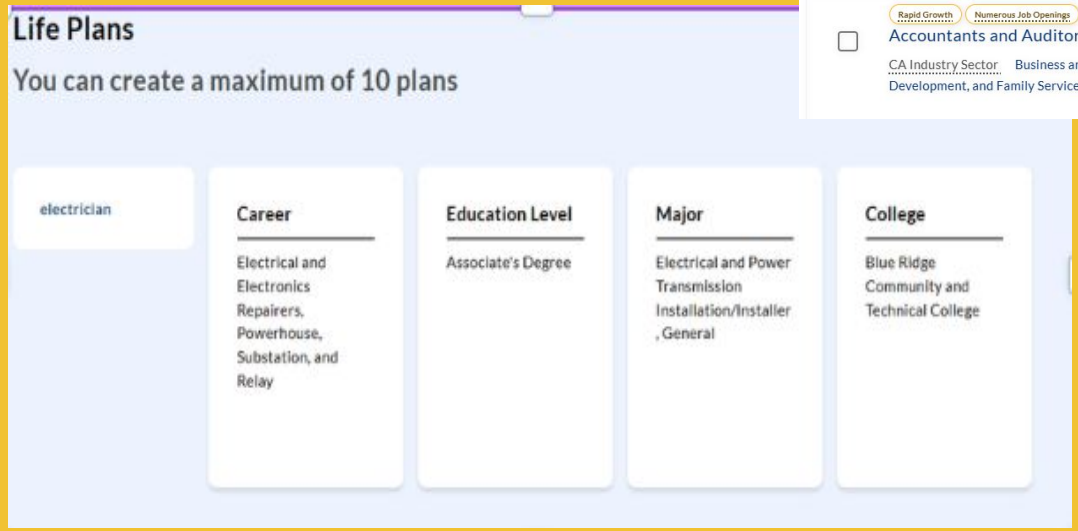







CSU Eligibility Status
On Track
You're making expected progress toward meeting CSU eligibility requirements. Congratulations!
Your eligibility details
You're on track. Great job! Your CSU GPA, subject area progress, and total years progress are all on track based on your verified A-G courses. Review the courses that are not verified as A-G with your counselor to see if you need to take action.
How to meet CSU Eligibility Requirements
Transcript last updated: Sep 03, 2026
CSU GPA
0.0
2.0
2.5
4.35
4.0+
You're currently meeting the minimum GPA requirement for the CSU. Great job!
How the CSU calculates your GPA
Subject area progress
A B C D E F G
You've satisfied all A-G subject areas. Congratulations!
Learn about grade level progress recommendations
Total years progress
0
15
You've completed the total number of years of A-G courses required for your grade level. Great job!
Learn about grade level progress recommendations


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Educator Dashboard
College
Career
Financial Aid
Filters
CA CTE Industry Sectors & Pathways
All Industry Sectors & Pathways
Education
All Job Zones
RIASEC: 1st Interest
None
RIASEC: 2nd Interest
None
RIASEC: 3rd Interest
None
Bright Outlook
None
Learn about our data sources
923 Careers
Compare
Sort by
Name
These careers typically require a four-year bachelor's degree.
Rapid Growth
Numerous Job Openings
Accountants and Auditors
CA Industry Sector
Business and Finance • Education, Child Development, and Family Services
4: Considerable prep
Education
$ 96,360
CA Median Salary


Life Plans
You can create a maximum of 10 plans
electrician
Career
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay
Education Level
Associate's Degree
Major
Electrical and Power Transmission Installation/Installer, General
College
Blue Ridge Community and Technical College

Community Colleges



- Register online at CCCApply
  - 1 application for all CA community colleges
- Registration varies, check in December/January
- SAT or ACT is NOT required for admission
- Need to **complete the FAFSA** for financial aid
  - Community colleges in CA are offering 2 years **tuition -free** as long as student has 1) completed FAFSA and is 2) enrolled full time (12 credits)
  - EOPS program for students with financial need requires a separate application
- Check specific campuses for **honors program** information
- Transfer priority and **transfer guarantees** available (TAG)

Cal State Universities (CSU)

- Apply at [Cal State Apply | CSU]
- Application opens now
- Priority Application Filing Deadline is Nov. 30
- Minimum 2.5 GPA and A-G courses required
- ABSOLUTELY NO D's or F's, including Honors and AP Courses
- No SAT or ACT test scores required
- No essays or letters of recommendation required



University of California (UC)



- Apply at [UC application]
- Application opens now
- Deadline to submit is November 30
- Minimum 3.0 GPA and A-G courses required
- ABSOLUTELY NO D's or F's, including Honors and AP Courses
- No SAT or ACT test scores required
- 8 personal insight questions → you pick 4 (350 words limit per response)
- No letters of recommendation (unless requested by university)

Private Colleges

- Apply with: https://www.commonapp.org/
- Application opens now (Check with colleges for deadlines)
- Letters of recommendations from counselor and teachers
- SAT (www.sat.org) or ACT (www.act.org) *Most Common App colleges are Test Optional this year*
- 7 different essay prompts - you pick 1 (250-650 words)
- Admissions requirements vary by school - check with each individual school!

How to Sign Up for the SAT or ACT

- SAT
  - www.sat.org

- ACT
  - www.act.org

**Fee Waiver

If you are eligible for the free/reduced lunch program, send a copy of the eligibility letter to your **JBHS counselor** .

SAT Fee Waivers

Financial Aid

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
  - CCGI- Start here to create your studentaid.gov account (FSAID)
  - FAFSA® Application | Federal Student Aid
  - Opens on October 1
  - Priority deadline to submit is March 2nd
- **CADAA -** this in an option for students in California that do not qualify for FAFSA
- **Cash for College Workshops**
  - Provided by the CA Student Aid Commission
  - FREE workshops
  - Check out cash4college.csac.ca.gov for a schedule of workshops
- **Fee waivers:** Students can apply for college application fee waivers within the college applications
- **Cal Grant GPA Verifications** are automatically sent by our Registrar during 2nd semester.

College Applications Tips for Parents

- ❑ **Encourage ownership and communication -** Remind your student that the application process is ultimately their responsibility. Have your student contact admissions offices, teachers, counselors, and recommenders directly with questions or requests.
- ❑ **Help them stay organized -** Create a system as a family that will help navigate important deadlines and keep track of individual school requirements.
- ❑ **Discuss college fit and understand financial aid -** Consider factors such as academic programs, campus culture, location, cost, support services, and extracurricular opportunities. Review FAFSA and financial aid requirements well before deadlines. Discuss college costs openly and honestly as a family.
- ❑ **Be mindful of recommendation letter procedures-** If needed, encourage your student to request letters well in advance. Your recommenders need AT LEAST 2 weeks notice AND your brag sheet.
- ❑ **Focus on well-being and celebrate progress -** The application process can be stressful, recognize milestones such as submitting applications, completing essays, or receiving admissions decisions.

Important Deadlines

CSU Application	*Priority Filing deadline November 30*
UC Application	*November 30*
FAFSA	*Priority Filing deadline March 2*
SAT or ACT	*December test date*
Community College Application	*Opens in December*

JBHS College and Career Peer Mentors can help!

Keep Up with your College Peer Mentors!

- CPMs can help with questions on what to do after high school, testing requirements, college/career search, and getting ready for the college application process.
- Work on your college applications or your FAFSA application with the help of JBHS counselors and College Peer Mentors.



Make sure to stay connected with the CPM's by following them on social media!

@JBHSPEERMENTORS

Stay In touch!

- Students can find more information in the grade level **Google Classrooms!**
- Counselors are **available by appointment or student only drop-in hours**
  - *M-F 7:30AM - 8:30AM*
  - *M-F During Lunch*

Thank You!

We look forward to working with you and appreciate your patience.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact your counselor!