

Hello Class of 2027!

The Counselors welcome you to your Senior Presentation!



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Counselor Assignments

Counselor

Caseload

Ms. Loy

Gr 12

A - B

Mr. Villalobos

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C - J

Mr. Wong

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K - Ph

Ms. Patil

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Ms. Payumo

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Senior Presentation:

An Overview of the Graduation
Requirements and Preparing for the
College Application Process



Objective



- ◆ To provide an overview of graduation requirements, college admissions requirements and the college application process.



Rationale



- ◆ To help students prepare for a successful senior year and to explore post-secondary options.





Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2027

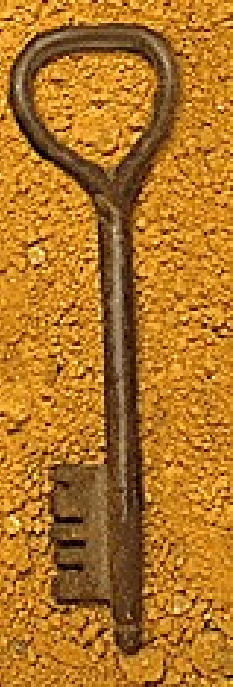
English	40 Credits		Navigating Life	5 Credits
Social Studies	30 Credits		Ethnic Studies	5 Credits
Math	20 Credits		Visual Perf. Art / CTE	10 Credits
Science (Lab) ○ 1yr Bio. Life ○ 1 yr. Physical	20 Credits		World Language / CTE	10 Credits
Physical Education	20 Credits		Electives	60 Credits
			Total Credits Needed	<u>220</u>

- Minimum GPA of 1.75
- 20 hour Community Service Requirement



Post secondary plans

- **Community college** (e.g. COA, BCC, etc.) options:
 - Transfer to a 4-year college
 - Complete an Associates degree in a Vocational program to prepare for the work world.
- **4-year college** (e.g., UC's, CSU's, HBCU's, etc.)
- **Military** (e.g., Coast Guard, Air Force, Army, etc.)
www.todaysmilitary.com
- **Apprenticeship programs** (e.g. electricians, plumbing, carpentry, construction, etc.) <https://www.acoe.org/gcgi>;
www.calapprenticeship.org; www.apprenticeship4you.com
- **Employment** www.caljobs.ca.gov



What factors are colleges looking at to determine freshman admission?

- ◆ High School Graduation
- ◆ Completion of certain classes (A-G requirements)
- ◆ GPA
- ◆ Test Scores—many schools are test blind or test optional
- ◆ Other—personal statements, activities, secondary school reports, letters of recommendation, auditions, portfolios, etc.



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What are the community colleges looking for?

High School Graduation	Yes or student is 18 or older
A-G Completion	No
Minimum GPA in A-G required	None
SAT/ACT Requirement	None
Other Requirements	None

Community College



COLLEGE PROMISE PROGRAM

Eligibility

- Complete an Alameda Promise Application.
- Follow the New Students Steps to Success
- First-time college student
- Enroll in 12 units per semester (Fall and Spring) only at COA
- Graduate from Alameda Unified School District
- Graduate from Oakland Unified School District
- Submit a FAFSA or Cal Dream Act application and include COA (006720)
- Attend a Promise Orientation

Program Benefits

- Free Tuition for 2 years
- Book stipend
- Priority Registration
- Dedicated Counseling

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- ◆ Vocational and Transfer Programs offered, including Transfer Guarantee Programs, Transfer Success Pathways.
- ◆ For the Transfer Programs, make sure to set up Transfer Planners for the UC (www.uctap.universityofcalifornia.edu/students) & CSU (www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer).
- ◆ Research Community colleges for specific programs and visit campuses.
- ◆ Apply on-line: www.peralta.edu (Laney, College of Alameda, Berkeley & Merritt) or www.cccapply.org
- ◆ Alameda/California Promise



Community College

- ◆ Apply in April 2027
- ◆ After applying, students will meet with a college counselor to plan their educational program. Students may need to take tests in English or math or provide a high school transcript for placement.
- ◆ Can start classes summer or fall, 2027.
- ◆ Transfer information from CC to UC or CSU provided at www.assist.org.



UC & CSU: A - G Requirements

Grades of “C” or Higher Required

A) History/Social Science

(2 Years Required)

- World History & U.S. History

B) English

(4 Years Required)

C) Math

(3 Years Required, 4 years Recommended)

- Algebra I, Geometry, & Algebra II

D) Lab Science

(2 years Required, 3 years Recommended)

- 1yr Biological Science, 1 yr Physical Science

E) Language Other Than English

(2 Years Required, 3 years Recommended)

F) Visual & Performing Arts

(1 Year Required)

- Dance, Drama/Theater, Music or Visual Art

G) College Preparatory Elective **(1 Year Required)**

22 California State Universities

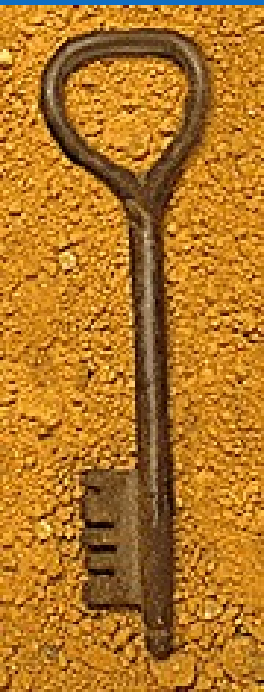
- ◆ California Polytechnic University, Humboldt
- ◆ California Polytechnic University, Pomona
- ◆ California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo + Cal Poly Maritime Academy at the Cal Poly Solano campus
- ◆ California State University, Bakersfield
- ◆ California State University, Channel Islands
- ◆ California State University, Dominguez Hills
- ◆ California State University, East Bay
- ◆ California State University, Fullerton
- ◆ California State University, Long Beach
- ◆ California State University, Los Angeles
- ◆ California State University, Monterey Bay
- ◆ California State University, Northridge
- ◆ California State University, Sacramento
- ◆ California State University, San Bernardino
- ◆ California State University, San Marcos
- ◆ California State University, Stanislaus
- ◆ Chico State University
- ◆ Fresno State University
- ◆ San Diego State University
- ◆ San Francisco State University
- ◆ San Jose State University
- ◆ Sonoma State University



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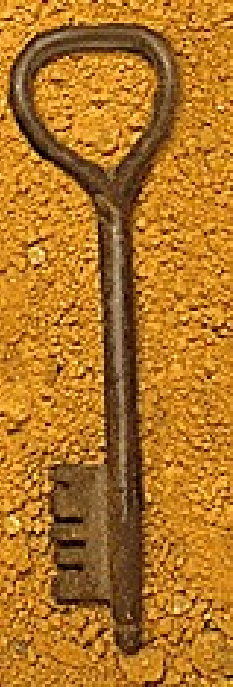
Priority Submission: Oct. 1- Nov. 30

www.calstate.edu/apply or californiacolleges.edu



What are CSUs looking for?

High School Graduation	Yes
A-G Completion	Yes
Minimum GPA(gr 10-12) in A-G classes	2.5** (see next slide for more info)
SAT/ACT Requirement	Not required. If you provide scores, they will be used for placement purposes only.
Other Requirements	Application questions will ask about activities, work experience, leadership, etc.



CSU Admissions Policy



- ◆ Since CSU is test blind (SAT/ACT will not be considered for admissions), they have changed the way they will evaluate applications.
- ◆ Minimum Qualifying A- G GPA = 2.5 (“minimally eligible”) Students will be evaluated for admission.
- ◆ Campuses can choose to evaluate students with A-G GPA between 2.0 - 2.49.



Supplemental Factors



- ◆ CSUs may also look at supplemental factors. They could include **academic factors** such as total number of A-G's or specific subject GPA and **non-academic factors** such as work experience, activities, and leadership.
- ◆ Each campus will determine which factors they will consider.
- ◆ “Supporting Information” application section will address non-academic factors.



Non – Impacted CSU Campuses

These campuses use CSU Minimum Eligibility
for Admission.

- ◆ Bakersfield
- ◆ Channel Island
- ◆ Chico
- ◆ Dominguez Hills
- ◆ East Bay
- ◆ Fresno
- ◆ Humboldt
- ◆ Los Angeles
- ◆ Monterey Bay
- ◆ Northridge
- ◆ Sacramento
- ◆ San Bernadino

- ◆ San Francisco
- ◆ San Marcos
- ◆ Sonoma
- ◆ Stanislaus

**AHS Students Receive
Priority at: East Bay and
San Francisco State!**

Note that some majors at these
campuses may be impacted
(e.g. nursing, engineering,
etc.)



CSU Campuses Impacted in All Programs

- ◆ These are the most competitive CSU campuses.
- ◆ Admission decisions are made by major
 - Fullerton
 - Long Beach
 - San Luis Obispo
 - Pomona
 - San Diego
 - San Jose

9 University of California Campuses

- ◆ University of California, Berkeley
- ◆ University of California, Davis
- ◆ University of California, Irvine
- ◆ University of California, Los Angeles
- ◆ University of California, Merced
- ◆ University of California, Riverside
- ◆ University of California, San Diego
- ◆ University of California, Santa Barbara
- ◆ University of California, Santa Cruz

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Submission period

Oct 1st – Nov 30th

www.universityofcalifornia.edu or californiacolleges.edu





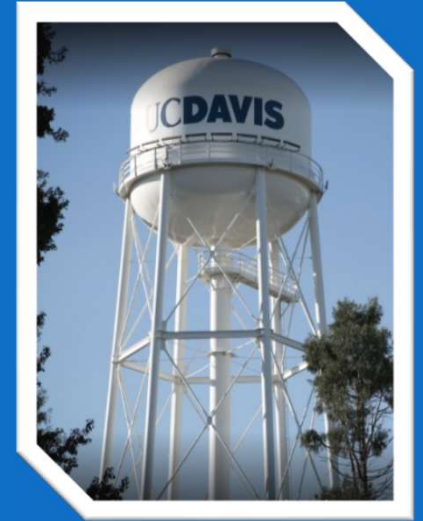
What are UCs looking for?

High School Graduation	Yes
A-G Completion	Yes
Minimum GPA(gr 10-12) * in A-G classes	3.0 *
SAT/ACT Requirement	Not required. If you provide scores, they will be used for placement purposes only.
Other Requirements	Personal Insight Questions, Activities

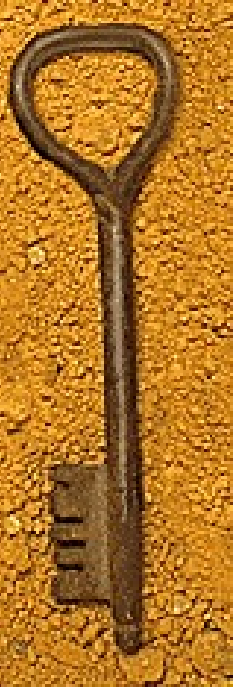
* For GPA purposes, only 8 semesters of AP/Honors grade bumps considered.



Advice from the UC



- ◆ Be realistic in your choices
 - Use the tools in SCOIR to compare your GPA and tests scores to students who have been admitted from AHS.
 - Check the various school websites for the number ranges of admitted students
- ◆ Take time with your Personal Insight Questions
- ◆ Provide Context and Details



Impaction at the UC Campuses

- ◆ All UC campuses are selective in terms of admissions. It is all a matter of degrees.
- ◆ UC Merced is the only campus which is not impacted and will accept all eligible applicants.





UC Personal Insight Questions

- ◆ There are 8 questions total. You choose 4 out of 8 to answer.
- ◆ You decide which questions to answer— all have equal weight.
- ◆ Maximum word limit of 350 per question.
- ◆ This is an opportunity to let the admissions committee know about you as a person.
- ◆ Write about your growth and learning experiences.
- ◆ Use extra comments box to explain any discrepancies and to provide additional information.
- ◆ For more information: ucal.us/personalquestions

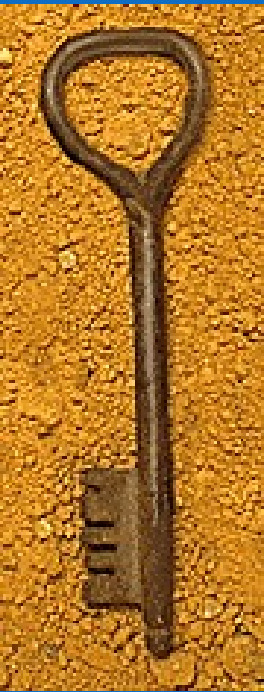


Additional Comment Boxes

- ◆ Two areas available— one after Academic section, one after PIQs.
- ◆ Limited space. Full sentences are not expected.
- ◆ Academic comment box allows 500 characters. Use it to explain things like grade discrepancies, scheduling limitations, etc.
- ◆ Additional Comment Box after PIQs allows for 550 words. This is NOT space for an additional PIQ but use it to explain something or to provide more information about something that may not have fit in your PIQs.

Comparison chart

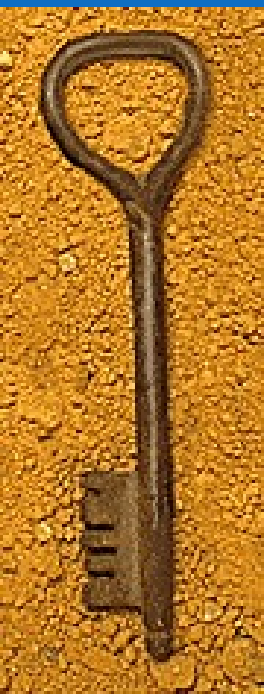
Categories	Community College	CSU	UC
A-G completion	No	Yes	Yes
Minimum GPA in A-G classes	No	2.5	3.0
SAT/ACT required	No	No	No
		Not required	Not required
Other requirements	Need a high school diploma or need to be 18 years old	Supporting Information Questions.	Personal Insight Questions, activities



Common Application



- ◆ Utilized by many private and out of state colleges & universities including many HBCUs
- ◆ Requires 2 Teacher Recommendations & Counselor Recommendation/Report [Secondary School Report (SSR)]
- ◆ Website: www.commonapp.org



Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU)

- ◆ Common Black College Application- one application fee to apply to all 58 member colleges <https://commonblackcollegeapp.com/>
- ◆ California Community Colleges HBCU Transfer Guarantee Program- a guaranteed admissions agreement between the community colleges and HBCUs <https://ccctransfer.org/hbcu/>



Secondary School Reports & Letters of Recommendation

- ◆ Required by private schools and/or all schools which use the Common App.
- ◆ You must complete AHS Student Profile packet (all parts)-available online in the Counseling Section.
- ◆ Deadline to submit packet: **October 1** by **3:45 pm**
- ◆ Counselors and teachers are unavailable during fall/winter breaks to work on SSR/letters.
- ◆ Your counselor may contact you to review your packet if needed.
- ◆ **CSUs and UCs do NOT require Secondary School Reports or letters of recommendation.**



Application Deadlines

- ◆ November 30th for UC
- ◆ November 30th for CSU
- ◆ December /January for Private Universities
- ◆ For Out of State Colleges see school website for deadlines
- ◆ Early Decision & Early Action: Nov 1st
 - Early Decision is Binding
 - Early Action is NOT Binding



College Admissions Testing (SAT/ACT)

- ◆ SAT/ACT are not required by the UC or CSU systems. Even if you provide tests scores they will not consider them in the admissions process.
- ◆ Other colleges/universities have their own Test Policies. You need to check the requirements for all schools to which you plan to apply.
- ◆ If you do want to take the SAT or ACT:
 - ❖ Last SAT/ACT seniors can take are in December
- Official Scores must be sent from the **College Board or ACT websites.**

Fine Tuning Your College List:

Diversify Your Choices

- Create a **balanced** list which includes a mix of likely, target, & reach schools to increase your chances of acceptance.

Likely ("Safety")

- Consider UC Merced, UC Riverside, CSU East Bay, and SF State.
- Non-impacted or local schools can provide a solid backup option.

Target

- Aim for institutions where your academic profile aligns well with their admissions criteria.
- These schools should be within your academic reach but still competitive.

Reach

- Challenge yourself by applying to institutions where acceptance may be more competitive.
- These schools may have higher academic standards or lower acceptance rates.

- Evaluate each school's programs, location, campus culture, and extracurricular opportunities.
- Choose institutions that align with your academic and personal goals.
- **Remember your goal is to find the school that is the best fit or the best match for you.**



How Many Schools Should I Apply to?

- ◆ It's a good idea to apply to at least 6-8.
- ◆ Shoot for your dream school but also have a list of several safe schools that you feel reasonably sure will accept you.
- ◆ Make sure you have a “backup” school.
- ◆ Consider application costs (Approx. \$70 + per application)
- ◆ Apply for application fee waivers if you think you qualify



Things to remember

- ◆ Use an email account that you will check regularly and consider linking it to your phone. It should NOT be your school email. Colleges will continue to communicate with you during the summer when you may no longer have access to your school account. Check your spam email.
- ◆ Have your transcript in front of you when entering your classes and grades.
- ◆ Make sure you have read the application instructions or taken advantage of any built-in help features especially if you have special circumstances. Ask for help if you need it!
- ◆ Before you submit your college applications make sure you double check all items. Once you submit, you cannot retrieve it.
- ◆ Deadlines matter. Don't wait until the last day.



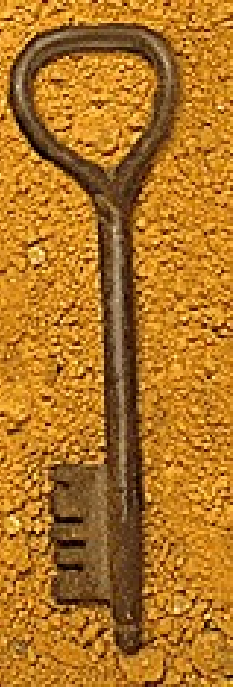
After the application is submitted

- ◆ Check your e-mail accounts daily, including your school email.
- ◆ Respond to campus requests in a timely manner.
- ◆ Set up and check your admission portals
 - this is the primary way for colleges to communicate with you with regards to missing documents, orientation, etc.
- ◆ Deadlines are still important!



Financial Aid For College

- ◆ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA):
 - FAFSA/CADAA will be available starting October 1st - March 2nd
 - Must be completed by ALL seniors
 - Application will screen student eligibility for loans, grants, and work study
 - Application available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov or www.caldreamact.org
- ◆ **Cal Grants:** GPA Verification submitted electronically by AHS for all seniors. You must complete FAFSA or CADAA by **March 2** to qualify.

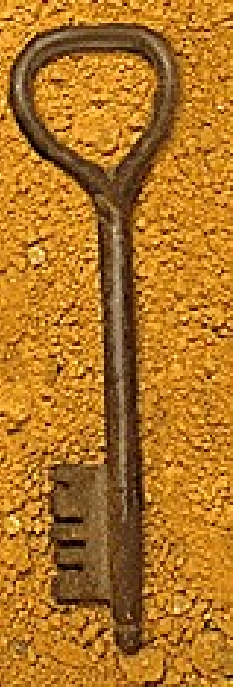


CSS Profile

(College Scholarship Service Profile)

- ◆ Is a financial aid application utilized by Private Colleges.
- ◆ Is only available through the CollegeBoard website & costs \$25 for the first school with each additional school costing \$16.
- ◆ Available October 1.
- ◆ UC's & CSU's do not require the Profile.

Important Dates

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- ◆ October 1: Last date to turn in Student Profile for Secondary School Reports to your counselor.
 - ◆ October 1: UC & CSU submission window opens
 - ◆ October 7: Alameda City Wide College Night, 6 -8 p.m. at College of Alameda
 - ◆ SAT & ACT registration dates for

October 12th School Based SAT at AHS. Register starting Sept. 21

Nov 7th test - deadline Oct 23 (SAT)

Dec 5th test - deadline Nov 20 (SAT)

Dec 12th test – deadline Nov 6 (ACT)

- ◆ November 30: Application deadline for UC
- ◆ Nov. 30: Priority Application deadline for CSU
- ◆ October 1st: FAFSA/CADAA available



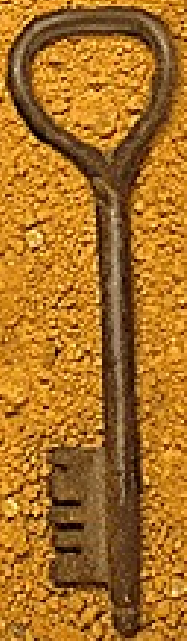
Need Application Help?

- ◆ Check the College & Career Center website including the monthly newsletters.
- ◆ Check the College & Career Center on Insta **@Hornets_buzz_ccc**
- ◆ Application Help Sessions
 - ❖ Afternoon/Evenings
 - *October 28 from 2:30– 5:30 p.m.*
 - *November 4, & 18 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.*
 - ❖ By appointment during your free periods or afterschool
- ◆ AUSD's Cash for College Night (Financial Aid)
 - In person presentation in January
 - Date To Be Determined



<https://app.scoir.com/signup>

- ◆ Utilize College Search, Financial Aid and Career Exploration resources.
- ◆ College Search resources include pictures and videos which highlight student activities/clubs so you can find schools which are a good fit both academically and personally.
- ◆ Sign up for AHS College visits
- ◆ You will request that your FINAL transcript be sent to your college via SCOIR.
- ◆ Remember: Make sure you are logged into your AUSD Chrome browser & use the Single Sign-in with Google
- ◆ If you have difficulties, contact Ms. Lori.



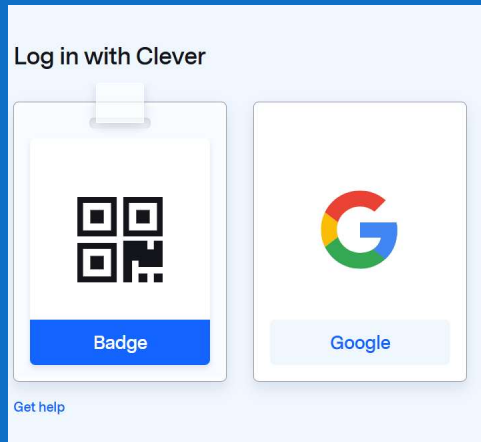
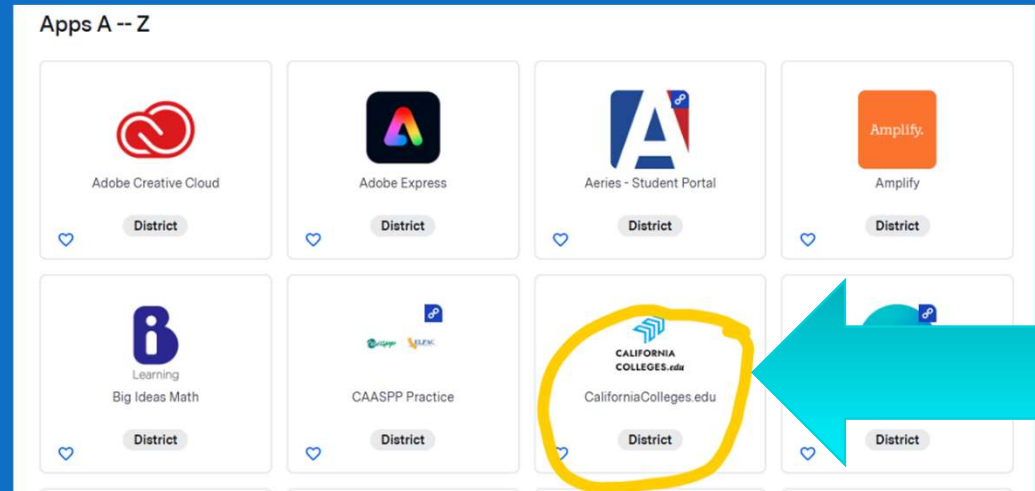


CALIFORNIA COLLEGES.edu

DISCOVER. PLAN. LAUNCH.

- California's official college and career planning platform- research colleges, take interest inventories, learn about financial aid, etc.
- Aeries is integrated with CaliforniaColleges.edu
- If you launch your UC or CSU application from CaliforniaColleges.edu, your transcript information will automatically populate your UC or CSU application (make sure to follow the steps to import your grades if you want this to happen!) That means less work for you and greater accuracy!

How to Get Started



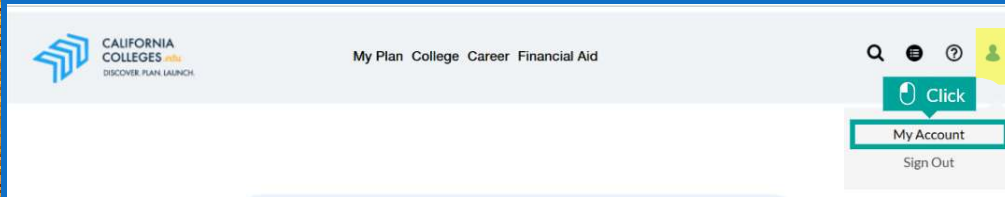
1. Log into your Clever Account using Google

2. Select CaliforniaColleges.edu

3. You are ready to start using CaliforniaColleges!

4. Go to "My Account" to add a secondary email so you have access to your account even if you leave AUSD

How to Add a Secondary Email Address



1. Click on the person icon and then select “My Account”

A screenshot of the "My Account" page. The header says "My Account" and provides instructions: "Manage your settings to connect your account to family and trusted organizations and to receive the alerts you want. Contact your counselor to update your Student and School info." Below this is a section titled "Student Info" containing a form with the following fields: "First Name:", "Last Name:", "Email Address:", "Secondary Email Address:", "DOB:", "Gender:", and "Ethnicity:". The "DOB" field is filled with "01/01/1901", "Gender" with "Female", and "Ethnicity" with "--". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Reset Password" and "Edit". A green callout bubble with a cursor icon and the word "Click" points to the "Edit" button.

2. Click on Edit

A screenshot of the "Edit Info" page. It shows two email input fields. The first field is labeled "Email *" and contains the text "demo1@demo.edu". The second field is labeled "Secondary Email" and is empty. A green callout bubble with a cursor icon and the word "Click" points to the "Secondary Email" field. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Update" (green) and "Cancel" (red).

3. Enter a secondary (personal) email and click on update.

Explore CaliforniaColleges.edu

My Plan ^

Lessons

Academic Planner

CCC Eligibility Tool

CSU Eligibility Tool

UC Eligibility Tool

Life Planner

My Career Plan

My College Plan

My Goals

My Journal

My Experiences

My Documents

You can save information in
“My Plan”

Start creating
your resume
here

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Career Search Tool

Career Content Library

Other Resources

Apprenticeship Finder

Military Career Options

ASSESSMENTS

Interest Profiler

Intelligences

Skills

Work Values

Personality

The Career tab is where you can investigate career options/pathways as well as take some assessments which could lead you to your perfect career.

Educator Dashboard

College ^

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College Search Tool

Major Search Tool

College Content Library

APPLY

Launch from CaliforniaColleges.edu

California Community Colleges Application

California State University Application

University of California Application

Other Applications

Common Application

Common Black College Application

The College tab is where you can do college and major searches. This is also where you would launch your UC/CSU applications.

Need Help?

◆ Check the Tutorials in the Resource Hub

RESOURCEhub

Student Tutorials

Partner Student Accounts

Managing Your Student Account

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Career Assessments

Middle School and High School Students

How to Use the Interest Profiler

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How to Use the Intelligences Assessment

How to Use My Career Plan

High School Students Only

How to Use the Personality Assessment

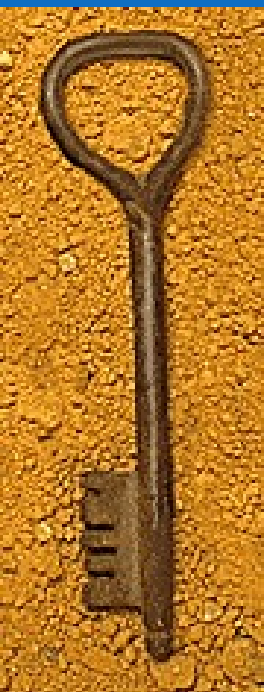
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How to Use the Skills Assessment

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FINISH STRONG

MAKE YOUR SENIOR YEAR COUNT!

DITCH SENIORITIS



Keep your grades up. Aim for A's and B's.



Continue with good study habits.



Focus on your college goals and complete all "A-G" course requirements.

STAY FOCUSED IN AND OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM



Go ahead, enjoy your senior year activities. But don't let your academics slide. You want to remain a strong college candidate.



Stay on top of the admission process. Turn in all information requested from colleges and universities. You don't want to miss opportunities.

GET READY FOR COLLEGE



Be as accurate as possible on your admission application and follow through with the "A-G" courses you report on your application.



If you're not sure how to answer questions on your college application, ask your high school counselor or college representative for help.



Remember, everything you report on a college application is important to the college or university evaluating your admission eligibility. Make it all count!

Visit calstate.edu/finishstrong to make sure you stay on track.



How to Get Started



- ◆ Register with CaliforniaCollege.edu.

A screenshot of the "Register" page, step 1 of a 3-step process. The page title is "Register" with a progress indicator showing 1, 2, and 3. The first step is active. The form asks "Tell us who you are" with a dropdown menu set to "I am a Student". It then asks "What is the name of your School District?" with a text input field containing "Alameda Unified". Finally, it asks "What is the name of your School?" with a text input field containing "Alameda High". At the bottom, there is a note "* All fields required" and two buttons: "CANCEL" and "NEXT".A screenshot of the "Register" page, step 2 of a 3-step process. The page title is "Register" with a progress indicator showing 1, 2, and 3. The second step is active. The form is titled "Student Information" with a "Next" button. It contains a "Student ID" field with the value "999999" and a "Date of Birth" field with the value "01/01/2010" and a calendar icon. At the bottom, there is a note "* All fields required" and two buttons: "BACK" and "NEXT".A screenshot of the "Register" page, step 3 of a 3-step process. The page title is "Register" with a progress indicator showing 1, 2, and 3. The third step is active. The form is titled "Welcome" and "First Name" with a "Click" button. It features a "Sign up with Google" button. Below this, it says "Or" and "Email Address (This will be your Username)" with a text input field. It then asks for "Confirm Email Address" with another text input field. Below that, it asks for "Create Password" with a text input field and a "Show Passwords" checkbox. A note below the password field states: "Minimum of 9 characters. Cannot include your name or email. Cannot be a word found in the dictionary." It then asks for "Confirm Password" with a text input field. At the bottom, there is a note "* All fields required" and two buttons: "BACK" and "REGISTER".

1. Answer some identifying questions.

2. Sign in with Goggle

4. Go to "My Account" to add a secondary email so you have access to your account even if you leave AUSD