

## HESPERIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

## California College Guidance Initiative CALIFORNIA



Hesperia Unified School District is excited to announce a partnership with the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) to help your child develop a well-informed college and career plan and a streamlined college application process.

CCGI is a nonprofit that works with school districts throughout California to achieve two major goals: (1) to ensure that all high school seniors in California graduate with clear postsecondary goals and a plan for how to achieve them, and (2) that 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 and career preparation, applications, planning tools, and information to help plan for life after high school.

As a partner with CCGI, HUSD students have access to exclusive tools and resources to support their college and career planning. These resources are only provided when transcript data is uploaded from the District's Student Information System (SIS), Infinite Campus, into CaliforniaColleges.edu in accordance with all state and federal student privacy laws.

The benefits of the partnership include giving students access to California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) eligibility tools to view progress towards meeting the college admission ("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. You and your child can also use the platform to keep track of application deadlines and submissions, and students can apply to a California Community College or CSU directly from CaliforniaColleges.edu.

The District's partnership with CCGI allows key information to transfer from your child's account to these applications, making the entire process faster and easier. It also allows your child's 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 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) from their account, potentially smoothing the process of determining Cal-Grant eligibility.

Should you wish to opt-out from the District's disclosure of your child's course and testing data, please contact Michelle Smith, Director of Secondary Education as follows:

Send an email to <u>michelle.smith@hesperiausd.org</u> with "Opt-out of CCGI" as the subject line. Include your child's name and school of attendance in the email.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor directly or Michelle Smith at (760) 244-4411, ext. 7242.