

SB 153: K-12 Omnibus

What LEAs Need to Know About Education Code Changes Related to the California College Guidance Initiative

Background

The California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) manages [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://californiacolleges.edu), the State of California's official college and career planning platform for 6th-12th grade students. The platform is free and serves as an infrastructure for postsecondary planning, data-driven student guidance, and the sharing of student records from K-12 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to California's public higher education systems and the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

As a component of the [Cradle-to-Career Data System \(C2C\)](#), CCGI works to improve transitions from K-12 to higher education by streamlining the college and financial aid application processes for students, while providing educators with the information necessary to inform data-driven counseling practices and real-time decision-making.

SB 153 Resource Link

- [SB 153 Education finance: education omnibus budget trailer bill](#)

Education Code History and Updates

In 2021, **AB 132** was enacted, including **EDC § 60900.5**, which charged CCGI with:

1. **Ensuring all 6th-12th grade students have “transcript-informed” accounts on CaliforniaColleges.edu.**

EDC § 60900.5 (AB 132) previously established a goal of full participation in CCGI for LEAs serving 9-12 grade students by June 30, 2026. This data collection was originally proposed as an addition to the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) submissions.

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- EDC § 60900(f)(3) requires that all California public local educational agencies serving 9-12th grade students:
 - Enter into a data-sharing agreement with CCGI by January 1, 2026.
 - Include clear and distinct information about the use of this data in annual Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) notifications (also in EDC § 51229).
 - Provide transcript-informed “Partner Accounts” to their students by June 30, 2026, leveraging the technological capabilities of their Student Information System (SIS) provider to facilitate data exchange.

- This will reduce the workload on existing CCGI Partner Districts while enabling districts with lower or inconsistent data capacity to send reliable transcript data more easily.
 - Confirm completed courses, final grades, and graduation dates in a year-end file.
 - Use reports and technical assistance from CCGI to maintain at least 90% alignment between A-G coursework, as listed in the local SIS, and how those courses are registered in the University of California Office of the President (UCOP)'s Course Management Portal (CMP).
- 2. **Providing final transcripts to the public higher education systems and transcript level data to CSAC.**
 - To facilitate this, CCGI developed the [California High School Transcript and Student Record Portability Standard](#) ("the Standard") and its associated Data Specification ("the Spec") in collaboration with the California Department of Education (CDE), California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), California State University Chancellor's Office (CSUCO) and the University of California Office of the President (UCOP). The [Data Element Templates](#), which outline how data may be submitted to CCGI, are provided in CCGI's Terms and Conditions of Partnership.
 - The Standard and Spec define the data elements that are required for a high school course record to be electronically transmitted and successfully interpreted by California public colleges.
 - The final electronic transcript provided by CCGI does not replace the high school transcript for local purposes, graduation determination, or the need to send final traditional transcripts (such as PDF) to the higher education institutions that students will attend. Rather, the unified final transcript data provided by CCGI will be used to accelerate admissions and financial aid processing, where applicable.

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- EDC § 49083.5:
 - California School Information Services (CSIS) will notate SIS providers' compliance with the Standard and Spec and the format in which they can pass data to CCGI.
 - SIS providers are precluded from passing any cost associated with these statewide enhancements to their products onto the LEAs.
- Establishes CaliforniaColleges.edu as the **future** state infrastructure (exact timelines TBD) through which:
 - EDC § 51225.7: Data elements to support the determination of eligibility for Cal Grant awards will be submitted to CSAC.

3. Pre-populating applications to the CCC, CSU, and UC systems with students' courses, grades, and demographic information.

- The ability for students to import their high school coursework into their California State University (CSU) and/or University of California (UC) applications is complete. CCGI is working with the California Community Colleges (CCC) now to enhance data sharing and application integrations.

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- Establishes CaliforniaColleges.edu as the **future** state infrastructure (exact timelines TBD) through which:
 - EDC § 48800 and 76225:
 - CCC must provide CCGI with college courses and grades completed by high school students for integration into a “unified high school transcript” (electronic).
 - This unified data flows from CCGI to California's public colleges and universities to simplify the admissions/enrollment processes for students and schools.

4. Developing college, career, and financial aid lessons and tools that facilitate college and career planning for students, families, and the educators serving them.

- EDC § 51225.8 (2018) requires each school district to ensure that every student receives information about how to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act (CADAA), prior to entering 12th grade.
- CaliforniaColleges.edu includes a full set of grade-appropriate college, career, and financial aid planning lessons and is the free tool provided by the State of California to align with the content requirements of EDC§ 51225.

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- Language updated through SB 153 indicates that all LEAS must advise 11th grade students to complete the 11th grade Financial Aid Lessons on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

Learn More and Contact CCGI

- To learn more about the California College Guidance Initiative, visit <https://www.cacollegeguidance.org/>
- To begin moving your LEA toward partnership, please contact communityengagement@californiacolleges.edu