California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI)

CHIME is excited to announce the California Department of Education's new collaboration with the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI). This partnership will help your child develop a well-informed college and career plan.

1. CCGI's Californiacolleges.edu is the state of California's official college and career planning platform that works with California school districts to ensure all high school seniors graduate with clear postsecondary goals and a plan to achieve them. The platform also serves as a crucial component of the state's new Cradle-to-Career (C2C) Data System tools for students and parents.
2. Students' academic transcript data follows them across educational systems, reducing information gaps that could hinder their success.
3. All 6th through 12th-grade public school students have student accounts on the platform. 6th -8th grade students receive a Basic Account. Once a student reaches 9th grade, they will have access to a Partner Account.

With transcript information uploaded to CaliforniaColleges.edu, students can access exclusive tools and resources for college and career planning. These resources are available when transcript data is uploaded from the School District's Student Information System (SIS) into CaliforniaColleges.edu, following state and federal student privacy laws.

You and your student can use the platform to track application deadlines and submissions. Students can apply directly to California Community Colleges, CSU, and UC through CaliforniaColleges.edu. Uploading transcript information allows for a more streamlined application process by transferring key information directly to applications, helping colleges make faster and better decisions about admission, placement, and financial aid. Students can also track their FAFSA or California Dream Act Applications, potentially simplifying Cal-Grant eligibility determination.

Students with **Basic Accounts** have access to:

● Career assessments to help them discover their interests, personality, learning style, and more.
● College, Major, and Career Search Tools that help them explore their options.
● Curated college, career, and financial aid planning content that guides them through developing a post-secondary plan.
● Tracking of their academic, career, and financial aid plans in a digital portfolio that includes a way to chronicle experiences and maintain related documents.
● The launching of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and California Dream Act Application (CADAA).