Resources for Students, Families, and Supporters

Curated by the Early Assessment Program team at Chico State University.

Middle School Students

- College Middle School Family Planner - The purpose of this planner is to provide families and guardians with practical tools and tips to help prepare their students for college. Within these pages are sections designed for each phase of a student's journey, from middle school to the first year of college.

- Explore a Degree - What do you want to study? What career do you see yourself working in? Deciding on a major and degree is an important part of applying to the CSU. Explore degrees across our 23 campuses to find the course of study that's right for you.

- Find Your CSU - Explore the 23 universities of the CSU by location, degrees/majors, size, and sports offered to find your place at the CSU.

- Middle School Study Tips (PDF) - Your child has a better chance of succeeding in college if they master school survival skills now. Here's how you can help them get organized and learn to study effectively. While many teachers spend some class time teaching study skills, students often need more guidance than they get in the classroom. In middle school, there's more homework, it becomes more difficult and it requires analytical skills your child may not have developed yet.

- Positive thinking: Reduce Stress by Eliminating Negative Self-talk - Mayo Clinic - Positive thinking helps with stress management and can even improve your health. Practice overcoming negative self-talk with examples provided. Understand the health benefits of positive thinking and self-talk and how to identify negative thinking.

High School Students

- A-G Requirements - Learn more about the A-G requirement courses by CSU and UC campuses needed for freshman admission

- CSU Freshman Admission Requirements - Read about the factors used across all 23 CSU campuses to determine eligibility

- CSU Paying for College - Explore the costs and payoffs of a college degree, and consider your options for financing your college education

- Cal State Apply - California's free official source for college planning for the CSU system.

- CSU Student Services - The Chancellor's Office and the 23 campuses of the California State University offer a wide variety of resources to meet the diverse needs of the system's more than 484,000 students. Here are some of the popular resources and services.

- The CSU General Education Placement Estimator uses multiple measures to estimate your placement in general education math and/or English courses in your first year of college.

- CAASPP Practice Test

    - Students can prepare for the students can prepare for the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress taken in the spring of their junior year.

Prospective University Students

- About Chico State - Why choose Chico State? Learn more about our school here! California State University, Chico is home to high-value programs, an active community, and engaging faculty who empower students to Do and Dare in their careers and lives. Better known as Chico State, we are a Hispanic-Serving Institution proud of our active and engaged student body and our strong connection with the local community and the state of California. With a welcoming spirit and vibrant campus culture, we encourage students to discover their passions and advocate for what they care about through more than 100 degrees in undergraduate and graduate studies.

- Admissions – Chico State - Learn about the admissions process here at Chico State and our program offerings

- Early Outreach and Support Programs – Chico State - The Early Outreach and Support Programs (EOSP) serve students ranging from pre-college through their college experience. Comprised of seven distinct programs, EOSP increases college access to historically disadvantaged student populations and provides comprehensive support through their college journey with the goal of increasing college completion rates. Together, they serve low income and first-generation college bound and current college students, undocumented students, former foster youth, and unaccompanied homeless youth.

- Financial Aid & Scholarship Office – Chico State - The Financial Aid & Scholarship Office at Chico State offers a range of services, including helping students to apply for financial aid, completing verification requirements, and maintaining eligibility throughout their time at Chico State. The dedicated Financial Aid team is here to support you every step of the way. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- STEM Majors at Chico State

    - At Chico State, most major programs in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) are found in the College of Engineering, Computer Science & Construction Management (ECC) or College of Natural Sciences (NS). The College of Agriculture (AG) and some of our Graduate Programs make up the remainder.
    - STEM majors are math-intensive and often require multiple semesters and/or specific course sequences to progress in the program. Your math placement level and/or ALEKS PPL assessment guides the courses to enroll in for your major.

- First Year Math/QR Placement at Chico State

    - The California State University (CSU) uses multiple measures to determine readiness for General Education English Composition and Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (GE Area 1 & 2) coursework. The requirements for admission to a CSU differs from criteria used to advise placement.
    - As instructed by the CSU Supportive Pathways for First-Year Students program students are required to enroll in **GE area 1 & 2 courses within their first year** (if not already completed). For GE area 2 at Chico State, your **placement category** and **declared major** advises your eligibility and pathway.

- University Housing – Chico State - University Housing provides a setting for students and staff to actively learn, pursue new opportunities, intentionally connect, personally develop, and advance toward lifelong success. Not looking to live on campus? No worries, Chico State also has a variety of Off-Campus Housing options as well!