HEADS UP
YOUR FUTURE IS HERE

9TH GRADE
START YOUR COLLEGE JOURNEY
- Use the Academic Planner at californiacolleges.edu to plan out your “a-g” courses.
- Take the classes you need to be ready for advanced classes in your junior and senior year.
- Build a strong math and English foundation.
- Develop study skills to learn more effectively.

10TH GRADE
START YOUR COLLEGE JOURNEY
- Meet with your counselor to identify the best academic pathway for your major of interest.
- Focus on your grades. The CSU calculates your GPA for admission using your 10th and 11th grade courses.
- If considering a STEM career take an advanced math course or a course that prepares you for advanced math.

11TH GRADE
FOCUS ON YOUR COLLEGE GOALS
- Continue to strengthen your English and math skills by taking advanced courses.
- Select courses that match your career interests. If considering a STEM major, take an advanced math course.
- Take community college or dual enrollment courses to earn college credit.
- Do well on the CAASPP exam. Your CAASPP score may be used to place you in the appropriate English and math courses when you attend the CSU.

12TH GRADE
FINISH YOUR SENIOR YEAR STRONG
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your transition to college.
- Take your final English college prep course such as CSU ERWC, Honors English, AP English, or IB English.
- Take an advanced math course that matches your career interest. If considering a STEM career take Pre-Calculus or Calculus.
- Take community college or dual enrollment courses to earn college credit.
- Stay focused on earning good grades in your final year.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ACADEMIC PREPARATION
- “a–g” Requirements
- Placement in English/Math Courses
- CAASPP Assessment
- AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment

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