What are the Benefits for California Community College and California State University Campuses?

Across the state there are a host of initiatives and reforms that aim to bring K-12 districts, community colleges, and universities together to smooth students’ transitions between high school and college. These efforts rely on the ability to share data and collaborate across segments. Participation in College Next offers campuses the following key benefits:

**Verified High School Transcript Data to Inform Campus Decision Making**

Both California Community Colleges and the California State University campuses need high school transcript data to inform key decisions about enrollment, academic placement, and guidance. When high school seniors in CCGI partner districts launch their CCCApply and Cal State Apply applications from within their accounts on CaliforniaColleges.edu, two important things happen:

1. Student identifiers unique to each system are connected to ensure that records are reliably matched across systems with the correct student.
2. Verified high school transcript data, including senior year coursework in progress, follow the student’s application(s).

**FOR CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE CAMPUSES**

Data from CCGI is considered the most complete and accurate data available for course placement. When students in partner districts apply to the CCCs, their data informs the Multiple Measures Placement Service, which colleges can access through the CCC Technology Center at Butte College.

**FOR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES**

Data from CCGI is pre-verified against the University of California Course Management Portal. When students import their coursework from their CaliforniaColleges.edu accounts into their Cal State Apply applications, each course is flagged on Web Admit, as either “official” (which doesn’t require any additional verification), “not validated,” “list,” or “manual.”
Next Level Outreach with Affiliate Accounts

Prior to the point of students’ applications, colleges can view partner districts’ student data as well as college and career planning data through an Affiliate Account on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

Colleges and universities can request an Affiliate Account on CaliforniaColleges.edu that enables them to gain view-only access to partner districts’ students’ full college and career planning account prior to the point of application. This is an ideal functionality to support more informed and coordinated outreach efforts.

Additionally, reports on CaliforniaColleges.edu enable both K-12 counselors and Affiliate Account holders to track applications to the CCC and CSU, real-time eligibility for CSU and UC admission, and completed career assessments at the touch of a button. This ensures that they know which students are eligible to apply where and the follow-up steps each student needs to support a smooth transition.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO BECOME AN AFFILIATE ACCOUNT HOLDER?

1. Email partnership@californiacolleges.edu with the subject line “Affiliate Request.”
2. Sign an MOU with CCGI to ensure the privacy and legal protection of student information.
3. Identify the K-12 districts for which you seek Affiliate access.
4. CCGI will request approval from the identified districts to make your Affiliate Account(s) visible to students as optional secondary linkages for their accounts.
5. Following district approval, students link their accounts with the Affiliate Account to activate the sharing of student information.

HOW MUCH DOES THE AFFILIATE ACCOUNT COST?

There is no cost to obtain or use an Affiliate Account.

ENDNOTES

1 Approximately 20% of traditional school districts serving 9th-12th students (non-elementary districts) in California are in partnership with CCGI, and upload student level transcript data to inform student accounts on CaliforniaColleges.edu. In College Next regions, partnership is fully subsidized by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.
2 Affiliate Account holders can only see reporting for students whose accounts have been actively linked by students (typically during a workshop or other programmatic intervention). However, K-12 educators have access to reports on all students, which can support coordinated outreach and follow-up.

College Next is a joint effort of the California Community Colleges and the California State University Chancellors’ Offices, designed to unify an approach to college planning, applications, and the transition for students across California. All student activities and data sharing are conducted via CaliforniaColleges.edu, the state’s 6th-12th grade college and career planning platform that is managed by the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI).