


Family Lesson: My School's Resources: Student Worksheet

Goal: You and your parents/guardians will learn about the resources available on CaliforniaColleges.edu.

Part I: Platform Exploration

There are many resources available to you and much you can learn from **CaliforniaColleges.edu**. With a parent or guardian, sit down with a computer for an hour and find the items below. Begin by signing in to **CaliforniaColleges.edu**, then begin your research.

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ACADEMIC

- Find out what the “a-g” courses are. Search for “a-g.” Learn how “a-g” courses differ for CSU and UC.
- Update or review your current class schedule in your Academic Planner.
- Consider classes to take next year by using your Academic Planner.

COLLEGE

- Add attending local college fairs to **My Tasks**.
- Search for “college admission exams.” Learn about the PSAT, SAT, SAT Subject, and ACT.
- Search for “college options in California.” Learn about CCCs, CSU, UC, and private colleges.

CAREER

- Learn about career pathways by searching for “Career Pathways.”
- Add attending career events at your school to **My Tasks**.

FINANCIAL AID

- Go to **Financial Aid** at the top of the page and select “Learn about Financial Aid” to learn about the different kinds of financial aid you can get to pay for college. Find out how financial aid makes college cost less.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Learn about extracurricular activities by searching for “Non-Academic Factors Important to Colleges.”

Part II: Discussion

With your family or guardian, discuss what you have learned. Did you know how to track your academic progress? How can you use your Academic Planner? What college or career resources are you ready to take advantage of? Are there any personal difficulties you have had that a counselor could help you with? Do you know where the counselors' office is on your campus?

What other information would help your parent or guardian feel connected to your school, and comfortable asking for support from the school?

Part III: Action

Make sure your parent/guardian knows how to register their account! Start [here](#) and scroll down until you see "Parents."

Part IV: Reflection

- Sign in to CaliforniaColleges.edu. Go to **My Journal**, and in the **Academic Journal** section find **prompt #09**:

"Which resources are you most likely to use? What resources are lacking that you may want or need? How can you continue to learn about all that your school has to offer?"