

Solidifying the College List: Student Worksheet

Goal

You will finalize your college list in order to prepare for college applications.

Part I: Bell Work

Pretend you are explaining to a sophomore how to apply to college. Based on your prior knowledge, write the steps involved below. If you need guidance, go to **CaliforniaColleges.edu** and type “college checklist” in the search box. Read the article called **California Colleges College Application Checklist**.

Part II: Introduction

- Sign in to **CaliforniaColleges.edu**, hover on **My Plan**, and then click on **Academic Planner**. If you go to school in a CCGI partner district, review the **CSU Eligibility** and **UC Eligibility** tabs to assess your academic readiness to apply to California State University (CSU) and/or University of California (UC). If you do not go to school in a CCGI partner district, work with your counselor to determine your eligibility.
- Learn more about CSU and UC eligibility requirements by typing “eligibility requirements” in the search box at the top of the page and reading the relevant articles. Discuss with an elbow partner.

Part III: Activity

1. Based on the information available to you, do a quick self-analysis for each public institution of higher education in California. If you are not sure how to respond to any of the questions, refer back to the articles you just read or ask your counselor.

California Community College (CCC)	
Will you be 18 by the time you plan to attend college?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you on track to graduate high school or earn your GED?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered “yes” to one of the questions above, you may consider a CCC. Earning a high school diploma or GED helps with your ability to receive financial aid at a CCC. Once at a CCC, you can consider transfer opportunities to a CSU, UC, or private, not-for-profit or independent college.	

California State University (CSU)	
Do you meet the minimum GPA requirement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you on track to successfully complete the required “a-g” course sequence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered “yes” to <i>both</i> questions above, you may consider a CSU. If you answered “no” to one or more of the questions above, talk with your counselor about other pathways to a CSU.	

University of California (UC)	
Do you meet the minimum GPA requirement?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are you on track to successfully complete the required “a-g” course sequence?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered “yes” to <i>both</i> questions above, you may consider a UC. If you answered “no” to one or more of the questions above, talk with your counselor about other pathways to a UC.	

- If you have previously added colleges (via a ♥) to **My College Plan**, skip to #3. If you have not previously added colleges to **My College Plan**, hover on **College** at the top of the page and then click on **College Search Tool**.
 - Use the tool to find colleges you plan to apply to.
 - Either from a results list or from within a college factsheet ♥ (favorite) colleges. This will add them to **My College Plan**.
- Narrow or expand your list to no more than ten colleges (unless your counselor guides you otherwise). To begin, type “college list” in the search box in the top-right side of the page. Find the article titled **California Colleges Building Your College List**. Discuss your thoughts with an elbow partner.
- Hover on **My Plan** at the top of the page and then click on **My College Plan**. To decide which colleges to keep, click on the name of a college and review the college factsheet. Review each tab carefully and decide if you think the college should stay on your list. Consider your academic progress, interests, location and size preferences, etc. After reviewing each college, return to your **College List in My College Plan** and either delete or add information to all fields.
 - To delete a college, click on the ♥ and follow the instructions.
 - To add information to the additional fields for a college, click on the 🗑 and add the appropriate information for each column, including a match, reach, or safety designation.
- Repeat #4 for all colleges in your **College List**. Use the **College Search Tool** to add any new colleges.
- Once you have your college list, go back to **My College Plan** and click on the **College Applications** tab. Either enter the appropriate information for each college now or follow the directions of your counselor or teacher for when to complete.

Part III: Reflect

- Go to **My Plan** and then **My Journal**. In the **College Journal** section, find **prompt #03**:
“How will you manage all of the different components of college applications? Name at least 3 consequences of not planning ahead and leaving everything for the last minute.”
- Respond to the above prompt. Follow your teacher’s instructions if they assign a different prompt.