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Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Elk Grove Unified School District, in partnership with [California College Guidance Initiative \(CCGI\)](http://www.CaliforniaColleges.edu) uses www.CaliforniaColleges.edu for early college and career planning. We invite you and your student to use this website as a key resource to plan for life after high school, regardless of your child's post-secondary goals.

www.CaliforniaColleges.edu is an online platform that manages California's post-secondary, college and career planning systems. Through CaliforniaColleges.edu, students can access tools and resources to support their college and/or career planning. The functionality of CaliforniaColleges.edu is maximized when transcript data is uploaded from the district's student information system, Synergy, in accordance with state and federal student privacy laws. Through this platform, your student may

- Research careers, majors and colleges for early planning and decision-making.
- Use UC/CSU eligibility tools to view progress toward meeting the "a-g" course requirements and communicate with his/her counselor about discrepancies.
- Research colleges and universities. Apply to California State University (CSU) campuses with courses automatically pre-verified and migrated to CalState.edu/Apply, thus reducing time spent on applications and minimizing errors caused by differences between course listings on transcripts and those in the Course Management Portal.
- Research California Community Colleges and launch CCCApply applications.
- Learn the details about FAFSA, California Dream Act and Web Grant/California Grant applications and launch FAFSA applications through the appropriate links.
- Research and apply for scholarships.

Of the many timesaving benefits this new approach to college and career planning offers, this new system will allow student transcript information to automatically upload to the student's campus(es) of choice when applying to CSU/UC. School counselors and career center staff can assist in answering questions about the platform and application process and direct students to available resources. In addition, CaliforniaColleges.edu is equipped with tools to assist in the application process for colleges both inside of and outside of the state of California. Parents/guardians can also create "Family" accounts to gain view-only access to students' progress. As a student progresses through middle school and high school, their college and/or career plans can be finalized senior year at www.CaliforniaColleges.edu.

If your student is a graduating senior in spring 2019 and you wish to opt-out of the District's disclosure of your student's transcript information via CaliforniaColleges.edu and the CSU campus(es) of student's choice, please complete the attached form and return it to your student's counseling office no later than September 18, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact, EGUSD's College and Career Options Counselor, Nicole N. Brown at nbrown@egusd.net or 916-973-3035.

Sincerely,

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