

High School Counselor Update - March 2025

Financial Aid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid and California Dream Act Application

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) has [extended](#) the financial aid priority deadline to April 2, 2025. The CSU encourages students to complete and submit their application as soon as possible.

Admissions

Fall 2025 Admission - Extra time to apply

Several CSU campuses continue to accept applications. Visit our [application dates & deadlines page](#) and use the “Is Your Campus Still Accepting Applications?” feature to view open campus programs and their deadlines.

Next Steps for Freshman Applicants

Congratulations to your students who have been admitted to one or more of our California State Universities! Our [Freshman: Next Steps](#) webpage provides access to the admitted student websites for all twenty-three CSUs. Campus websites provide more information about important deadlines and next steps in the admissions process.

CSU Statement of Intent to Register/Enroll

To view a list of the Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) or Admission Acceptance or Enrollment Confirmation deadlines and deposit requirements, visit our [Statement of Intent to Register](#) webpage.

UC Area C Math Update

The University of California is postponing implementation of the updated math validation rules for one year. The changes to the math validation rules will take effect in the 2026–27 academic year, rather than as previously stated in 2025–26. [View the special announcement](#). The CSU will provide updates and clarifications on any related changes in 2026. Counselors are advised to refer to the [CSU Admissions Handbook](#) on current validation rules.

Events

2025 Admitted Student Days

Our campuses are hosting admitted student days this month and in April for students and their families to experience and immerse themselves at their future Cal State campus. View our [campus events webpage](#) for more details.

2025 CSU Counselor Conferences

Save the dates for the 2025 CSU Counselor Conferences this fall. Stay tuned for registration details in April.

Central California

Monday, September 15 - Visalia

Northern California

Wednesday, September 17 - Santa Clara

Friday, September 19 - Sacramento

Southern California

Thursday, September 25 - Riverside

Tuesday, September 30 - Pasadena

Virtual

Friday, October 3 - Virtual

2025 CSU College Nights

Save the dates for the 2025 CSU College Nights this fall. Registration will open in August.

Northern California

Tuesday, September 16 - Santa Clara

Thursday, September 18 - Sacramento area

Southern California

Thursday, September 25 - Riverside

Monday, September 29 - Pasadena

Central Valley

The California State University and its universities will attend the [Fresno Area College Night](#) on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

Reminders and Resources

Equip Your Students for College Success with CSU EAP Resources

The CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP) provides essential tools and resources to guide students to navigate their path to college. Our free, easy-to-use publications help students understand key college readiness milestones, including:

- **CSU A-G requirements** for college eligibility
- **Grade-by-grade college prep guides** (9th–12th grade)
- **How to interpret CAASPP results** and what they mean for college placement
- **CSU's multiple measures for English and math placement**
- **Senior year strategies** to stay on track for college success

These materials are designed to complement your efforts and equip students with the knowledge they need for a successful transition to college. Easily access and order them here: [CSU Publications Order Form](#).

CSU News

10 FACTS ABOUT CSU COSTS

Thanks to low tuition and a robust financial aid program, the California State University provides an opportunity for hundreds of thousands of Californians to pursue a high-quality education each year. Here are some facts that show that a CSU degree can be within your reach.

[10 FACTS](#)



CSU RESEARCH COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

More than half of the institutions of the California State University system have received a new Carnegie designation known as “Research Colleges and Universities” or “RCU,” by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Twenty-one of 23 CSU universities have now been recognized by the classification framework.

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