

# Summerville Union High School District

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Dear Parents and Students of Summerville High, Connections Academy, Long Barn High School, Cold Springs High School, South Fork High School and Mountain High School.

Summerville Union High School District (SUHSD) has entered into a partnership with the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI), which has transcript-informed functionality to help your student develop a well-informed college and career plan. This includes all students in grades 9-12.

CCGI is a nonprofit that works with school districts throughout California to ensure that all high school seniors in California graduate with clear postsecondary goals and a plan for how to achieve them.

Each student's academic transcript data follows them as they advance across educational systems to reduce information gaps that could otherwise hinder their success.

As part of this effort, CCGI manages the state of California's college and career planning platform, [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu). This web-based platform offers students, families, and educators a single access point for college, career and financial aid planning. It offers planning and application tools, along with information to help plan for life after high school.

With transcript-informed functionality in [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu), Summerville Union High School District students in grades 9-12 have access to exclusive tools and resources to support their college and career planning. These resources are only provided when students' transcript data is uploaded from our student information system (Power School) into [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu) in accordance with all state and federal student privacy laws.

The benefits of the transcript-informed functionality include giving students access to the California State University (CSU) and University of California (UC) eligibility tools to view progress towards meeting the a-g course requirements. This will help your student know if they are taking the right courses in high school to meet their goals after graduation.

You and your student can use the platform to keep track of all application deadlines and submissions. Students can apply to a California Community College, CSU and UC directly from [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu).

The Summerville Union High School District transcript-informed accounts allow key information to transfer from your student's account to these applications, making the entire

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process faster and easier. It also allows your student's verified course information to be shared directly with community colleges and CSU's, helping those colleges make faster and better decisions about admission, placement, and financial aid. Students can also launch and track their FAFSA or California Dream Act Applications from their account, potentially smoothing the process of determining Cal-Grant eligibility.

Should you wish to opt-out from the SUHSD's disclosure of your student information, please contact your site principal ([bchristopher@summbears.net](mailto:bchristopher@summbears.net)). Opting out will remove your student's access to [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu)'s transcript-informed functionality.

Opt out requests are due no later than September 20, 2024. Please note that with an opt-out a student will have no access to the [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu) website. You can find out more about [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu) by accessing their website at this address.

If you have any questions, please contact your student's principal.

Sincerely,

Michael Merrill  
Superintendent