

# HEADS UP YOUR FUTURE IS HERE



## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE START YOUR COLLEGE JOURNEY

- Use the Academic Planner at [californiacolleges.edu](http://californiacolleges.edu) to plan out your “a-g” courses.
- Take the classes you need to be ready for advanced classes in your junior and senior year.
- Build a strong math and English foundation.
- Develop study skills to learn more effectively.

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- Meet with your counselor to identify the best academic pathway for your major of interest.
- Focus on your grades. The CSU calculates your GPA for admission using your 10th and 11th grade courses.
- If considering a STEM career take an advanced math course or a course that prepares you for advanced math.

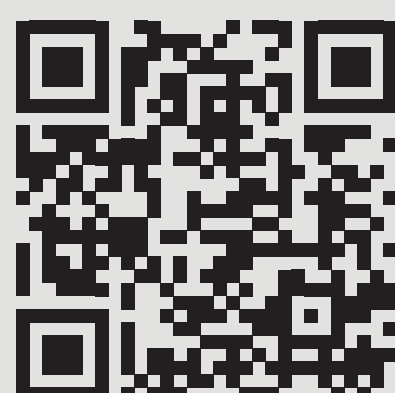
## 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FOCUS ON YOUR COLLEGE GOALS

- Continue to strengthen your English and math skills by taking advanced courses.
- Select courses that match your career interests. If considering a STEM major, take an advanced math course.
- Take community college or dual enrollment courses to earn college credit.
- Do well on the CAASPP exam. Your CAASPP score may be used to place you in the appropriate English and math courses when you attend the CSU.

## 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FINISH YOUR SENIOR YEAR STRONG

- Meet with your counselor to discuss your transition to college.
- Take your final English college prep course such as CSU ERWC, Honors English, AP English, or IB English.
- Take an advanced math course that matches your career interest. If considering a STEM career take Pre-Calculus or Calculus.
- Take community college or dual enrollment courses to earn college credit.
- Stay focused on earning good grades in your final year.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT ACADEMIC PREPARATION



- “a-g” Requirements
- Placement in English/Math Courses
- CAASPP Assessment
- AP, IB, and Dual Enrollment

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