



Desert Sands Unified School District

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Dear Parent/Guardians,

Desert Sands Unified School District (DSUSD) is pleased to provide a free resource designed to help your child learn about various colleges and careers. DSUSD is partnering with the California College Guidance Initiative (CCGI) to ensure all 6th -12th grade students receive systematic guidance and support as they plan and prepare for life after high school.

Some of the benefits to our students, as a result of this partnership, include:

- Receive customized guidance from middle school through high school in a dashboard environment.
- Explore colleges nationwide
- Monitor their progress toward 'a-g' requirements
- Access information and resources regarding FAFSA and financial aid
- Learn about various careers
- Develop and monitor their *Plan of Study*
- Build and store relevant documents they will need for college and/or career.

To see some of the resources available to you and your child, please log onto CaliforniaColleges.edu.

In order for your child to experience the benefits of the program, student grades, standardized test information (e.g., SAT, ACT, etc.) and coursework are automatically populated into their file. Please be assured the educational records will be stored securely, pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), in accordance to federal and state law, and only shared with CCGI.

If you do not want your child's educational records be shared, you may submit a letter to your Principal indicating you do not want to participate. Please include your student's name, student ID number, and grade level, along with your signature indicating you do not want your child's information shared.

Thank you,

Daniel Miller
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