

## Never give up!

What separates an “A” student from a “D” student? Are the “A” students naturally smarter? No! Students who earn A’s and B’s have figured out a little secret...*They never give up!* You can learn anything if you try hard enough. Some things may take a little more practice than others but if you keep at it, you will succeed.

## Study smart

So you’ve decided to put forth the effort – great! Now it is time to learn the skills that will prepare you for success in middle school, high school, and college. A great place to start is by practicing the note-taking, study and test-taking skills in this book.

## Get organized

Do you ever forget to study for a test? Have you ever left a book at school that you needed to complete an assignment? If so, you need to get organized! Review the tips in this book and say goodbye to disorganization!

## Take the right classes

Make sure to take all of the A-G requirements in high school so that you’ll have the most choices of colleges after you graduate from high school. These courses are also the ones that will give you the knowledge and skills you’ll need to do well in school. Each year when you meet with your counselor, ask which of your classes are A-Gs and keep track of them in your Individual Academic Planner.

## Explore your options!

Learn about the choices you have for higher education including:

- The University of California
  - California State University
  - Independent/Private Colleges and Universities
  - Community Colleges
- Each is different and one is right for you!

Ask your counselor for more information or visit these Web sites:

<http://www.californiacolleges.edu/>

This site is a great place to start. You can compare colleges from all of the systems based on what you want in a college. The site also includes college and career search questionnaires to help you start planning your future today.

<http://www.ucop.edu/pathways/>

Want to find out more about one of the University of California (UC) campuses? This Web site has links to all the UC campuses and explains the UC admission requirements.

<http://www.csumentor.edu/>

Interested in one of the California State University (CSU) campuses? This Web site is all about the CSUs. It includes campus information and admission requirements.

<http://www.aiccu.edu/>

This Web site has links to the private colleges/universities in California. Each private school has separate admissions requirements so follow the links to the college you are interested in to find out what you need to do to prepare.

<http://www.cccco.edu/>

Want to find out more about a community college? This Web site has links to all of them.