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## College Admission Info for High School Kids

My oldest kid is still a sophomore and will be going to college in 2027 but it is time to start getting familiar with college admission process, terms and details. This note serves that purpose.

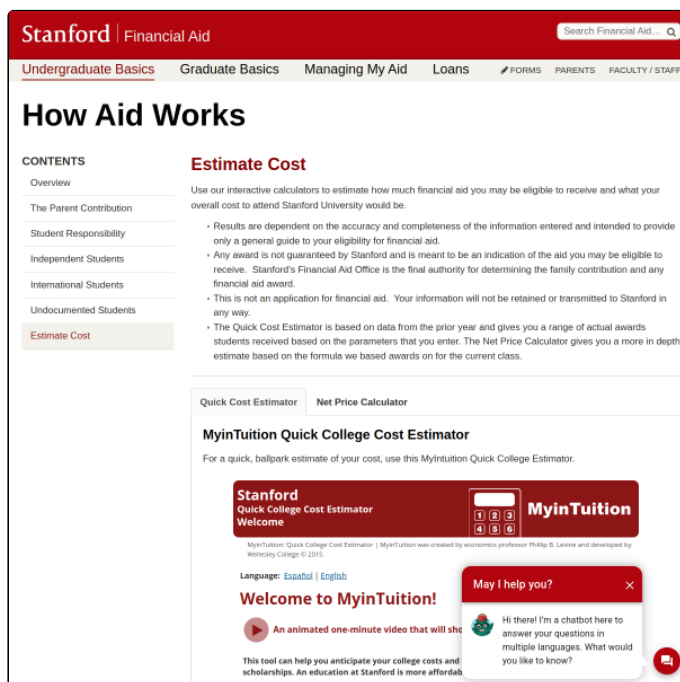
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## Stanford College Tuition + Cost Calculator

When considering a Stanford education, you and your family may be concerned about the high costs. The Financial Aid Office is ready to help. We view the financing of your educational costs as a partnership between you (the student), your family and the University. Our aid program is designed to ensure that your family's economic circumstances will not prevent you from being able to enroll at Stanford.

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### Website:

<https://financialaid.stanford.edu/undergrad/how/calculator/index.html>



## Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be

The video features Frank Bruni discussing his book, "Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania." He challenges the notion that attending prestigious colleges is essential for success, emphasizing that one's achievements and character are more significant than their alma mater.

The video highlights key insights from Frank Bruni's book *Where You Go Is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania*. Bruni offers reassurance to parents and students feeling stressed about the college admissions process.

Key points include:

**Success is not defined by attending a prestigious college** Bruni explains that what matters most is a person's character, work ethic, and adaptability—not the brand name of their school.

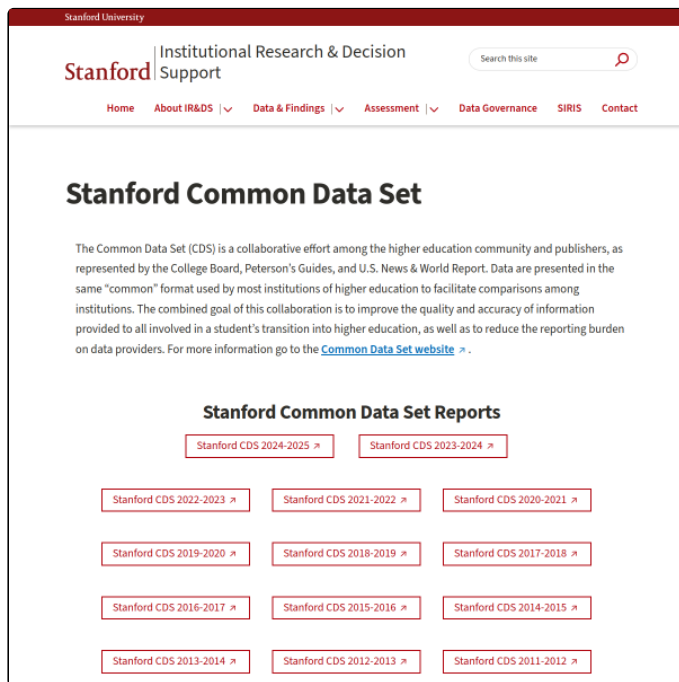
**Broader opportunities:** He emphasizes that students can thrive and succeed in a wide range of educational environments, not just elite institutions.

**Avoiding unnecessary pressure:** For parents, he advises against contributing to the immense pressure many students feel and instead encourages focusing on long-term goals and personal growth. For parents and students, the message is clear: prioritize experiences and skills that build character and resilience over chasing a name-brand institution.

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**Website:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgN2003VYgQ>



## Stanford Common Data Set

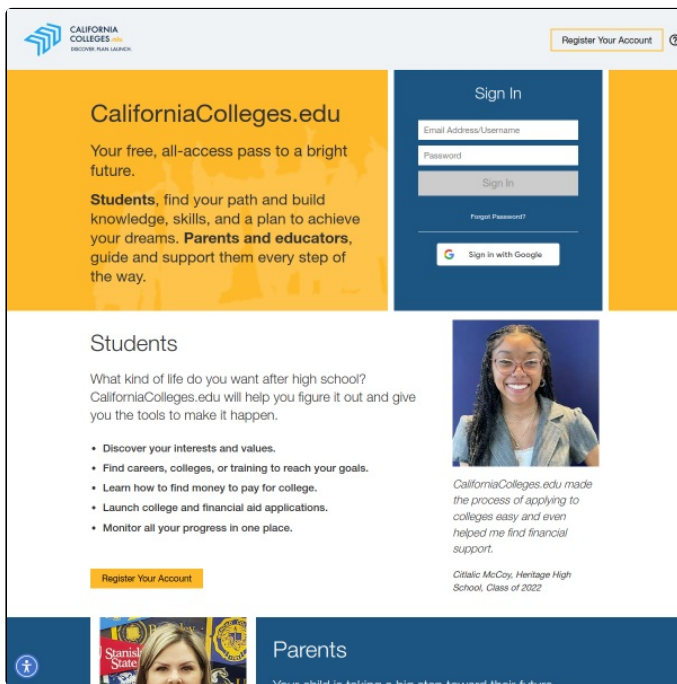
The Common Data Set (CDS) is a collaborative effort among the higher education community and publishers, as represented by the College Board, Peterson’s Guides, and U.S. News & World Report. Data are presented in the same “common” format used by most institutions of higher education to facilitate comparisons among institutions. The combined goal of this collaboration is to improve the quality and accuracy of information provided to all involved in a student’s transition into higher education, as well as to reduce the reporting burden on data providers.

All Common Data Set

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**Website:**

<https://irds.stanford.edu/data-findings/cds>



## California Colleges for Students and Parents

The website [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu) is a comprehensive resource for students, parents, and educators in California. It provides tools and information to help students plan and achieve their college and career goals. Key features include:

**College Exploration:** Information about California's higher education systems, including community colleges, California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), and private colleges.

**Career Planning:** Tools to help students explore career options based on their interests, skills, and goals.

**Financial Aid Guidance:** Resources for understanding and applying for financial aid, including FAFSA and California-specific programs.

**Application Assistance:** Links and tools to streamline the college application process for California schools.

The platform is a one-stop resource to help students make informed decisions about their educational and career futures.

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**Website:**

<https://www.californiacolleges.edu>

# SCORE Account

Student gets a link from their counsellor to access score system.

The screenshot shows the SCORE Discover interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Discover', 'My Colleges', and 'My Profile'. The 'Discover' tab is active. On the right side, there are icons for home, chat, notifications, search, and user profile. The main content area displays '132 Colleges' with various filters applied: Country (United States of America), Undergraduate Degrees (Four-year bachelor's), Tag (Crew, Greek Life, Internships), Academic Focus (Psychology), Size (10000+), Acceptance Rate (70 - 100), Institution Type (Public, Private - Not For-profit). The left sidebar contains search and filter options for College Name, Personal Interests & Activities, and Academic Focus. The main results list four colleges with their respective statistics and criteria.

College Name	Average SAT Score	Average ACT Score	Acceptance Rate	No. Undergrads
Colorado State University (Fort Collins) Fort Collins, CO	1180	26	81%	25,789
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Edinburg, TX	1040	19	80%	24,965
Old Dominion University Norfolk, VA	1080	21	89%	19,176
Kennesaw State University Kennesaw, GA	1140	23	75%	34,499

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## UCs and CSUs



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# University of California and Cal State Universities Costs

## COST OF ATTENDANCE

for California residents estimated 2025-2026

for California residents 2024-2025

<b>The UC Average</b>	<b>On-Campus</b>	<b>Off-Campus</b>
Tuition	\$14,934	\$14,934
Fees	\$1,700	\$1,700
<b>Books and supplies</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>	<b>\$1,400</b>
Health insurance allowance/fee	\$3,500	\$3,500
Room and board	\$20,500	\$18,000
Personal/transportation	\$3,200	\$4,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,234</b>	<b>\$43,634</b>

<b>The CSU Average</b>	<b>On-Campus</b>	<b>Off-Campus</b>
Tuition	\$6,084	\$6,084
Fees	\$2,056	\$2,056
<b>Books and supplies</b>	<b>\$1,057</b>	<b>\$1,057</b>
Misc. Personal	\$2,625	\$3,437
Room and board	\$16,970	\$19,550
Transportation	\$1,381	\$2,485
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,173</b>	<b>\$34,669</b>

Base Tuition: \$14,934

Base Tuition: \$6,084 (2024/2025 year)  
\$6,450 (2025/2026 year)

## TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE

for California residents 2024-2025

### **On-Campus Most** Expensive

UC: Berkeley \$48,574

CSU: San Luis Obispo \$36,579

### **On-Campus Least** Expensive

UC: San Diego \$37,040

CSU: Fresno State \$25,028

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## Minimum Requirements for UCs and CSUs

MINIMUM REQUIRED HIGH SCHOOL COURSEWORK (A-G)		
	A- G	Rocklin USD Graduation
<b>A- HISTORY</b>	<b>2 years</b>	3.5 years
<b>B- ENGLISH</b>	<b>4 years</b>	4 years
<b>C- MATH</b>	<b>3 years</b> (through Integrated Math III)	3 years (through Integrated Math II)
<b>D- LAB SCIENCE</b>	<b>2 years</b>	3 years
<b>E- LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH</b>	<b>2 years</b>	1 year
<b>F- VAPA</b>	<b>1 year</b>	1 year
<b>G- COLLEGE PREP ELECTIVE</b>	<b>1 year</b>	5 years

From the 10th and 11th grades:



**MINIMUM GPA**  
**UC = 3.0**  
**CSU = 2.5**

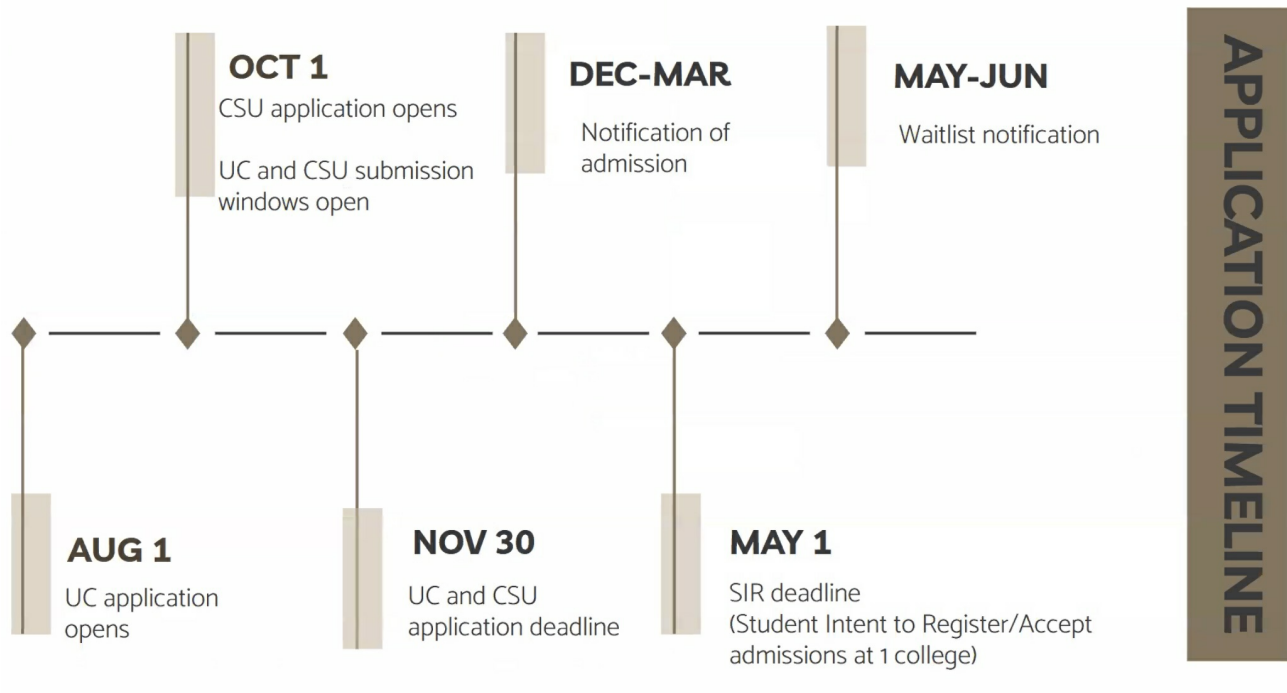
UC/CSU GPA is calculated using only A-G coursework in 10th-11th grade with cap on weighted classes of 8 semesters.

Senior year grades are NOT part of the GPA calculations for UC/CSUs.

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# UCs and CSUs Deadlines for Applications



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# Factors of UC Admissions



## GPA

Based upon A-G GPA  
(Minimum 3.0 gpa)



## OTHER FACTORS

Look beyond grades using holistic review. They evaluate many different forms of achievement.



## TEST BLIND?

The UC's are test blind. They do not look at standardized tests (SAT/ACT) for admissions



## ADMITTED BY MAJOR or?

Some UC campuses admit to the University first and then the major. Others admit by academic area/category but some majors in the category could be selective.. category could be selective..



## UC Application ([apply.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://apply.universityofcalifornia.edu))

All UC's use a single application platform so students only need to complete the application one time, although there is a fee for each school it is sent to.  
for each school it is sent to.

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## Holistic Review Process of UCs

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### HOLISTIC REVIEW

- Grade-Point Average
- Courses Completed/Planned
- Honors Courses
- Top 9% Local Context (ELC)
- Quality of Senior-Year Program of Study
- Academic Opportunities in California High Schools
- Performance in Academic Subject Areas
- Achievements in Special Projects
- Improvement in Academic Performance
- Special Talents, Achievements, and Awards
- Participation in Educational Preparation Programs
- Academic Accomplishment Within Life Experiences
- Geographic Location
- SAT/ACT scores are not considered
- 4 Personal Insight Questions

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## UC Acceptance Rates

### UC ACCEPTANCE RATES BY CAMPUS 2023

University	# of Applicants	# Admitted	Acceptance Rate (%)
Berkeley	145,707	19,155	13%
Davis	115,349	51,312	44%
Irvine	147,848	45,309	30%
Los Angeles	173,400	19,198	11%
Merced	32,940	31,585	96%
Riverside	69,462	51,345	73%
San Diego	156,906	48,282	30%
Santa Barbara	128,646	47,698	37%
Santa Cruz	83,915	54,381	64%

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## Why Attend Community Colleges?

**1**

**EXCELLENT COST SAVINGS**

**2**

**TIME TO MATURE**

**3**

**SECOND CHANCE AT ADMISSION AS  
A TRANSFER STUDENT**

**4**

**GUARANTEED TO TRANSFER  
IN TWO YEARS**

**5**

**JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS**

**WHY CALIFORNIA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES?**

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## RUSD Contacts for Admission

### Contacts:

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[Test Optional Colleges](#)

**What's New**

**2,100 +**  
**Test-Optional/Test-Free schools for 2025**

Record Number of Colleges and Universities Are Test-Optional or Test-Free for Fall 2025 Applicants.

Despite news reports focusing on the few colleges that have returned to testing, most colleges have retained or extended their testing policies including Bowdoin College, Bates, Emory University, University of Connecticut, and University of Michigan.

**FairTest Report: Why College Admissions Should Remain Test Optional or Test Free**

With the pushback of certain media outlets and reinstatement of standardized test requirements by an exceedingly small number of competitive colleges, we thought it a good time to respond to arguments made in favor of testing, and lay out arguments and complete studies, data, and resources in favor of test optional and test free admissions.


**FairTest/NEA Report: Promoting Equity & Excellence Through Performance Based Assessment**

On May 11, 2023, the NEA and FairTest convened educators, school and non-profit leaders, academics, and assessment experts for a series of panel discussions on the development and implementation of performance based assessments (PBA) as a mechanism for deeper learning and student equity. We examined the requirements for high quality assessments and scaling their use, how PBA can intersect with state accountability systems, policy reforms that would nurture their development, and the validity and

## Which Schools Do not Require SAT/ACT?

# FairTest.org

## List of test optional schools



Go here for schools that do not require SAT/ACT.

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**Website:**

<http://fairtest.org/>

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## Which Colleges and Universities Will Be Requiring the SAT or ACT for the Class of 2025?

Dr. Rachel Rubin | April 9, 2024

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## Schools Requiring SAT/ACT

Go here for schools that require SAT/ACT.

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**Website:**

<https://www.sparkadmissions.com/blog/colleges-requiring-standardized-test-scores/>

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# SAT/ACT Recommended Testing Timeline

	Early Fall	Spring
<b>Junior Year</b>	PSAT (if offered)	SAT or ACT (1st time - early spring semester)
		SAT or ACT (optional 2nd time - late spring semester)
<b>Senior Year</b>	SAT or ACT (optional 2nd time-summer or very early Fall)	

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## Test Sites

# Registering

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**SAT**

**[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)**

**ACT**

**[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)**

\*as of March of 2024 SAT is a digital exam.

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## Local Test Prep Classes

# Preparing

### Classroom Test Prep

Rocklin/Granite Bay Test Prep:  
<http://granitebaytestprep.com/>



Varsity Tutors (live online):  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12P88Rrwy|LRf5VIYOBuuN6rI3vBVxrUa/view?usp=sharing>



### Online Test Prep

Khan Academy:  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>



ACT:  
<https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/test-preparation.html>



Revolution Prep/Zoom Proctored:  
<https://www.revolutionprep.com/partners/3211/>  
Stay tuned for Fall Dates



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# Scholarship Database Websites



- **Scholarships.com**
- **Bigfuture.org**
- **Fastweb.com**

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## College and Career Center Notifications for RUSD



# Other College and Career Center Notifications

- **Remind Texts: Text @rocklinccc to 81010**
- **Sunday Night Weekly Thunder Forecast Emails**
- **Student Broadcast Morning Announcements**
- **Emails from Mrs. Lund**

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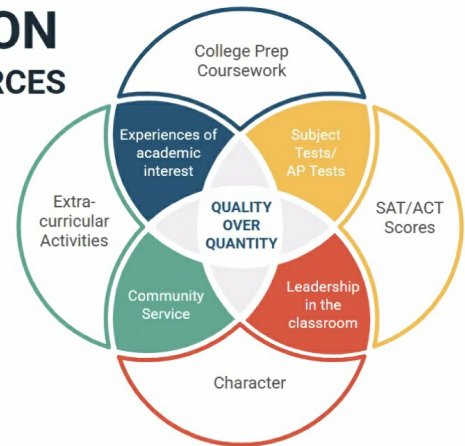
# Links, Links and Links



## COLLEGE ADMISSION • TIPS • TIMELINES • RESOURCES

### HELPFUL WEBSITES

College Prep Coursework (A-G): <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/guide/>  
 SAT: <https://www.collegeboard.org>  
 ACT: <https://www.act.org>  
 FAFSA (do not complete until October 1 of senior year): <https://fafsa.gov>  
 Federal Student Aid Estimator (try anytime): <https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/>  
 CADAA/CalGrant Info: <https://www.csac.ca.gov/>  
 WUE: <https://wuesavingsfinder.wiche.edu/>  
 College Search Tools: <https://scoir.com> or [californiacolleges.edu](http://californiacolleges.edu)  
 Scholarships: <https://scholarships.com>, <https://fastweb.com>, <https://bigfuture.org>  
 College Athletics: <https://web3.ncaa.org>, <https://play.mynaia.org/>  
 RHS College and Career Center: <https://rhs.rocklinusd.org/subsites/Career-Center/>



Freshman +	Sophomore +	Junior +	Senior
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Get involved</li> <li>* Explore courses and activities.</li> <li>* Create good study habits</li> <li>* Research and tour colleges</li> <li>* Start your resume</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Deepen your interests</li> <li>* Look for experiences outside of the classroom</li> <li>* Attend case study</li> <li>* Continue resume</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* SAT/ACT spring semester</li> <li>* Try an AP class?</li> <li>* Take on a leadership role</li> <li>* Deepen college search and create college list</li> <li>* Attend rep visits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* College applications</li> <li>* Scholarship applications</li> <li>* FAFSA</li> <li>* Admitted student events</li> <li>* Decision Day</li> <li>* Finish strong</li> </ul>



[College Planning Timeline Presentation](#)

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