College Access for All
Building a college- and career-ready culture in every New York City public school

Nearly one in four NYC students does not enroll in college or other meaningful postsecondary pathways after graduation. College Access for All aims to reduce the gap between high school graduation and postsecondary enrollment.

What is College Access for All?
College Access for All (CA4A) is part of the mayor’s ambitious “Equity and Excellence” agenda to ensure all NYC students succeed in their postsecondary path. College Access for All is aimed at ensuring that every high school will have the resources they need to create a college- and career-ready culture that enables all students to develop a meaningful postsecondary plan. CA4A’s goal is to raise the bar of achievement for every student, shifting the focus from high school graduation to postsecondary success, and graduating students with the skills, mindsets, and long-term planning abilities required to thrive in the postsecondary pathway of their choice.

How Does CA4A Work?
CA4A offers participating high schools three years of funding, as well as access to a community dedicated to increasing college and career access for students by advancing the best practices needed to build a “college- and career-ready” culture in every high school. This support is anchored in four core components:

| College- and career-ready culture | ✓ Bring together teaching and counseling staff to embed college and career conversations across each student’s high school experience |
| Professional learning | ✓ Build staff capacity, understanding, and investment through training and coaching |
| Aligning of resources to goals | ✓ Support your improvement plan with funding to reach your goals |
| Postsecondary planning teams | ✓ Create systems and structures for measuring student success and assessing your postsecondary program |

Survey response options: “My school created an atmosphere that encourages students to work towards a college degree.” “Adults showed me options for how to pay for college (e.g., scholarships, grants, loans, work-study programs).”

CA4A’s Numbers
CA4A schools build a schoolwide college- and career-ready culture. Among the 101 schools in the first cohort of CA4A schools, surveys found significant growth:

- **TEACHERS:** My CA4A school created a college-going atmosphere
  - 2016: 88%
  - 2017: 95%

- **STUDENTS:** Adults showed me options for how to pay for college
  - 2016: 73%
  - 2017: 81%
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**College Access for All Events**

*For schools that joined 2016–17 and 2017–18*

- **SUMMER**: Summer Institute Refresher
  - Dates Vary

- **FALL**:
  - College Application Week
  - Third Thursday, Sept 27

- **WINTER**:
  - Financial Aid Awareness Month
  - Third Thursday, Nov 15

- **SPRING**:
  - SAT School Day
  - Third Thursday, Mar 21

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**The Team**

Supporting high schools means being available and responsive. The College Access for All team is dedicated to making this program work for your building, and that includes answering any and all questions about how or where the program can best fit your needs. **For questions on...**

**MISSION, GOALS, AND OVERALL LEADERSHIP:**
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Reach out to us!

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