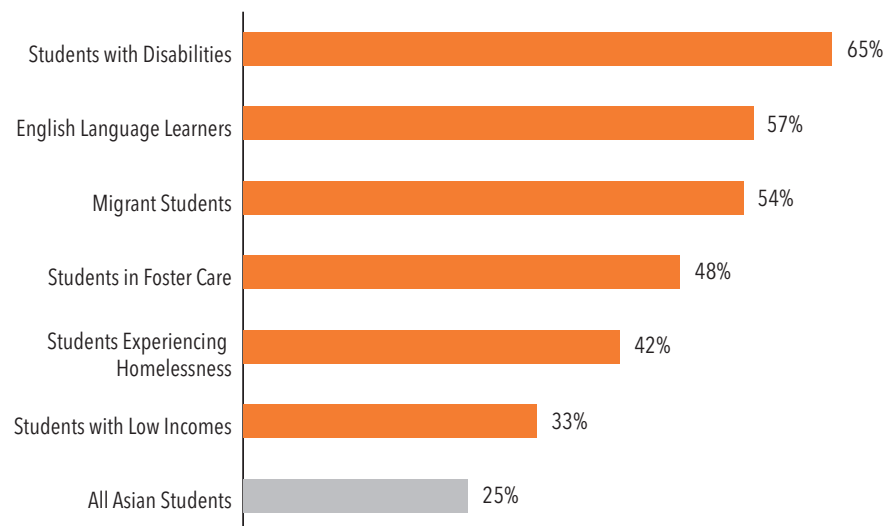




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Among Asian Students, Key Student Groups Are Less Likely to Complete the Courses Required for Admission to CSU or UC

Percentage of Asian High School Graduates Not Meeting A-G Course Requirement, 2018-19



Note: Students must complete at least 15 college preparatory courses ("A-G") with a grade of C or better to be eligible for admission to the California State University or the University of California.
Source: Budget Center analysis of California Department of Education data

- California is home to the California State University (CSU) and the University of California (UC), which educate thousands of students every year and help them build strong futures for themselves and their communities. CSU and UC require that high school students complete certain courses, known as A-G courses, to be eligible for admission.
- However, California high school students do not have an equal opportunity to successfully fulfill these requirements. This includes Asian students, despite a "model minority" myth that obscures systemic racism, particularly in education. In 2018-19, while a quarter of all Asian students did not complete the A-G pathway, **outcomes were worse for Asian students with disabilities, Asian students experiencing homelessness, and Asian students with low incomes, among others.**
- Policymakers can improve CSU and UC access by reforming course requirements so that all students have an equitable chance at pursuing higher education, irrespective of their socioeconomic backgrounds.