

**STEP 1:** GO TO CALIFORNIACOLLEGES.EDU

**STEP 2:** SIGN-IN

- **ACCOUNT NAME FORMAT:** erusdpermanentid#
- **PASSWORD:** MMDDYYYY (Date of Birth)
- **EXAMPLE:**

*John Smith*

*Permanent ID#:12345*

*Date of Birth: January 1, 1999*

**Account Name:** *erusd12345*

**Password:** *01011999*

The screenshot shows the CaliforniaColleges.edu website. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with links for Home, Career Planning, High School Planning, College Planning, Financial Aid Planning, and Your Portfolio. Below the navigation menu is a 'Who Are You?' section with a grid of user roles: Middle School Student, High School Student, Community College Student, Parents/Guardians, and Educators. To the right of this section is a 'Sign In' form with fields for 'Account name:' and 'Password:', a 'Sign In' button, and links for 'New to this site? Create an Account', 'Forgot your account name or password?', and a 'Resources' section with links for 'An Introduction to CaliforniaColleges.edu', 'FAFSA on the Web', and 'Financial Aid for DREAM Act Students'. The 'Sign In' form is circled in red.

**NOTE: DO NOT CHANGE PASSWORD!** The first time you sign in, you will be prompted to change your password. KEEP YOUR BIRTHDAY IN THIS FORMAT **MMDDYYYY** AS YOUR PASSWORD! Some, but not all students, are also prompted to create a security question and/or enter basic information about themselves. If this happens to you, simply enter the information and when you're done click on **Home**.