

## Welcome Aboard the ARCC: A Quick Reference Guide for ARCC College Contacts

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### Overview/Background

California State Assembly Bill AB1417 (Pacheco) [Chapter 581, Statutes of 2004] required the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to recommend to the Legislature and Governor a workable structure (framework) for annual evaluation of community college performance in meeting statewide educational outcome priorities. Pursuant to AB 1417, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) worked with community college institutional researchers and an external panel of nationally recognized experts in higher education accountability to develop the mandated performance evaluation structure, now called *Accountability Reporting for the Community Colleges*, or ARCC.

The report provides an overview of system performance on specific indicators (transfer, vocational certificates, participation, etc.), along with college demographics and college performance on certain indicators (transfer, ESL, basic skills, vocational, etc).

The System Office issued the first ARCC report in 2007 and the report is updated annually every March. Each college has opportunities to review a draft of the report and resubmit data if needed. Additionally, each college can submit to the System Office a self-assessment regarding its performance, and the annual report includes these self-assessments.

### College/District Responsibilities and the Timeline

**Contacts:** Colleges and districts need to ensure that information for a primary and secondary contact has been provided to the ARCC staff. This is probably the most important step in staying updated on ARCC issues. All contacts will be added to the ARCC e-mail distribution list. ARCC staff sends reminders and announcements on a regular basis. Colleges should e-mail contact changes to: [arcc@cccoco.edu](mailto:arcc@cccoco.edu).

#### Data:

- **First Draft (October):** Colleges need to ensure that their college submits complete data (including Spring program awards) annually by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. We pull data for ARCC shortly after this deadline. We calculate data and send the first draft report out in late October. Colleges are given until early December to review the first draft report and resubmit their data.
- **Second Draft (January/February):** After we receive data resubmissions, we recalculate the ARCC college indicators and add a peer grouping analysis to the second draft. Each college has 30 days to respond to the data in the second draft by submitting a 500-word self-assessment of its performance.
- **Final Report (March):** The Chancellor's Office adds the individual college self-assessments and issues a final report. Each college has one year in which to present the ARCC report to its local

Board of Trustees. Proof of board interaction (such as board minutes) with the ARCC report is due annually to the System Office.

**Timeline**

The table below shows the approximate timeline for the ARCC 2010 report.

Please note that dates are subject to change. We will notify our ARCC contacts if the dates change.

Date	Item	Notes
September 1, 2009	Program Award Data Submission for 2008-09 Due to CCCCCO MIS	Data will be used to generate the first draft of ARCC
October 23, 2009	Draft #1 Released	Contains college data only; no Systemwide Section. Begins college-level data review period.
October 23 to December 1, 2009	College deadline to resubmit data	Data revisions must be submitted by 5pm on December 1, 2009 through CCCCCO MIS.
February 2, 2010	Draft #2 Released	Contains systemwide data, college-level data, and peer grouping. Begins 30-day college self-assessment period.
February 2 to March 2, 2010	College self-assessment period	Self-assessments must be submitted by 5pm on March 2, 2010
March 15, 2010	<b>2009</b> ARCC Board of Trustee Interaction due	Submit minutes by 5pm on March 15, 2010
March 30, 2010	ARCC 2010 Report Released	Final version

## Resources

We have many resources available for your use at the ARCC website, including a set of Frequently Asked Questions.

## ARCC Materials

The most current ARCC information is available on the ARCC website (methodology of indicators, copies of all past reports, timeline, updates, ARCC contacts, self-assessment guidelines, board of trustee interaction examples, etc.) at:

<http://www.cccco.edu/SystemOffice/Divisions/TechResearchInfo/ResearchandPlanning/ARCC/tabid/292/Default.aspx>

**Data on Demand Website:** This is a password-protected website that offers student-level data for some of the ARCC data.

<https://misweb.cccco.edu/dataondemand/>

To obtain a user name/password for the Data on Demand Website, contact your local MIS staff person/CISO or contact Debbie Gutierrez at [dgutierrez@cccco.edu](mailto:dgutierrez@cccco.edu).

## Questions/Comments?

Please contact Willard Hom at the Chancellor's Office if you have any questions related to ARCC. He can be reached at: [arcc@cccco.edu](mailto:arcc@cccco.edu).