

2020 Legislative Principles

OVERVIEW

The Board of Governors provides representation, advocacy and accountability for the California Community Colleges (Ed Code § 70901(b)(4)). The Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors directs the Chancellor to represent the system on matters pending before the state and federal governments and authorizes the Chancellor to take positions on pending legislation on behalf of the Board, as specified (Procedures and Standing Orders § 317). Except under authorized circumstances, the Chancellor's Office consults with Consultation Council and the Board of Governors prior to taking positions on legislative matters.

These legislative principles guide the Chancellor's Office in engaging in matters before the state and federal governments:

1. The Chancellor's Office supports legislation that strengthens the California Community Colleges ability to meet the goals established in the *Vision for Success*, advances the priorities established in the annual *Budget and Legislative Request*, and is consistent with prior statements of Board of Governors policy.
2. The Chancellor's Office supports local governance. The Chancellor's Office, in general, will remain neutral on legislative matters affecting local board operations, local collective bargaining, or a particular community college district.
3. The Chancellor's Office will engage on legislation that is statewide in nature, where the justification for state intervention is compelling, and where the Chancellor's Office position is supported by available data and evidence.
4. The Chancellor's Office supports the fiscal integrity of the system and efforts to maximize resources available to California Community Colleges within and outside of Proposition 98. In general, the Chancellor's Office is concerned with unfunded mandates.
5. The Chancellor's Office legislative positions will aim to ensure that administrative obligations imposed by law upon local districts and the Chancellor's Office are adequately funded, provide value to policy development, and serve the interests of students and the system.
6. The Chancellor's Office will advocate for adequate representation by the California Community Colleges on appropriate boards, commissions, task forces, study groups, and other bodies that may have an impact on the system.

LEGISLATIVE ISSUE MATRIX

The following matrix guides the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office legislative policies and positions for the 2019-20 Legislative Session.

Issue	Summary/Actions	State/Federal	Vision Goal
Baccalaureate Degrees	Support legislation authorizing the Board of Governors to approve responsible, evidence based baccalaureate degree programs at California Community Colleges.	State	1, 4, 5, 6
Basic Needs	Support legislation that increases access to services and programs that address students basic needs, including but necessarily limited to food insecurity, housing and homelessness, health care, mental health.	State/Federal	All
Board of Governors	Maintain neutrality on legislation affecting the Board of Governors composition, or appointments and confirmation processes.	State	N/A
Career Education	Support legislation that strengthens the system's role in providing career education that helps students achieve social mobility and economic security.	State/Federal	1, 4
Chancellor's Office	Support legislation that provides the Chancellor's Office with sufficient resources and staffing to carry out duties as required by state law.	State	All
Collective Bargaining	Maintain neutrality on legislation that affects matters typically part of local collective bargaining agreements.	State	N/A
College Access	Support the Master Plan for Higher Education commitment to college access for all; support efforts to remove barriers to college access (Eg: standardized testing)	State/Federal	All
Data Sharing	Support legislation that ensures data sharing among educational and workforce segments for the purpose of improving student access and success.	State/Federal	All

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Dual Enrollment	Support legislation that reduces unnecessary barriers to dual enrollment and increases dual enrollment opportunities for traditionally underserved students.	State	All
Facilities	Support legislation that provides adequate resources and authority for the system to meet facility needs as outlined in the Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan.	State	All
Financial Aid	Support legislation that increases financial aid available to help community college students afford the total cost of college, removes eligibility barriers to financial aid, and provides adequate resources to college financial aid offices to support students.	State/Federal	All
Guided Pathways	Support legislation that provides colleges with the opportunity to implement Guided Pathways for the purpose of significantly improving student outcomes.	State/Federal	All
Intersegmental Partnerships	Support legislation that encourages cooperation among educational segments and provides adequate protections for students attending for-profit colleges.	State/Federal	2, 5, 6
Local Governing Boards	Maintain neutrality on legislation that affects the composition and operations of local governing boards.	State	N/A
Proposition 98	Support legislation that increases financial resources available to community college districts and protects Proposition 98 funds.	State	All

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Single District Legislation	Maintain neutrality specific district legislation unless it affects resource allocations for other districts or diverges from the mission of the California Community colleges.	State/Federal	N/A
Special Student Populations	Support legislation that allows colleges to provide educational opportunities for special populations and historically underrepresented groups outlined in Student Equity Plans, including but not limited to undocumented students, first generation students, low-income students, foster youth, veterans, incarcerated and formerly incarcerated students, students with disabilities, and homeless students.	State/Federal	5, 6
Student Centered Funding Formula	Support legislation that ensures full funding and implementation of the Student Centered Funding Formula.	State	All
Student Equity and Achievement Program	Support legislation that advances the system wide goal of boosting achievement for all students with an emphasis on eliminating achievement gaps for student from traditionally underrepresented groups.	State/Federal	All
Student Safety	Support legislation that ensures student and campus safety, and assists districts in compliance with state/federal student and campus safety laws, including, but not limited to Title IX, Clery Act, and Violence Against Women Act.	State/Federal	All

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Transfer	Support legislation that maximizes opportunities for community college students to transfer to high-quality universities, and ensures alignment to the framework established under the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act (SB 1440, Statutes of 2010).	State	2, 3, 5, 6