

TO: Chief Executive Officers
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RE: Vision-Aligned Reporting – Fall 2025 Update

Overview

Vision-Aligned Reporting (VAR) brings the California Community Colleges' Vision 2030 commitment to equity in access, success, and support to life. By connecting activity-level information across our programs to local and statewide goals, VAR empowers colleges and the system to transform data into insight and action. Supported through the system's DataVista platform and MIS reporting, VAR will help colleges understand progress, identify barriers and areas for targeted improvement, recognize and build on strengths, and improve student outcomes.

Vision-Aligned Reporting builds on existing efforts – it is not a new initiative, but a refined integrated process designed to support improvement across activities, programs, and colleges. VAR data will not be used to determine funding, trigger audits, or for any punitive action. Its sole purpose is to foster *learning, collaboration, and continuous improvement* across colleges and programs.

This approach reflects a core Vision 2030 principle: *using data with purpose*. VAR moves beyond compliance to deliver actionable insights that inform decisions, align investments, and advance equity. With VAR, colleges gain a unified view of program performance and can more easily identify opportunities to enhance student experience, improve student outcomes, and close equity gaps.

At the system level, aggregated VAR data will inform policy development and help to highlight and share effective practices. At the college level, VAR data can be used in program planning and grant development and strengthen cross-department collaboration. By aligning program reporting with

the Vision 2030 framework, VAR turns information into a shared local and systemwide tool for understanding and student-centered improvement.

College Responsibilities and Collaboration

Vision-Aligned Reporting will be most successful when colleges embrace it as a shared, collective responsibility. The Chancellor's Office strongly encourages collaboration between college programs, institutional research, and information technology teams and their VAR Leads to streamline processes, promote consistency, and support a unified and integrated campus-wide approach. Participation in VAR is a college-wide responsibility. Each year, additional programs will be incorporated into the VAR process so early investment in clear policies and procedures for VAR reporting will position colleges for smooth integration of future programs. The Chancellor's Office continues to be available to support colleges in a variety of ways, including meeting with campus teams or individual programs upon request to provide guidance, answer questions, and strengthen local implementation. Each college has designated a VAR Lead who serves as primary coordinator for local implementation and reporting. Colleges that are unsure of their VAR lead should contact VARSupport@FoundationCCC.org for assistance.

Fiscal and MIS Reporting

Programs that report fiscal data through the Student Services Automated Reporting for Community Colleges (SSARCC) system should continue using that platform to do so. Other programs may have different fiscal reporting processes or platforms. For guidance on fiscal reporting requirements, contact the appropriate Chancellor's Office program staff listed in the [Compendium of Allocations and Resources](#). The Chancellor's Office is working to expand VAR to include fiscal reporting in the future, aligning all program data under a single, integrated reporting framework.

VAR does not replace any existing MIS reporting. Additionally, beginning in Fall 2025, programs included in VAR will be required to submit student-level data through MIS. Additional information on the MIS requirements is available in the Sept. 12, 2025, MIS Data Submission webinar recording [here](#). For any VAR-related questions, please attend the VAR Office Hours (see details below).

VAR Implementation Timeline

The Chancellor's Office is implementing Vision-Aligned Reporting (VAR) in yearly phases to allow colleges time to build local capacity, strengthen processes, and prepare for full integration of program activity and fiscal data. The following timeline outlines reporting expectations for the first three years of implementation.

Year 1: Fall 2024 - Spring 2025

Report Due: Dec. 15, 2025

Includes:

- Program-level data for CalWORKs, CARE, CCAP, DSPS, EOPS, MESA, Middle College High School, NextUp, SEA, SWP, Transfer, Veterans Resource Centers
- College-level narratives completed in summer/fall 2025.

Year 2: Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

Report Due: Dec. 15, 2026

Includes:

- Program-level data for all programs from Year 1 plus Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander (AANHPI)
- Student-level data for programs above submitted via MIS within 30 days after the end of each academic term.
- College-level narratives completed in summer/fall 2026.

Important Notes:

- Student-level data submission via MIS becomes required for VAR beginning in fall 2025.
- Summer 2025 data is optional but encouraged.
- Colleges have the option to add additional programs into VAR as desired.

Year 3: Summer 2026 - Spring 2027

Report Due: Dec. 15, 2027

Includes:

- All programs from prior years plus Basic Needs Centers and California College Promise
- Program-level data submitted via MIS within 30 days after the end of each academic term.
- College-level narratives completed in summer/fall 2027.

Important Notes:

- Student-level data submission via MIS is required for all VAR programs.
- Summer 2026 data is required.

Save-the-Date

To support colleges in their VAR implementation, the Chancellor's Office will host three convenings, two regional convenings and one for new programs, in early 2026 to strengthen local capacity and ensure thoughtful, effective implementation. These in-person gatherings will offer hands-on support, peer learning, and strategic planning aligned with Vision 2030. Registration information and agendas will be released later this fall.

Northern California Convening

- Feb. 26, 2026
- DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento

Southern California Convening

- March 6, 2026
- Long Beach Airport Marriott

New Programs Convening

- March 27, 2026
- DoubleTree Hotel Sacramento

VAR Technical Assistance and Resources

A full suite of resources to assist colleges with implementing Vision-Aligned Reporting is available, from helping new programs get started to refining local processes.

- **VAR Webpage**: Central hub for updates, tools, and announcements
- **User manuals**: general and program-specific guides, updated to reflect ongoing feedback from the field.
- Vision Resource Center (VRC) module: **Introduction to Vision-Aligned Reporting** and **Training for New College Implementation Leads**
- **Weekly Office Hours**: Live Zoom sessions for Q&A and live implementation support for all college staff.

Tuesdays
12 - 1 p.m.
[Tuesday Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 832 6625 2352
Passcode: 344534

Thursdays
10 - 11 a.m.
[Thursday Zoom Link](#)
Meeting ID: 881 8400 5194
Passcode: 722374

You may send any questions regarding this memo or Vision-Aligned Reporting to VARSupport@FoundationCCC.org.

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