



TO: Chief Instructional Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
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Transfer Center Directors

FROM: James E. Todd, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

RE: Dual Admission Program Update for First-Year College Students

Purpose

This memo provides updated guidance on the Dual Admission Program for first-year college admits and references the Chancellor's Office memorandum [ESS 23-35](#), *Dual Admission Program for First Year College Admits* (August 2023). New legislation, [Senate Bill 640](#) (2025), extends and modifies the California State University (CSU) dual admission framework and introduces new obligations for the California Community Colleges (CCC). California community colleges play a crucial role in ensuring the program's effectiveness in driving equitable transfer for our students.

Background

[Assembly Bill 132](#) (2021) established Education Code [66744.1](#) and [66744.2](#), requiring the California State University (CSU) and requesting the University of California (UC) to create a dual admission transfer pathway for **first-time freshman applicants**. The program is designed to expand access for underrepresented students facing curricular, geographic, or financial barriers; increase graduation rates among underrepresented students; reduce student costs and time to degree completion; and strengthen transfer pathways. The program expands access and ensures more students can successfully transfer from a California community college to a CSU or UC to earn a bachelor's degree. This goal aligns with the Vision 2030 framework for equitable baccalaureate attainment.

The dual admissions program was initially established as a three-year pilot program, beginning with the 2023–24 academic year and continuing through the 2025–26 academic year.

The CSU system's dual admission program, [Transfer Success Pathway \(TSP\)](#), commenced in August 2023 for eligible California community college students. TSP allows eligible students to enter into an agreement with a specific CSU campus and degree program, securing guaranteed admission upon completion of transfer requirements within three academic years through the

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California community college system. CSU has since established TSP as a permanent transfer program.

The [UC Dual Admission](#) program launched its inaugural cohort in fall 2023. Participation is by invitation, with eligible students identified and contacted by UC program staff. The UC Dual Admission program is currently in the third year of its three-year pilot, and the program's status beyond the 2025–26 cohort remains under review.

Senate Bill 640 (2025) Key Updates to CSU Dual Admission Program

Senate Bill 640 (2025), effective Jan. 1, 2026, amends Education Code 66744.1 related to the CSU dual admission program (TSP). Key amendments include:

- Extension of the CSU dual admission program from the 2025–26 academic year to the 2035–36 academic year.
- Expansion of the allowable timeframe for program participants to complete requirements from two academic years to three academic years, including completion of an associate degree for Transfer (ADT) or equivalent.
- New implementation requirements for California community colleges to actively promote the dual admission program.

Implementation Requirements for CSU Dual Admission at the California Community Colleges

While Education Code 66744.1 directs CSU to establish the dual admission program, California community colleges play a critical role in ensuring the program's effectiveness and student impact. Amendments enacted through SB 640 expand college responsibilities beyond promotion to include early, consistent, and coordinated engagement with students who may benefit from participation.

Early identification and timely onboarding of eligible and potentially eligible students is essential. Colleges are strongly encouraged to prioritize outreach and advising efforts that introduce the Transfer Success Pathway and dual admission opportunity as early as possible, particularly for first-time, first-year students who may benefit from structured transfer planning, clearer pathways, and an early connection to a CSU destination campus.

The agreement cycle for eligible students runs from August 1 through October 31, with some CSU campuses accepting responses through November 30. Eligible students may apply to the program through the CSU Transfer Planner. Additional guidance on how to enter into an agreement within the Transfer Planner is available [here](#).

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To support this work, colleges should develop **local practices that intentionally connect counseling, outreach, admissions and records, and transfer center functions**, ensuring that students receive consistent information, aligned messaging, and coordinated support throughout their educational journey. Cross-departmental collaboration will be critical to helping students understand eligibility, participation benefits, and required milestones. Colleges are also encouraged to consider how local resource allocation—including staffing and use of existing structures—may be aligned to effectively support these coordination and implementation efforts.

This work should be viewed not only as a **statutory compliance expectation**, but also as an important equitable institutional strategy to:

- Improve transfer readiness through early and structured academic planning
- Strengthen students' sense of belonging and connection to a CSU campus
- Increase equitable transfer outcomes and overall transfer success

Per amended Education Code 66744.1, colleges are required to actively promote the dual admission program and complete the following promotional activities:

- Share information during new student orientation
- Provide information through an annual email to new students each fall term
- Post information in an easily identifiable and accessible format on the college website
- Post information in counseling offices and transfer centers

As part of these efforts, colleges should ensure that students clearly understand the **benefits of participation**, including:

- Earlier and more intentional academic and transfer planning
- An early connection to a CSU campus and major
- More coordinated counseling and transfer support across institutions

To further support local outreach and promotion efforts, CSU will be providing **marketing and communications materials** for use by California community colleges in student-facing contexts.

Colleges are also encouraged to align dual admission promotion and academic advising with use of the **CSU Transfer Planner**, an important companion resource for this work. The CSU Transfer Planner was designed specifically for California Community College transfer students and helps students plan coursework, track progress toward transfer, and connect with CSU campuses.

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Additionally, colleges may find it helpful to leverage existing **professional learning resources** as they implement or expand this work. The CSU maintains a collection of recorded webinars and training resources focused on transfer pathways, advising, and implementation practices, available [here](#).

Please refer to memo [ESS 23-35](#) for additional statutory mandates and program implementation considerations, including fee waivers, access to standard student services, education plan notation for participants, cohort monitoring and reporting, and priority registration and counseling. Colleges should continue to follow the guidance outlined in prior communications while strengthening local implementation approaches under SB 640.

For additional program details, please visit the Chancellor's Office [Dual Admission](#) webpage. The [I Can Go to College](#) website also includes student-facing information about both the CSU Transfer Success Pathway and the UC Dual Admission program. Please direct any questions to Transfer@CCCCO.edu.

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