



TO: Chief Student Services Officers
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RE: California College Promise Program Funding Formula

This memorandum provides an update regarding the California College Promise Program funding, beginning with the 2026–27 fiscal year. It outlines adjustments to Factor A to better align with the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 2 and describes the phased three-year implementation approach.

Background

The California College Promise Program was established in 2017 through AB 19 and AB 2 to support college affordability and increase student success at California community colleges. The program allows colleges to use funds to waive fees and provide other support services for first-time, full-time, and returning students who do not receive a California College Promise Grant (CCPG) fee waiver and meet other eligibility criteria. The program funding formula used to determine college allocations was established in [California Education Code Section 76396](#).

To support funding stability for colleges during enrollment shifts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Promise Program allocations had been set to levels determined by the funding formula for the 2019–20 fiscal year, supplemented by additional funding as available. In April 2025, the Chancellor's Office communicated with colleges the intention of returning to determining college allocations based on the legislated funding formula based on prior-prior year data submitted by colleges to the Chancellor's Office Management Information System (COMIS).

Following feedback from colleges regarding the potential impacts of shifting away from the temporary static funding approach implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chancellor's Office determined that 2025–26 allocations would remain static for an additional fiscal year and convened a funding formula committee to gather additional recommendations for returning allocations determined by the funding formula methodology.

Funding Formula Overview

The current funding formula allocates funds in three steps.

1. Funds are calculated to determine the amount needed to waive student fees for two years for first-time, full-time students, based on data from all four terms of the prior-prior year (Factor A).
2. Any remaining funds are then distributed using a fair-share calculation: 90 percent is allocated based on each college's share of systemwide Pell Grant recipients (Factor B).
3. The remaining 10 percent is allocated based on each college's share of systemwide full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment (Factor C).

This approach ensures fee-waiver obligations are met first, with remaining funds distributed primarily based on student financial need and secondarily on enrollment size.

Table 1: The Allocation formula consists of the following components:

Factor A	Factor B	Factor C	Allocation
Amount required to waive fees for two years	Fair share of Pell Grant recipients (90% of remaining funds after factor A)	Fair share of Full-Time equivalent (FTE) enrollment (10% of remaining funds after Factor A)	Sum of Factors A, B, and C

Beginning with the 2026–27 fiscal year, Factor A of the formula will be adjusted to better align with requirements of AB 2, to include the amount needed to waive fees for first time, full-time students as well as returning students with no enrollment breaks.

Implementation

Implementation of the updated allocation methodology will occur through a phased three-year approach:

- **Year 1:** Each campus will receive two-thirds (67%) of its actual 2025–26 allocation amount, with the remaining one-third (33%) allocated using the updated formula.
- **Year 2:** Each campus will receive one-third (33%) of its 2025–26 allocation amount, with the remaining two-thirds (67%) allocated using the updated formula.
- **Year 3:** Funding will fully transition to the updated legislated allocation methodology.

The Chancellor's Office will continue to support colleges by offering, including through system webinars and individual meetings, to ensure colleges are informed about the changes to the funding formula. Appendix A of this memo includes the projected college allocations for 2026–27 based on current state-level funding.

Final allocation amounts will be provided once the 2026–27 state budget has been signed.

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Appendix A: Projected Allocations for Fiscal Year 2026–27

District	College	Allocation
Allan Hancock	Allan Hancock	\$508,608
Antelope Valley	Antelope Valley	\$975,605
Barstow	Barstow	\$214,097
Butte	Butte	\$956,025
Cabrillo	Cabrillo	\$843,239
Cerritos	Cerritos	\$1,448,237
Chabot-Las Positas	Chabot	\$952,322
Chabot-Las Positas	Las Positas	\$1,084,407
Chaffey	Chaffey	\$1,474,742
Citrus	Citrus	\$932,789
Coast	Coastline	\$213,242
Coast	Golden West	\$847,355
Coast	Orange Coast	\$1,725,750
Compton	Compton	\$224,743
Contra Costa	Contra Costa	\$303,929
Contra Costa	Diablo Valley	\$1,489,883
Contra Costa	Los Medanos	\$717,035
Copper Mountain	Copper Mountain	\$115,518
Desert	Desert	\$769,886
El Camino	El Camino	\$1,946,719

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Feather River	Feather River	\$100,965
Foothill-Deanza	De Anza	\$1,985,668
Foothill-Deanza	Foothill	\$961,511
Gavilan	Gavilan	\$440,130
Glendale	Glendale	\$1,017,138
Grossmont-Cuyamaca	Cuyamaca	\$434,725
Grossmont-Cuyamaca	Grossmont	\$1,110,950
Hartnell	Hartnell	\$491,079
Kern	Bakersfield	\$1,485,478
Kern	Cerro Coso	\$197,734
Kern	Porterville	\$262,789
Lake Tahoe	Lake Tahoe	\$104,177
Lassen	Lassen	\$84,598
Long Beach	Long Beach City	\$1,798,916
Los Angeles	East Los Angeles	\$1,391,417
Los Angeles	Los Angeles City	\$613,614
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Harbor	\$490,887
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Mission	\$397,742
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Pierce	\$1,174,975
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Trade-Tech	\$575,477
Los Angeles	Los Angeles Valley	\$783,301

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Los Angeles	Southwest Los Angeles	\$195,601
Los Angeles	West Los Angeles	\$477,557
Los Rios	American River	\$1,226,816
Los Rios	Cosumnes River	\$799,784
Los Rios	Folsom Lake	\$689,578
Los Rios	Sacramento City	\$960,355
Marin	Marin	\$353,314
Mendocino-Lake	Mendocino	\$166,210
Merced	Merced	\$838,661
Mira Costa	Mira Costa	\$1,327,577
Monterey	Monterey	\$514,655
Mt. San Antonio	Mt. San Antonio	\$2,026,175
Napa Valley	Napa Valley	\$386,712
North Orange	Cypress	\$995,040
North Orange	Fullerton	\$1,468,171
Ohlone	Ohlone	\$762,459
Palomar	Palomar	\$1,811,239
Pasadena	Pasadena City	\$1,937,127
Peralta	Alameda	\$200,243
Peralta	Berkeley City	\$300,229
Peralta	Laney	\$351,332

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Peralta	Merritt	\$235,498
Rancho Santiago	Santa Ana	\$859,889
Rancho Santiago	Santiago Canyon	\$896,539
Redwoods	Redwoods	\$319,063
Rio Hondo	Rio Hondo	\$703,692
Riverside	Moreno Valley	\$484,459
Riverside	Norco	\$553,183
Riverside	Riverside	\$1,478,138
San Bernardino	Crafton Hills	\$560,999
San Bernardino	San Bernardino	\$854,601
San Diego	San Diego City	\$668,727
San Diego	San Diego Mesa	\$1,302,640
San Diego	San Diego Miramar	\$878,520
San Francisco	San Francisco City	\$1,547,919
San Joaquin Delta	San Joaquin Delta	\$1,155,382
San Jose-Evergreen	Evergreen Valley	\$554,285
San Jose-Evergreen	San Jose City	\$426,659
San Luis Obispo	Cuesta	\$612,249
San Mateo	Canada	\$232,520
San Mateo	San Mateo	\$632,072
San Mateo	Skyline	\$511,528

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Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara City	\$1,170,090
Santa Clarita	Canyons	\$1,411,167
Santa Monica	Santa Monica	\$1,817,094
Sequoias	Sequoias	\$997,046
Shasta-Tehama-Trinity	Shasta	\$380,737
Sierra	Sierra	\$1,503,382
Siskiyou	Siskiyou	\$149,046
Solano	Solano	\$819,294
Sonoma	Santa Rosa	\$1,164,365
South Orange	Irvine Valley	\$1,466,846
South Orange	Saddleback	\$1,942,171
Southwestern	Southwestern	\$1,297,118
State Center	Clovis	\$599,691
State Center	Fresno City	\$1,330,850
State Center	Madera	\$198,985
State Center	Reedley	\$404,041
Ventura	Moorpark	\$1,828,172
Ventura	Oxnard	\$355,085
Ventura	Ventura	\$702,187
Victor Valley	Victor Valley	\$851,106
West Hills	Coalinga	\$104,662

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West Hills	Lemoore	\$297,993
West Kern	Taft	\$210,298
West Valley-Mission	Mission	\$412,096
West Valley-Mission	West Valley	\$917,361
Yosemite	Columbia	\$178,186
Yosemite	Modesto	\$1,274,052
Yuba	Woodland	\$180,389
Yuba	Yuba	\$338,691
Total		\$91,207,000