



**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5, REGARDING
AWARDING CREDIT FOR ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND OTHER EXTERNAL
STANDARDIZED EXAMINATIONS**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 2 of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (Board) Procedures and Standing Orders, that the Board proposes to adopt the regulatory action described below after a public hearing, and consideration of all comments, objections, or recommendations received regarding the proposed regulatory action during the public comment period, which closes on February 26, 2026.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held during the next regularly scheduled Board of Governors meeting on January 13, 2026.

In-Person Participation

California Community Colleges, Chancellor's Office Building
Sixth Floor, Board of Governors Chambers
1102 Q Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

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Public Comments at the Board Meeting

Members of the public seeking to comment on the proposed regulatory action at the Board meeting should refer to the Board's agenda for information on how public comment on Board items will be received. The [Board's agendas](#) are available here: <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Board-of-Governors/Meeting-schedule-minutes-and-agendas>.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. To help ensure comments are understood as they are intended, we suggest that they clearly identify the proposed regulatory action that each comment addresses, with reference to specific section and subparagraph numbers where appropriate. Please arrange comments in the same order as in the proposed regulatory action. Comments should be addressed to:

Regulations Coordinator
California Community Colleges
Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street, Suite 4550
Sacramento, CA 95811-6549
regcomments@cccco.edu

Comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. on February 26, 2026. All written comments received by Chancellor's Office staff during the public comment period are subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED TITLE 5 AMENDMENTS

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board may adopt the proposed regulatory action substantially as described in this Notice or may modify the proposed regulatory action if the modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposed regulatory action will be subject to a second 15-day notice period prior to its adoption at a subsequent Board meeting.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

The proposed regulatory amendments to Title 5, Sections 55052 and 55052.5, update and consolidate policies governing the award of credit for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, College-Level Examination Program, and other external standardized examinations. They further clarify faculty and curriculum committee responsibilities, clarify college district requirements to apply state-adopted credit policies, ensure appropriate general education or elective credit is awarded when no direct course match exists, and continue to require clear transcript notation of credit earned by such examinations. The proposed changes include:

- Aligning district policies with statutory requirements by replacing permissive ("may") language with mandatory adoption of policies developed under Education Code §79500 for awarding AP credit.
- Clarifying faculty and curriculum committee authority by specifying that discipline faculty must approve examinations, qualifying scores, credit determinations, and applicable requirements under policies and procedures established pursuant to section 55001 (updating outdated references to §55002/55002.5).
- Requiring explicit awarding of credit for Cal-GETC and encouraging credit toward local GE or elective credit when no direct course or GE area match exists for AP, IB, CLEP, or other approved external standardized examinations.
- Expanding the scope of §55052.5 beyond IB and CLEP to include other external standardized examinations, with corresponding updates to faculty approval processes and credit-granting provisions.

The proposed regulatory amendments take into account feedback received at the October and December 2025 Consultation Council meetings, as well as recommendations of the California Community Colleges Curriculum Committee (5C).

ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The estimated cost or savings attributable to the proposed regulatory action are anticipated to be as follows:

Mandate on local agencies or community college districts: *None*.

Cost or savings to state agencies: *None*.

Costs to local agencies or community college districts for which reimbursement would be required pursuant to part 7 (commencing with section 17500) of division 4 title 2 of the Government Code: *None*.

Other non-discretionary cost or savings imposed on community college districts: *None*.

Cost or savings in federal funding to state agencies: *None*.

CONTACT PERSON

Inquiries concerning the content of these regulations may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator, at regcomments@cccco.edu.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the language of the proposed regulatory action, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based, may be obtained online at:

[Office of General Counsel - Pending Regulatory Action](#)

Those who receive the Board of Governors Agenda package for the January 13, 2026, meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulatory action. You may also request a copy of the proposal from the Regulations Coordinator using the contact information provided above.