

**15-DAY NOTICE OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION
REGARDING
MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING, SCIENCE ACHIEVEMENT (MESA) PROGRAM**

15-Day Notice published October 29, 2024

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges hereby provides notice of changes to the above-referenced proposed regulatory action that was the subject of a public hearing on September 23, 2024. Section 206, subdivision (c), of the Procedures and Standing Orders of the Board of Governors requires the Board to re-notice a proposed regulatory action where the proposed regulations have been previously considered, are being modified, and the modifications are substantial and sufficiently related to the text of the previously-proposed regulations.

CHANGES TO THE TEXT

Following the 45-day comment period that ended on October 25, 2024, and the September 23, 2024, Board meeting, changes were made to this regulatory action in proposed section 56301, subsection (a)(1). The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office will present this regulatory action to the Board of Governors at its November 18, 2024 meeting. The changes are submitted for an additional 15-day comment period effective today, October 29, 2024.

The changes to the proposed regulatory action are denoted by double underline for additions to the text and ~~double-strikeout~~ for deletions from the text.

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the changes to the proposed regulatory action subject to this 15-day notice. The Chancellor's Office will respond to comments received that are related to the revisions made to title 5, California Code of Regulations, section 56301, subdivision (a)(1) after the close of the 15-day comment period. Comments should be addressed to:

Regulations Coordinator
California Community Colleges
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Email: regcomments@cccco.edu

Comments must be received by the Regulations Coordinator prior to 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2024. 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 THE PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

Following the public hearing and considering all timely and relevant comments received, the Board of Governors 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.

INFORMATIVE DIGEST

Established in 1991, the California Community College segment of Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) programs began working with the University of California Office of the President MESA statewide. This intersegmental collaboration supports underserved and underrepresented students pursuing calculus-based Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) bachelor's degrees, yielding a seamless enrollment of students into and out of postsecondary educational systems.

Senate Bill 444 (2023, Newman), Chaptered October 13, 2023, enacted California Education Code sections 88680, 88681, and 88682, and requires the California Community Colleges Board of Governors to adopt regulations for the operation of MESA programs at community colleges that align with their programmatic components of MESA programs.

There has been stakeholder engagement and discussion after the original regulatory action was noticed. The Chancellor's Office has made the following minor and substantive change to section 56301:

In subdivision (a)(1), the phrase "or math" is added to expand the group of students that are eligible for MESA participations to include, among other things: "students whose

high school graduation or math performance rates are red or orange on the California Department of Education’s Graduation Rate Indicator Dashboard.”

ESTIMATED COST OR SAVINGS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The estimated cost or savings of the proposed amendments 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, of 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:

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Inquiries concerning the regulatory process may be directed to the Regulations Coordinator at regcomments@cccco.edu.

TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND CORRESPONDING DOCUMENTS

Copies of the proposed regulatory action subject to this 15-day notice are attached as noted above. 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 November 18, 2024, meeting can find a further description of the proposal and the full text of the regulations. You may also request a copy of the proposal from the Regulations Coordinator using the contact information provided above.