



MEMORANDUM

October 5, 2026

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TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
Chief Business Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
Research and Planning

FROM: Gina Browne, Vice Chancellor of Program Operations and System Initiatives

RE: Vision-Aligned Reporting – Fall 2026 Update

Overview

Vision-Aligned Reporting (VAR) connects program activities to Vision 2030 goals, helping colleges use data to identify barriers, improve programs, and advance equity in access, support, and success. Colleges can use VAR data for planning and collaboration, while aggregated data can help the Chancellor's Office inform policy and share effective practices. As a reminder, VAR data is intended to support learning and action, not funding determinations or audits. You may send any questions regarding Vision-Aligned Reporting to VAR@CCCCO.edu.

Updated VAR Data Reporting

Colleges and districts must submit student-level records, including VAR, via Management Information Systems (MIS) within 30 days after the end of each term. For detailed MIS reporting requirements and deadlines, please refer to the materials available on the [MIS website](#).

Student-level VAR MIS records are used to pre-populate activity records before the VAR platform opens for annual reporting. Once annual reporting opens for an academic year, no changes can be made to the pre-populated data. College staff may provide an updated annual unduplicated student count for each activity and must create additional activity records when student-level MIS data were not reported or were not required. Each activity record must include cost information, vision goal alignment, and any applicable student counts before submission.

While MIS data submitted after annual reporting opens will not change pre-populated activity records in the VAR platform for that academic year, colleges should still submit missing or corrected MIS data so the Chancellor's Office can assess data quality and completeness. More complete data also strengthens statewide advocacy, policy development, and decisions about future reporting needs.

VAR Reporting Timeline

The timeline below outlines updated VAR reporting requirements and deadlines.

2025–26 Academic Year Data

- MIS data reported by Sept. 18, 2026, was included in the pre-populated activity records.
- VAR annual reporting opened Sept. 23, 2026.
- Annual reporting for VAR (including student counts, activity costs, vision goal alignment, and college-wide narratives) is due Jan. 31, 2027.

2026–27 Academic Year Data

- Student-level data collection begins with the summer 2026 term. MIS submissions are due within 30 days after the end of each term.
- Annual reporting for VAR will begin fall 2027.
- Annual reporting will be due Jan. 31, 2028.

VAR Programs

Colleges should continue reporting for all programs currently participating in Vision-Aligned Reporting:

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| • Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement | • Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) |
| • Basic Needs* | • Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) |
| • California College Promise* | • Middle College High School (MCHS) |
| • CalWORKS | • NextUp (formerly CAYFES) |
| • College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) | • Strong Workforce - Local Share |
| • Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) | • Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Program |
| • Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) | • Transfer Center |
| • Dream Resource Centers** | • Veterans Resource Center |

*First annual VAR submission due Jan. 31, 2028

**First annual VAR submission due Jan. 31, 2029

Save the Date

The Chancellor’s Office is committed to providing ongoing support to colleges for VAR. In October 2026, the Chancellor’s Office is hosting two convenings to strengthen local capacity, offer hands-on support, and provide opportunities for peer learning.

Northern California Convening

- Oct. 7, 2026
- Sheraton Grand Sacramento
- [Registration Link for Northern California Participants](#)

Southern California Convening

- Oct. 21, 2026
- Ontario Convention Center
- [Registration Link for Southern California Participants](#)

VAR Technical Assistance and Resources

The Chancellor’s Office remains committed to supporting colleges through ongoing guidance, technical assistance, professional development, and resources that promote consistent and effective Vision-Aligned Reporting practices.

- **[VAR Google Drive](#)**: primary source for VAR guidance, resources, and updates
- **[Vision Resource Center \(VRC\) modules](#)**: Introduction to Vision-Aligned Reporting and Training for New College VAR Leads
- **[VAR Listserv](#)** for announcements, updates, resources, and professional development opportunities
- **Weekly Office Hours**: Live Zoom sessions for Q&A and reporting support for all college staff

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

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