**California Community Colleges**

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**FROM:** Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy
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**RE:** AB 2881 – Student Parent Priority Registration

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This memo provides guidance for colleges to implement Assembly Bill 2881 (Berman, Chapter 935, Statutes of 2022) – Students with dependent children. This bill, which was signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 30, 2022, removes barriers to academic success and degree attainment for student parents by expanding priority registration to include eligible parents.

**Student Parents**

Ed. Code Section 66025.81 requires that by no later than July 1, 2023, California community colleges shall grant priority registration to student parents. As defined by statute, a student parent is a student who has a child under 18 years of age who will receive more than half of their support from that student. The following information may be used to identify student parents who may be eligible for priority registration: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the CA Dream Act Application, the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) fee waiver application, or other campus forms or documentation that identifies student parents.

The Chancellor's Office is supporting California community colleges with identifying student parents by updating the 2023-2024 CCPG fee waiver application and the CCCApply fee waiver application to include the following question: "Do you have a child or children under the age of 18 who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023 – June 1, 2024?"

**Highest and Equal Priority Registration**

CCR §58108 will be updated to reflect that districts must provide highest and equal priority to students who are:

1. A member of veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States and who is a resident of California;

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2. a student parent who has a child or children under 18 years of age who will receive more than half of their support from that student;

3. a foster youth or former foster youth who is not older than 25 years of age at the commencement of the academic year;

4. a verified homeless youth or former homeless youth under 25 years of age at the commencement of the academic year;

5. determined to be eligible for Disabled Student Program and Services (DSPS);

6. receiving services through Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS);

7. receiving aid from the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKS) program or the Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF).

While colleges may not prioritize one student group over the other, to mitigate the impact on colleges' registration systems, districts may pool together all the equal and highest priority registration categories and then stratify students based on additional district-determined criteria, such as enrollment level or grade level.

## Student Parent Webpage

By February 1, 2023, campuses must host (and update by no later than the first day of each fall and spring term) a webpage that is clearly visible and easily accessible from a drop-down menu on the home page of the campus's internet website that clearly lists all on- and off-campus student parent services and resources that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following:

- The description of the service or resource;
- The location where the service or resource is provided;
- The point of contact for the service or resource, including a name, telephone number, and email address;
- Any eligibility restrictions on accessing the service or resource; and
- Information about public services and programs: the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC), the California Earned Income Tax Credit (CalEITC), and the Young Child Tax Credit (YCTC).

To view the all the requirements of Assembly Bill 2881, please review the complete bill text. For additional information, please review the attached Priority Registration FAQ. For questions regarding this memorandum, contact Kathleen Kouklis at kkouklis@cccco.edu.

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