

TO: Chief Executive Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
Chief Instructional Officers
Chief Business Officers
Career Technical Education Deans

FROM: Erin Larson, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Strategic Educational and Workforce Initiatives

RE: Student Support Block Grant Allocations and Guidance

This memo provides an overview of the one-time Student Support Block Grant included in the 2025-26 Budget Act, outlines the funding formula used for allocations, provides guidance on allowable expenditures, informs districts of their allocations and expected payment schedule, and details the reporting requirements.

Background and Purpose of Funds

[Assembly Bill 123, Section 27](#), as part of the 2025-26 California higher education budget trailer bill, establishes the Student Support Block Grant and appropriates \$60 million from the General Fund to the California Community Colleges to support the implementation efforts related to the [California's Master Plan for Career Education](#), which shares many of the same [Vision 2030](#) goals, and strengthen supports for students.

The Student Support Block Grant is a strategic investment in student success and workforce readiness, emphasizing skills-based learning, career pathways, and student equity. It is designed to enhance existing student support programs and reflects a commitment to stability in higher education funding during a challenging fiscal period.

Funding Formula and Distribution Method

As outlined in [Assembly Bill 123, Section 27](#), the following are the calculations used in determining each district's allocations:

- 1.** Base Allocation: \$150,000 per college within each district
- 2.** Remaining funds distributed based on equal weighting of the following two measures for the most recent fiscal year in which the data is considered final (**2023-24**):
 - A) Total student headcount
 - B) Combined count of students receiving:

- California College Promise Grant (fee waivers under Ed Code §76300)
- Exemptions from nonresident tuition (under Ed Code §68130.5)

Payment Schedule

Funds will be disbursed through apportionments, beginning with the P1 Scheduled Payments in **February 2026**.

Spending Guidelines

The Student Support Block Grant funds may be expended for any of the following purposes:

- Assistance to students with food, housing, transportation, and other basic needs.
- Childcare subsidies or other assistance for student parents.
- Financial aid advising or academic counseling.
- Legal and other support services.
- Mental health services.
- Job placement, work-based learning, or reemployment support.

It is the intent of the Legislature that community college districts align the uses of the funds appropriated with **existing** student support programs, such as basic needs centers, mental health services, financial aid outreach and administration, Student Equity and Achievement Program, Guided Pathways, Hispanic-Serving Institution funded programs, and/or other equity-focused programs.

Community college districts have until **June 30, 2029**, to expend the funds.

Reporting Requirements

As a condition of receiving the Student Support Block Grant funds, community college districts shall submit an annual report to the Chancellor's Office including both of the following for the previous fiscal year:

- A summary of how the funds were used, including the types of services provided.
- The outcomes of the funds, including the number of students receiving each type of service and any available data on their academic outcomes.

Reporting Deadline	Reporting Type	Activity Period
Dec. 31, 2026 (and by Dec. 31 of each year thereafter until Dec. 31, 2029)	Annual Report (Reporting Platform: To Be Determined. Details will be shared by Summer 2026)	July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Student Support Block Grant Allocation Table

District	Allocation
Allan Hancock Joint Community College District	\$521,820
Antelope Valley Community College District	\$622,225
Barstow Community College District	\$288,538
Butte-Glenn Community College District	\$467,793
Cabrillo Community College District	\$438,143
Cerritos Community College District	\$892,342
Chabot-Las Positas Community College District	\$822,537
Chaffey Community College District	\$901,460
Citrus Community College District	\$492,717
Coast Community College District	\$1,499,236
Compton Community College District	\$286,707
Contra Costa Community College District	\$1,305,026
Copper Mountain Community College District	\$209,413
Desert Community College District	\$560,510
El Camino Community College District	\$847,129
Feather River Community College District	\$226,107
Foothill-Deanza Community College District	\$1,184,450
Gavilan Joint Community College District	\$331,228
Glendale Community College District	\$605,130
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District	\$889,698
Hartnell Community College District	\$483,197
Imperial Community College District	\$467,157

District	Allocation
Kern Community College District	\$1,716,226
Lake Tahoe Community College District	\$301,494
Lassen Community College District	\$223,130
Long Beach Community College District	\$1,062,273
Los Angeles Community College District	\$5,151,665
Los Rios Community College District	\$2,622,625
Marin Community College District	\$287,263
Mendocino-Lake Community College District	\$290,830
Merced Community College District	\$567,516
MiraCosta Community College District	\$585,968
Monterey Peninsula Community College District	\$370,505
Mt. San Antonio Community College District	\$1,463,949
Mt. San Jacinto Community College District	\$765,967
Napa Valley Community College District	\$283,018
North Orange County Community College District	\$1,463,720
Ohlone Community College District	\$384,118
Palo Verde Community College District	\$291,458
Palomar Community College District	\$700,055
Pasadena Area Community College District	\$1,004,931
Peralta Community College District	\$1,241,463
Rancho Santiago Community College District	\$1,616,791
Redwoods Community College District	\$308,720
Rio Hondo Community College District	\$747,470

District	Allocation
Riverside Community College District	\$1,632,168
San Bernardino Community College District	\$896,608
San Diego Community College District	\$1,797,572
San Francisco Community College District	\$786,483
San Joaquin Delta Community College District	\$429,671
San Jose-Evergreen Community College District	\$831,434
San Luis Obispo County Community College District	\$445,838
San Mateo County Community College District	\$965,384
Santa Barbara Community College District	\$575,375
Santa Clarita Community College District	\$765,712
Santa Monica Community College District	\$923,587
Sequoias Community College District	\$572,694
Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Community College District	\$443,554
Sierra Joint Community College District	\$675,030
Siskiyou Joint Community College District	\$209,670
Solano Community College District	\$425,986
Sonoma County Community College District	\$680,458
South Orange County Community College District	\$1,240,718
Southwestern Community College District	\$804,826
State Center Community College District	\$1,985,596
Ventura County Community College District	\$1,415,488
Victor Valley Community College District	\$658,188
West Hills Community College District	\$528,851

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West Kern Community College District	\$285,635
West Valley-Mission Community College District	\$678,005
Yosemite Community College District	\$982,350
Yuba Community College District	\$569,401
Total	\$60,000,000

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