



2022 State Legislative Priorities



AB 2266 (Santiago): Expanding College Promise to Returning Students

This bill expands the California College Promise program to provide two years of tuition free community college to all full-time students. LACCD sponsored AB 19 also authored by Assemblymember Santiago, established the California College Promise Program and made community college education available tuition-free, to first-time, full-time students only.

AB 2371 (Santiago): Extend College Promise to Community College Students Transferring to California State University

This bill enables community college students that successfully complete the California College Promise Program and Associate Degree for Transfer, to be eligible to receive two -years of a tuition-free education at the California State University system (CSU).

AB 1913 (Bryan): Los Angeles Community College District - California Center for Climate Change Education

This bill establishes the first of its kind California Center for Climate Change Education at West Los Angeles College. The program will develop sustainability initiatives and provide climate change education and workforce training for green jobs and careers of the future.

AB 1942 (Muratsuchi): Instructional Service Agreements

This bill makes a technical fix in the law to fully and equitably fund community colleges that are training first responders such as police, firefighters and EMTs.

AB 2425 (Bryan): Hire UP: From Corrections to Career

LACCD is partnering with the County of Los Angeles on a measure that provides stipends to formerly justice-involved students seeking to advance their education at California's community colleges.

AB 1964 (Fong): Ethnic Studies

This bill will facilitate the process for community college ethnic studies courses to be articulated with the CSU by requiring the California State University system to assign CID codes for ethnic studies courses. CID codes provide community colleges with more direct information on what the courses need to contain, resulting in much-needed clarity for students looking to ensure their credits will transfer.



Additional 2022 Budget Priorities

Base Funding Increase

On a per-student basis, community colleges continue to be the lowest-funded system of public education in California. Recognizing the minimum costs of running a college, LACCD supports an increase to the base allocation that goes to all community college districts. Recently, the need for increased technology, cyber security, and a greater focus on community college services colleges require additional funding into the district's base. While the COLA simply enables districts to maintain spending power, there are numerous costs associated with running a college that fall outside of the COLA.

CalSTRS & CalPERS Employer Contribution Reductions

Two years ago, the state provided funding to K-12 schools and community colleges that reduced the employer contribution that districts are required to pay into the CalSTRS & CalPERS systems. That funding is scheduled to expire next year, and districts will face a significant increase in retirement costs. Reducing the employer contribution will free up general operational funds that can be used to support student access and success.

Ethnic Studies Full-Time Faculty Reorganization

Last year, the Board of Governors passed regulations requiring all community college transfer students to complete a course in ethnic studies. In addition, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed AB 1460 (Weber) in 2020, which requires students at the CSU to complete a course in ethnic studies prior to graduation. The CSU has implemented the program to make the requirement a lower division course. These two developments mean that community colleges are going to have to dramatically grow their ethnic studies course offerings and will have to build out their faculty to comply with the requirements of AB 1460. The Los Angeles Community College District is requesting state funding for full-time faculty targeted to hire ethnic studies faculty.

LA Metro Fairless Initiative

One of the leading barriers to student success is transportation. Students must have access to affordable transportation in order to access courses critical to their education and workforce development. LACCD is seeking \$2 million in funding that could be spent over a five-year period in order to pilot a Fareless Initiative for students to have access to universal LA Metro transit passes. This seed funding allows the district to create a long-term program that would encourage public ridership, provide transportation access, and reduce the district's carbon footprint.

Biotechnology Program

LACCD is seeking \$2.8 million to support a new biotechnology laboratory on the Los Angeles Mission College Campus. The laboratory would be state-of-the-art and provide for an expansion of a unique, yet highly sought-after program at Los Angeles Mission College. Biotechnology is one of the fastest growing workforce fields in California and in the Los Angeles region. Eventually, the plan is to transition the program into a baccalaureate degree program at the college that would serve the entire region's workforce needs.



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