



California Community Colleges

California College Promise Certification Form for 2018-19 Funding Allocation

AB 19 (Santiago), Chapter 735, Statutes of 2017, established the California College Promise with the defined policy goals focused on increasing college attendance and graduation rates and reducing and eliminating achievement gaps for students in the California Community Colleges (Education Code §76396.1). The 2018 - 19 Budget Act allocates \$46 million to support the establishment and expansion of programs and practices to meet the aforementioned policy goals; districts are also authorized, but not required, to use funding to waive fees for one academic year for first-time, full-time students (EDC §76396.3). To participate in the California College Promise, districts are required to advance the aforementioned policy goals and comply with outlined practices (EDC §76396.2). Districts wishing to participate in the California College Promise for 2018-19 must complete this certification form to verify compliance with minimum requirements of the program.

1. Early Commitment to College Program

Districts must partner with one or more local educational agencies (LEAs) to establish an Early Commitment to College Program (ECCP) that includes, but is not limited to, learning about college opportunities, visiting campuses, taking and completing college prep courses, and applying for college and financial aid (Early Commitment to College Program established in EDC commencing with § 57410).

Please indicate if the district currently participates in an ECCP: ☐

Yes ☐ No

Please indicate the LEAs currently participating in the ECCP:

Please outline in the space provided below the activities conducted pursuant to the ECCP:

2. Partnerships to Improve College Readiness

The district must partner with one or more LEAs to support and improve high school student preparation for college and reduce postsecondary remediation through practices that may include, but shall not be limited to, small learning communities, concurrent enrollment, and other evidence-based practices.

Please indicate if the district currently participates in partnerships to improve college readiness:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate the partner LEAs:

Please outline in the space provided below the activities conducted to improve college readiness:

3. Assessment and Placement Practices

Each district must utilize evidence-based assessment and placement practices. EDC §78213 (AB 705) governs assessment and placement procedures. The Chancellor's Office is in the process of issuing guidelines and regulations regarding the requirements of EDC §78213.

Please outline in the space provided below the district plans to ensure compliance with §78213:

4. **California Community Colleges Guided Pathways Program**

Each district must participate in the California Community College Guided Pathways Program established pursuant to Part 54.81 (commencing with Section 88920) in order to clarify the academic path for students, help students enter a pathway, help students stay on an academic path, and ensure students are learning.

The Chancellor's Office will verify that each district is participating in the Guided Pathways Program. Districts are encouraged to ensure the integration of Promise programs into the Guided Pathways framework. The Chancellor's Office will seek to identify and disseminate best practices in this area. The space below is provided to allow districts to share current activities or best practices for integrating Promise programs into the Guided Pathways framework.

Optional description of best practices for integration of Promise and Guided Pathways:

5. **Maximize Access to Need-Based Financial Aid Programs**

The district must maximize student access to need-based financial aid by leveraging other financial aid opportunities for students.

Please indicate the district ensures all students complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid or Dream Act application:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please indicate if all colleges in the district currently participates in the federal Direct loan program:

☐ Yes ☐ No

If any college in the district *does* not currently participate in the federal Direct loan program authorized under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (20 U.S.C. Sec. 1070 et seq.) the district is required to ensure that all colleges in the district participate in the program by January 1, 2019. All colleges in the district must participate in the federal loan program. A district risks their entire allocation

of funds if one or more colleges in the district does not participate in the Direct loan program.

Please indicate if all colleges in the district do not currently participate in the federal loan program, whether all colleges in the district will re-enter the program by the January 1, 2019 deadline:

☐ Yes ☐ No

A community college district must be certified by the chancellor as meeting the aforementioned requirements to receive funding provided in the 2018-19 Budget Act (EDC §76396.3).

Funding should be used to advance the outlined policy goals (EDC §76396.1). Funding may, but is not required to, be used to waive some or all of the fees for first-time community college students who are enrolled at the college full time, and complete and submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application. A fee waiver that a student receives shall only be for one academic year. Fees shall only be waived for the summer term and each semester or quarter of that year in which the student maintains full-time status. A fee waiver shall not be available to a student who is charged a nonresident tuition fee (EDC §76140).

Please outline in the space provided below on the plans to use funding provided in the 2018 - 19 Budget Act and how those expenditures advance the policy goals of the California College Promise:

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I certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California that the above statements are true and correct.

Contact Information

Name of District

District Contact

Title

Phone and email

District Certification

We hereby certify the foregoing information to be accurate. We agree to complete and submit reports (under development by the Chancellor's Office) regarding the development of Promise programs and the use of these funds as a condition of receiving funding.

The following signatures are required:

Chief Student Services Officer

Signature

Date

Chief Business Officer

Signature

Date

Chief Executive Officer

Signature

Date

Please email completed and signed form to Terence Gardner, tgardner@cccco.edu by **September 1, 2018**. Send any questions to Bryan Dickason, bdickason@cccco.edu. You are only **required** to submit the form if you are requesting California College Promise funding for 2018-19.