

Student Equity and Achievement (SEA) Program Funding Formula

Foundational Elements

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The INTENT of the funding formula is:

1. to supplement (not copy) the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF), by **focusing on student populations** beyond those identified in the SCFF, that are in **most need of support** (such as groups listed in Ed Code §78220),
2. to **influence behaviors and activities on campuses** that lead to improved student success outcomes,
3. and to **incentivize colleges in meeting their student equity goals**.

The overarching components of the formula should include:

- **Stability** – minimize drastic year-to-year changes in allocation
- **Simplicity** – ability for colleges to replicate the formula; minimize confusion
- **Predictability** – use data that colleges have access to well-ahead of time
- **Equity** – student population measurements and student success supports
- **Need/Disadvantage** – ensure that colleges with larger high-need populations receive adequate funding

Components are achieved through:

- Including factors that maximize consistent year to year funding; and establishing a baseline/cap on annual decreases (Stability),
- Maximizing the use of CCC system data; and minimizing the inclusion of outside (county, state, federal) data (Simplicity),
- Using prior, prior year metrics when possible so colleges are aware of future calculations early (Predictability),
- Using a variety of student population and success support/predictor elements (Equity),
- Including Pell/Promise eligibility, socioeconomic status and college participation rate of the district population (Need/Disadvantage).

The following are additional factors that continue to be discussed and considered by the workgroup and will be decided in the coming months:

- Specific data elements that will be used in the formula
- Annual limit/cap on funding increases and decreases
- How to build/handle a student count in the formula
- Non-credit balancing factors
- Transition period

Factors Affecting a New Formula:

- Current Education Code (78222) stipulates that colleges are guaranteed to receive no less than the amount they were allocated in 18-19 (which was based on 17-18 Basic Skills, Student Equity and SSSP funding).
 - Until this code is amended, a new formula will only be applied to any apportionment OVER the 18-19 amount (\$475 million).
 - This will affect the power of the formula in influencing behaviors and incentivizing colleges to meet their student equity goals.