

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

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DIVISION 5 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

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Section 69640 - 69656.

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69640.

(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the California Community Colleges recognize the need and accept the responsibility for extending the opportunities for community college education to all who may profit from that education regardless of economic, social, and educational status. It is the intent and purpose of the Legislature in establishing the Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) to encourage local community colleges to establish and implement programs directed to identifying those students affected by language, social, and economic handicaps, to increase the number of eligible EOPS students served, and to assist those students to achieve their educational objectives and goals, including, but not necessarily limited to, obtaining job skills, occupational certificates, or associate degrees, and transferring to four-year institutions.

(b) The rules and regulations of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges shall be consistent with this article. The operation of EOPS, as well as these rules and regulations, shall be consistent with all of the following goals:

- (1) To increase the number and percentage of students enrolled in community colleges who are affected by language, social, and economic disadvantages, consistent with state and local matriculation policies.
- (2) To increase the number and percentage of EOPS students who successfully complete their chosen educational objectives.
- (3) To increase the number and percentage of EOPS students who are successfully placed into career employment.
- (4) To increase the number and percentage of EOPS students who transfer to four-year institutions following completion of the related educational programs at community colleges.
- (5) To strive to assist community colleges to meet student and employee affirmative action objectives.
- (6) To improve the delivery of programs and services to the disadvantaged.

(c) The Legislature further intends that EOPS shall not be viewed as the only means of providing services to nontraditional and disadvantaged students or of meeting student and employee affirmative action objectives.

(d) The Legislature finds that the establishment and development of extended opportunity programs and services are essential to the conservation and development of the cultural, social, economic, intellectual, and vocational resources of the state.

69641.

The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) provided by a community college district shall supplement the regular educational programs of the community college district to encourage the enrollment of students handicapped by language, social, and economic disadvantages, and to facilitate the successful completion of their educational goals and objectives. EOPS shall be provided by certificated directors and instructors, as well as by counselors and other support staff approved by the governing board of the community college district. Participation in an extended opportunity program or service shall not preclude participation in any other program offered by the community college district.

69641.5.

The Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges shall consider adopting regulations which include all of the following objectives:

(a) That the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services provided by a community college shall include, but not be limited to, staff qualified to counsel all EOPS students regarding their individual educational objectives and the specific academic or vocational training program necessary to achieve those objectives, and that each EOPS student receives that counseling upon his or her initial enrollment in the community college, and at least every six months thereafter.

(b) That in assisting all EOPS students to identify their educational objectives, the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services provided by a community college identifies those students who want to transfer to a four-year institution, and those who have the potential to transfer successfully, and that the EOPS director at each community college disseminates the names and addresses of these potential transfer students to admissions staff at public universities throughout the state at least once a year.

(c) That the EOPS director at each community college shall work with other community college staff to encourage all interested EOPS students to enroll in existing community college classes designed to develop skills necessary for successful study at a university, including, but not limited to, time management, research and study skills, classroom note-taking skills, and writing skills, and that these classes be developed if they are not already established.

69642.

Definitions:

(a) “Extended opportunity program” means a special program or method of instruction designed to facilitate the language, educational, or social development of a student and increase his or her potential for success in the college.

(b) “Extended opportunity services” means a program of assistance designed to aid students with socioeconomic handicaps to permit them to enroll in and participate in the educational activities of the college, and to progress toward completing their educational goals and objectives, including, but not limited to, graduation from college.

69643.

(a) There is in the state government the Advisory Committee on Extended Opportunity Programs and Services. It shall be comprised of nine members appointed by the board, two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules. The nine members appointed by the board shall serve for four-year terms, except the first term of each shall be determined by lot at the first meeting of the board. Three shall serve for four years, three shall serve for three years, and three shall serve for two years. The two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the two members appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules shall serve at the pleasure of the respective appointing powers.

(b) The chairperson and vice chairperson of the committee shall be designated by the board.

(c) The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in performing their duties and responsibilities.

(d) The committee shall serve as an advisory body to the board, shall formulate and present policy recommendations as it determines will effect statewide establishment and conduct of community college programs of extended opportunities and services, shall review annually and report to the board the progress made under this article with the California Community Colleges toward the extension of educational opportunities for all students who may profit from instruction, and make other recommendations to implement this article. The Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall be executive secretary of the committee, shall report to the board on the actions of the committee, and, at the recommendation of the committee and its direction, shall make recommendations to the board pursuant to this article.

(e) All meetings of the committee shall be open and public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meeting of the committee.

69648.

By January 1, 1986, the board shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to implement this article, including rules and regulations which do all of the following:

(a) Prescribe the procedure by which a district shall identify a student eligible for extended opportunity programs or services on the basis of the student's language, social, or economic disadvantages.

(b) Establish minimum standards for the establishment and conduct of extended opportunity programs and services. The standards may include, but shall not be limited to, guidelines for all of the following:

- (1) The provision of staffing and program management.
- (2) The establishment of a documentation and data collection system.
- (3) The establishment of an EOPS advisory committee.
- (4) The provision of recruitment and outreach services.
- (5) The provision of cognitive and noncognitive assessment, advising, and orientation services.
- (6) The provision of college registration.
- (7) The provision of basic skills instruction, seminars, and tutorial assistance.
- (8) The provision of counseling and retention services.
- (9) The provision of transfer services.
- (10) The provision of direct aid.
- (11) The establishment of objectives to achieve the goals specified in Section 69640, and objectives to be applied in implementing extended opportunity programs and services.

(c) Subject to approval of the chancellor, establish procedures for the review and evaluation of the districts' extended opportunity programs and services.

(d) Require the submission of the reports by districts that will permit the evaluation of the program and services offered.

69648.5.

The board of governors may use up to 1 percent of the funds appropriated for the EOPS program by the annual Budget Act to monitor program activities and to conduct the evaluation of EOPS offered by districts.

69649.

(a) The governing board of a community college district may, with the approval of the board, establish an extended opportunity program.

Except as provided in subdivision (b), in order to be eligible to receive state funding, the program shall meet the minimum standards established pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section [69648](#).

(b) The board of governors may waive any or all of the minimum standards established pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 69648 if the board of governors determines that unusual circumstances which merit a waiver exist.

[69650](#).

The governing board of a community college district may, with the approval of the board, establish extended opportunity services. Such services may include, but need not be limited to:

(a) Loans or grants to meet living costs or a portion thereof.

(b) Loans or grants to meet the cost of student fees.

(c) Loans or grants to meet cost of transportation between home and college.

(d) The provision of scholarships.

(e) Work-experience programs.

(f) Job placement programs.

[69651](#).

The governing board of a community college district shall not use any funds received from the state for the operation and administration of extended opportunity programs and services to supplant district resources, programs, or services authorized by Sections [69649](#) and [69650](#). The governing board may use those funds to meet the matching requirements to receive federal funds, or funds granted by nonprofit foundations, designated for the same purposes, for extended opportunity programs and services, as defined by Section [69641](#).

[69652](#).

The governing board of a community college district may apply to the board for an allowance to meet all or a portion of the cost of establishing and operating extended opportunity programs or

services authorized by this article. The application shall contain a detailed plan or plans for use of the allowance. The plan or plans shall be submitted in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the board. The board may also adopt rules and regulations relating to the form and content of applications and procedures for review, evaluation, and approval thereof.

69653.

Applications shall be subject to the approval of the board. Upon approval by the board, it shall certify an apportionment or apportionments to the Controller. The Controller shall draw warrants on the State Treasury in the amounts certified in favor of the governing board of the community college district which has jurisdiction over the applicant district in accordance with a schedule of payments established by the board and approved by the Department of Finance.

69654.

The board shall review the need for state funds to carry out the purposes of this chapter and shall include an estimate of such need in its budget for each year.

69655.

(a) Pursuant to Section 69648, the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges shall determine the elements of a statewide data base for the Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, which shall be used for periodic evaluation of the programs and services. The data base shall include all information necessary to demonstrate the statewide progress towards achieving the program goals identified in Section 69640, and program objectives adopted pursuant to Section 69648 including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- (1) The annual number of extended opportunity programs and services (EOPS) students and non-EOPS students who complete degree or certificate programs, transfer programs, or other programs, as determined by state and local matriculation policies.
- (2) The annual number of EOPS and non-EOPS students who transfer to institutions which award the baccalaureate degree. In implementing this paragraph, the chancellor shall work in cooperation with the California Postsecondary Education Commission, the President of the University of California, the Chancellor of the California State University, and the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities to establish methods for obtaining the necessary data.
- (3) The annual number of EOPS and non-EOPS students completing occupational programs who find career employment. In implementing this paragraph, the chancellor

shall integrate the data collection with existing data collection requirements pertaining to vocational education.

(b) Beginning in January 1987, the chancellor shall annually report to the Legislature regarding the number of students served by the Community College Extended Opportunity Programs and Services and the number of EOPS students who achieve their educational objectives.

69656.

It is the intent of the Legislature that the California State University and the University of California provide fee waivers for admissions applications for all EOPS transfer students who provide waiver forms signed by a community college EOPS director.