

Access, Equity, and Success for All

Community College Funding Formula Principles

The CEO Funding Formula Workgroup was tasked by Chancellor Oakley with providing recommendations in response to the Governor's January funding formula proposal. The Workgroup urges consideration of the following principles in the development of a new funding formula:

- Recognize the necessity of building institutional capacity to improve student outcomes by increasing community college base funding prior to implementation of a new funding formula;
- Integrate the enrollment and academic progress of economically disadvantaged populations with a formula that balances access, equity, and success for all students;
- Provide two years of program transition funding at a new, higher base level while the formula's metrics are analyzed and refined to ensure their efficacy in advancing student equity, inclusion, and success;
- Adequately define equity metrics to most accurately represent all economically disadvantaged students (e.g. low income, CalWORKs, students with disabilities, foster youth, AB 540) and to identify their respective needs for Guided Pathways;
- Enhance funding predictability with a three-year average for base funding and by assigning Summer FTE to the fiscal year in which instruction was held;
- Progressively phase out transition funding to fully implement access, equity, and success metrics by 2025;
- Recognize the diversity of regional and local factors;
- Establish a funding formula oversight council to conduct annual analyses and to make recommendations for adjustments that advance equity-minded student success through improved fiscal stewardship.

