



SAN JOSÉ - EVERGREEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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2026 SJECCD LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) presents this update to its 2026 Legislative Priorities in support of our work to advance student success, equity, and operational effectiveness.

Our state priorities focused on student needs, including college access and affordability, student success, housing and basic needs, support for vulnerable student populations, and enhanced early childhood education opportunities. These priorities also addressed community college baccalaureate degrees and general college operations, including state funding, human resources, and governance.

We've organized the legislation by policy area in the tables below and to the right, reflecting the bills SJECCD has taken a position on. Each bill number **in orange** links to the corresponding legislative webpage. The District's position and final status are shown for each bill, with the status indicating its outcome in the 2026 legislative process. Bills SJECCD supported during the 2026 legislative session are described in greater detail on the following pages.

BILL	TOPIC	SJECCD POSITION	BILL STATUS
STUDENT NEEDS			
College Access and Affordability			
SB1006	Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant B Access Costs Award	 SUPPORT	 DEAD
AB1534	Student Financial Aid: Federal Workforce Pell Grant Program	 SUPPORT	 CHAPTERED
AB1920	Community Colleges: California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility	 SUPPORT	 CHAPTERED
AB2422	Student Financial Aid: Delayed Financial Aid Awards: Extensions	 SUPPORT	 CHAPTERED
SB968	Community Colleges: San Mateo County Community College District	 MONITOR	 CHAPTERED
AB2251	Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program: Cost of Attendance	 MONITOR	 CHAPTERED
AB1871	Pupil Instruction: Dual Enrollment: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships	 MONITOR	 CHAPTERED
Student Success			
AB2374	Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Asian-American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Serving Institutions	 SUPPORT	 CHAPTERED
AB2466	Strong Workforce Program: Work-Based Learning Opportunities: Regional Consortia	 SUPPORT	 CHAPTERED
AB2660	Public Postsecondary Education: Intersegmental Partnerships: STEM Education	 SUPPORT	 CHAPTERED
SB1255	Postsecondary Education: Designation of California Hispanic Serving Institutions	 SUPPORT	 CHAPTERED
AB1552	Public Postsecondary Education: Civic Engagement: Recommendations Report	 MONITOR	 CHAPTERED
AB1858	California Community Colleges and CSU: Joint Associate Degree Pilot Program	 OPPOSE	 DEAD
AB2392	Public Postsecondary Education: Artificial Intelligence Products: Training	 MONITOR	 CHAPTERED
Housing and Basic Needs			
AB1829	Community Colleges: CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: Services	 SUPPORT	 CHAPTERED
AB1669	Student Health: Leaves of Absence: Mental Health	 MONITOR	 CHAPTERED
AB1732	California Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Affordable Housing Projects: Public University or Public College Housing Project	 MONITOR	 CHAPTERED
AB2176	Student Housing: Intersegmental Working Group	 MONITOR	 DEAD
AB2766	Public Postsecondary Education: Student Housing: Foster Youth and Homeless Youth	 MONITOR	 CHAPTERED

STUDENT NEEDS ~cont'd**Support for Vulnerable Student Populations**

SB892	Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration: Members and Former Members of the Armed Forces of the United States and State Guard	● SUPPORT	✓ CHAPTERED
AB2203	Public Postsecondary Education: Priority Registration: Veterans and Dependents of Veterans: Fed. GI Bill	● SUPPORT	✓ CHAPTERED
AB2768	Student Financial Aid: Deferment of Fees and Costs: Foster Youth	● SUPPORT	✓ CHAPTERED
AB713	Public Postsecondary Education: Student Employment	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD
AB1784	Postsecondary Education: Nondiscrimination: Pregnancy or Pregnancy-Related Issues	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED
AB1845	Student Safety: Human Trafficking	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED
AB2114	Public Postsecondary Education: Nonresident Tuition Fee Exemption: Educational Asylum Program	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD
AB2212	Postsecondary Education: Sexual Harassment, Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Policies: Student Orientation and Training	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED

Enhanced Early Childhood Education Opportunities

N/A	No legislation was identified in this area during the 2026 legislative session. SJECED will continue to follow related policy developments.	—	—
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COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

AB2301	Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program	● SUPPORT	✗ DEAD
SB960*	Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program	● OPPOSE	✓ CHAPTERED
AB664	Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Program: Southwestern CCD	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD
AB2136	Community Colleges: Baccalaureate Degree Program: Cerritos CCD	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD
AB2206	Teacher Credentialing: Community College Baccalaureate Degrees: Designated Subjects Career Technical Education Teaching Credential	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED
AB2694*	Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program	● OPPOSE	✓ CHAPTERED

***POSITION UPDATE (SB960 & AB2694):** Following August 2026 amendments introducing additional restrictions on community college baccalaureate degree programs, SJECED changed its position on SB960 and AB2694 from Support to Oppose.

GENERAL COLLEGE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION**State Funding**

AB2121	Community Colleges: Current Expense of Education: Exclusions (50% Rule)	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED
SB1262	Education Finance: Community Colleges: General Fund Balance	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD

Human Resources

AB2019	Community Colleges: Deported or Detained Faculty	● SUPPORT	✗ DEAD
AB1171	Part-Time Community College Faculty Health Insurance Program	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD
AB2142	School Districts: Community College Districts: Short Term Employees: Classified Service	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD
AB2417	Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty: Retirement	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED

Governance and Administration

SB1101	Postsecondary Education: Sharing Personal Information: Notice	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD
SB1154	Public Contracts: Best Value Procurement: Community College Districts	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED
SB1328	Public Postsecondary Education: Equity in Higher Education Act: Campus Contact	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED
AB2523	Public Postsecondary Education: Governing Bodies: Biography and Contact Information	● MONITOR	✓ CHAPTERED
AB2528	Community Colleges: Governing Board Member Compensation	● MONITOR	✗ DEAD

2026 SJECCD STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

STUDENT NEEDS

Student success requires policies that remove financial and structural barriers while providing essential support. SJECCD advocates for legislation that expands educational opportunity, advances pathways to academic and career success, and ensures students have access to the resources and protections they need to succeed academically and beyond.

The following priorities guide these legislative efforts:

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| #1 | College Access and Affordability
Expanding financial aid and fee waiver access, and supporting College Promise and dual enrollment pathways so higher education remains accessible and affordable for students. |
| #2 | Student Success
Advancing academic, transfer, STEM, and workforce pathways that improve retention, degree completion, and career preparation. |
| #3 | Housing and Basic Needs
Supporting access to housing, mental health resources, and other essential services so students can stay enrolled and focused on their education. |
| #4 | Support for Vulnerable Student Populations
Protecting the rights and educational access of students facing heightened barriers, including veterans, foster youth, and students impacted by immigration-related challenges. |
| #5 | Enhanced Early Childhood Education Opportunities
Supporting access to early childhood education pathways and related opportunities for students interested in child development and teaching. |

#1 COLLEGE ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

SB1006 – Student Financial Aid

Cal Grant B Access Costs Award

(Author: Padilla)

Bill would, commencing with the 2027-28 award year, require the award for access costs under the Cal Grant B Program to be at least the maximum per-student amount provided in the 2025-26 award year and would require that award amount to be increased annually by the amount of the percentage increase, if any, in the California Consumer Price Index, as specified.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

DEAD ✕

AB1534 – Student Financial Aid

Federal Workforce Pell Grant Program

(Author: Irwin)

Bill would, beginning on July 1, 2026, prohibit a campus of the UC, CSU, or California Community Colleges, as well as a private postsecondary educational institution or an independent institution of higher education that receives state financial assistance, from disbursing federal Workforce Pell Grant program funds for short-term programs, or from advertising, marketing, or informing students about those funds, unless the institution has obtained authorization from the Governor and met all requirements set forth by the U.S. Department of Education.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

AB1920 – Community Colleges

California College Promise: Fee Waiver Eligibility

(Authors: Mark González and Ahrens)

Bill would prohibit a certificate awarded to a student by a postsecondary educational institution as part of a course sequence leading to an associate degree from making the student ineligible for the California College Promise fee waiver.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

AB2422 – Student Financial Aid

Delayed Financial Aid Awards: Extensions

(Author: Caloza)

Bill would, commencing with the 2027-28 academic year, require the CSU, community college districts, and private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education that receive state financial assistance to, and would request the UC to, for a student whose financial aid award is delayed due to factors that are outside of the student's control, extend specified enrollment and financial deadlines and refrain from imposing punitive actions, as defined.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

#2 STUDENT SUCCESS**AB2374 – Postsecondary Education**

Designation of California Asian-American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Serving Institutions

(Author: Fong)

Bill would establish the Designation of California Asian-American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander Serving Institutions to recognize campuses of those segments of postsecondary education that excel at providing academic resources to Asian American and Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander students.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

AB2466 – Strong Workforce Program

Work-Based Learning Opportunities: Regional Consortia

(Author: Fong)

Bill would authorize funds apportioned directly to regional consortia to be used to provide direct support to students, employers, or both, for paid work-based learning to increase employability and employment, as specified, and would make conforming changes.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

AB2660 – Public Postsecondary Education

Intersegmental Partnerships: STEM Education

(Author: Alvarez)

Bill would establish the Cal-Bridge Program as a fully intersegmental partnership between the California Community Colleges, the CSU, and the UC to create a pathway that promotes the advancement of California's diverse undergraduate public postsecondary student population who major in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

SB1255 – Postsecondary Education

Designation of California Hispanic Serving Institutions

(Author: Reyes)

Bill would establish the Designation of California Hispanic-Serving Institutions to recognize campuses of those segments of postsecondary education that excel at providing academic resources to Latino students. Bill would establish a Designation of California Hispanic-Serving Institutions governing board to designate colleges and universities as California Hispanic-Serving Institutions. Bill would designate the office of the Chancellor of the California State University as the managing entity and would require it to, among other duties, develop the application processes and to process and present initial and renewal applications to receive this designation to the governing board, as specified.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

#3 HOUSING AND BASIC NEEDS**AB1829 – Community Colleges**

CalWORKs Recipients Education Program: Services

(Author: Fong)

Bill permits California Community Colleges (CCC) to use existing California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Education (CalWORKs) funds to provide community college students who receive CalWORKs with direct aid for basic needs supports and permits CCC to waive employer contribution for work-study if the number of work-study positions does not decrease.

● SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓



Please see pages 2-3 for additional bills the District tracked during the 2026 legislative session, with SJECCD's position and legislative outcome shown for each bill. Each bill number in orange links to the corresponding legislative webpage.

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SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE STUDENT POPULATIONS**SB892 – Public Postsecondary Education**

Priority Registration: Members and Former Members of the Armed Forces of the United States and State Guard

(Author: Grove)

Bill would remove the limiting priority registration to 4 academic years after leaving state or federal active duty for use within 15 years of leaving state or federal active duty.

SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

AB2203 – Public Postsecondary Education

Priority Registration: Veterans and Dependents of Veterans: Fed. GI Bill

(Author: Tangipa)

Bill would require the CSU and each community college district, and would request the UC, with respect to each campus in their respective jurisdictions that administer a priority enrollment system, to grant priority for registration for enrollment to (1) a student who receives a fee waiver pursuant to certain provisions, and (2) a student who is using any federal GI Bill benefits.

SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

AB2768 – Student Financial Aid

Deferment of Fees and Costs: Foster Youth

(Author: Ahrens)

Bill would require the CSU, community college districts, and private postsecondary educational institutions and independent institutions of higher education that receive state financial assistance to, and would request the UC to, defer the unpaid portion of enrollment fees and costs for a student that is a foster youth or former foster youth, as defined, upon the student's initial enrollment at the postsecondary educational institution until the student has received an initial disbursement of the student's financial aid award.

SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

CHAPTERED ✓

#5

ENHANCED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

No legislation was identified in this area during the 2026 legislative session. SJECCD will continue to follow policy developments related to early childhood education opportunities.

**2026 SJECCD STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES****COMMUNITY COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREES**

Advancing community college baccalaureate programs provides affordable, workforce-aligned pathways that meet regional labor needs.

These programs address workforce shortages and create high-demand degree opportunities without the cost of transferring to a four-year institution.

AB2301 – Community Colleges

Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program

(Author: Soria)

Bill would require the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to develop a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program that authorizes select community college districts to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.

The bill would limit the pilot program to 10 community college districts statewide and would require the chancellor's office to identify and select eligible community college districts based on specified criteria.

SJECCD Position: SUPPORT

DEAD ✗

SB960 & AB2694 – Position Update

Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Program

(SB960 Author: Cabaldon | AB2694 Author: Alvarez)

Following August 2026 amendments introducing additional restrictions on community college baccalaureate degree programs, SJECCD changed its position on SB960 and AB2694 from Support to Oppose.

BOTH SB960 & AB2694 AMENDED AND CHAPTERED ✓

2026 SJECCD STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

GENERAL COLLEGE OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

Ensuring the long-term success of community colleges requires policies that promote fiscal stability, support employees, and strengthen governance and institutional effectiveness. SJECCD advocates for legislation that helps colleges support students and employees while maintaining strong operations, accountability, and public trust.

SJECCD advocates for legislation that focuses on:

#1 State Funding

Supporting fiscal stability and local flexibility so colleges can sustain core operations, student services, and long-term planning.

#2 Human Resources

Advancing the recruitment, retention, and well-being of faculty and staff who are essential to student success and strong college operations.

#3 Governance and Administration

Improving governance, transparency, procurement, and institutional accountability to strengthen college operations and public trust.



#1 STATE FUNDING

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#2 HUMAN RESOURCES

AB2019 – Community Colleges Deported or Detained Faculty

(Author: Gipson)

Bill would require a community college district to allow its faculty who departed the United States on or after January 1, 2027, for a specified reason, including, among others, due to immigration enforcement actions by the Department of Homeland Security, and who was teaching for the community college district at the time of departure to perform their instruction and professional duties through distance education or other remote modalities offered by the community college district, as provided.

● SJECCD Position: **SUPPORT**

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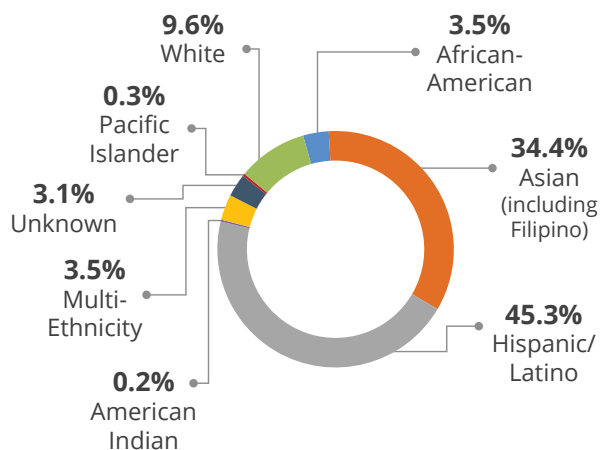
#3 GOVERNANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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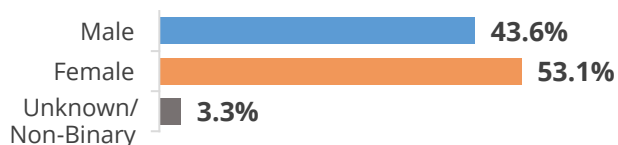
SJECCD STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS (2025-26)

SJECCD's legislative priorities are shaped by the students and communities we serve. These demographic insights provide a snapshot of who our students are and help guide decisions about which policies to support, monitor, and prioritize in our advocacy. By aligning our advocacy with student needs, we continue working to expand financial aid, strengthen workforce pathways, and enhance support services that remove barriers to success.

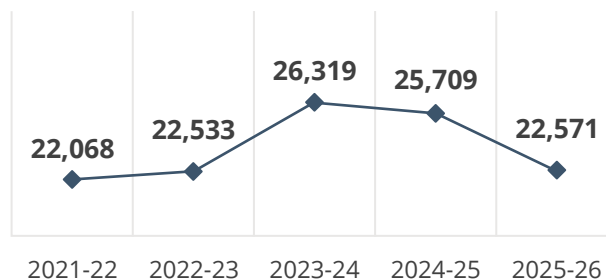
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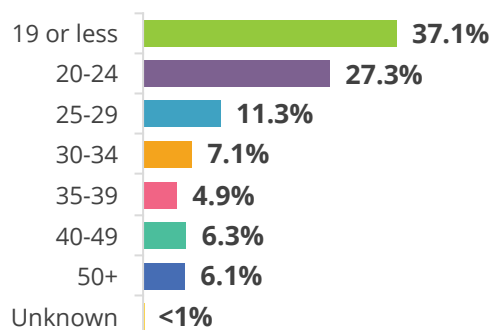
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FIVE-YEAR TREND (HEADCOUNT)



STUDENT AGE



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