An act to amend Section 76004 of the Education Code, relating to community colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST


Existing law authorizes the governing board of a community college district to enter into a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership with the governing board of a school district or the governing body of a charter school with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school to community college for career technical education or preparation for transfer, improving high school graduation rates, or helping high school pupils achieve college and career readiness. Existing law requires the partnership agreement to outline the terms of the partnership, as specified, and to establish protocols for information sharing, joint facilities use, and parental consent for high school pupils to enroll in community college courses. Existing law requires the governing board of each district, at an open public meeting of that board, to present the dual enrollment partnership agreement as an informational item, as a condition of, and before adopting, a CCAP partnership
agreement. Existing law requires the governing board of each district, at a subsequent open public meeting of that board, to take comments from the public and approve or disapprove the proposed agreement. Existing law authorizes a community college district participating in a CCAP partnership to assign priority for enrollment and course registration to a pupil seeking to enroll in a community college course that is required for the pupil’s CCAP partnership program that is equivalent to the priority assigned to a pupil attending a middle college high school and consistent with specified middle college high school provisions. Existing law repeals these provisions on January 1, 2022.

This bill would require the protocols described above to only require a high school pupil participating under a CCAP partnership to submit one parental consent form and principal recommendation for the duration of their participation under the CCAP partnership. The bill would eliminate the requirement imposed on the governing board of each district entering into a CCAP partnership agreement to present the dual enrollment partnership agreement as an informational item at a separate open public meeting of that board before taking public comment and acting to approve or disapprove the proposed agreement. The bill would provide that units completed by a pupil pursuant to a CCAP agreement may count towards determining a pupil’s registration priority for enrollment and course registration at a community college. The bill would require the CCAP partnership agreement to include a plan, instead of a certification, by the participating community college district to ensure specified conditions are met. The bill would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges, on or before July 31, 2020, to revise the special part-time student application process to allow a pupil to complete one application for the duration of the pupil’s attendance at a community college as a special part-time student participating in a CCAP partnership agreement. The bill would extend the operation of the CCAP partnership provisions until January 1, 2027.


The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
Research has shown that dual enrollment can be an effective means of improving educational outcomes for a broad range of students.

Dual enrollment has historically targeted high-achieving students; however, increasingly, educators and policymakers are looking toward dual enrollment as a strategy to help students who struggle academically or who are at risk of dropping out.

Allowing a greater and more varied segment of high school pupils to take community college courses could provide numerous benefits to both the pupils and the state, such as reducing the number of high school dropouts, increasing the number of community college students who transfer and complete a degree, shortening the time to completion of educational goals, and improving the level of preparation of students to successfully complete for-credit, college-level courses.

California should rethink its policies governing dual enrollment, and establish a policy framework under which school districts and community college districts could create dual enrollment partnerships as one strategy to provide critical support for underachieving students, those from groups underrepresented in postsecondary education, those who are seeking advanced studies while in high school, and those seeking a career technical education credential or certificate.

Through dual enrollment partnerships, school districts and community college districts could create clear pathways of aligned, sequenced coursework that would allow students to more easily and successfully transition to for-credit, college-level coursework leading to an associate degree, transfer to the University of California or the California State University, or to a program leading to a career technical education credential or certificate.

To facilitate the establishment of dual enrollment partnerships, the state should remove fiscal penalties and policy barriers that discourage dual enrollment opportunities. By reducing some of these restrictions, it will be possible to expand dual enrollment opportunities, thereby saving both students and the state valuable time, money, and scarce educational resources.

SEC. 2. Section 76004 of the Education Code is amended to read:

76004. Notwithstanding Section 76001 or any other law:
(a) The governing board of a community college district may enter into a College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) partnership with the governing board of a school district for the purpose of offering or expanding dual enrollment opportunities for pupils who may not already be college bound or who are underrepresented in higher education, with the goal of developing seamless pathways from high school, including continuation high school, to community college for career technical education or preparation for transfer, improving high school graduation rates, or helping high school pupils achieve college and career readiness.

(b) A participating community college district may enter into a CCAP partnership with a school district partner that is governed by a CCAP partnership agreement approved by the governing boards of both districts. As a condition of adopting a CCAP partnership agreement, the governing board of each district, at an open public meeting of that board, shall present the dual enrollment partnership agreement, take comments from the public, and approve or disapprove the proposed agreement.

(c) (1) The CCAP partnership agreement shall outline the terms of the CCAP partnership and shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, the total number of high school pupils to be served and the total number of full-time equivalent students projected to be claimed by the community college district for those pupils; the scope, nature, time, location, and listing of community college courses to be offered; and criteria to assess the ability of pupils to benefit from those courses. The CCAP partnership agreement shall also establish protocols for information sharing, in compliance with all applicable state and federal privacy laws, joint facilities use, and parental consent for high school pupils to enroll in community college courses. The protocols shall only require a high school pupil participating in a CCAP partnership to submit one parental consent form and principal recommendation for the duration of the pupil's participation in the CCAP partnership.

(2) The CCAP partnership agreement shall identify a point of contact for the participating community college district and school district partner.

(3) A copy of the CCAP partnership agreement shall be filed with the office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges and with the department before the start of the CCAP partnership. The chancellor may void any CCAP partnership
agreement it determines has not complied with the intent of the
requirements of this section.
(d) A community college district participating in a CCAP
partnership shall not provide physical education course
opportunities to high school pupils pursuant to this section or any
other course opportunities that do not assist in the attainment of
at least one of the goals listed in subdivision (a).
(e) A community college district shall not enter into a CCAP
partnership with a school district within the service area of another
community college district, except where an agreement exists, or
is established, between those community college districts
authorizing that CCAP partnership.
(f) A high school pupil enrolled in a course offered through a
CCAP partnership shall not be assessed any fee that is prohibited
by Section 49011.
(g) (1) A community college district participating in a CCAP
partnership may assign priority for enrollment and course
registration to a pupil seeking to enroll in a community college
course that is required for the pupil’s CCAP partnership program
that is equivalent to the priority assigned to a pupil attending a
middle college high school as described in Section 11300 and
consistent with middle college high school provisions in Section
76001.
(2) Units completed by a pupil pursuant to a CCAP agreement
may count towards determining a pupil’s registration priority for
enrollment and course registration at a community college.
(h) The CCAP partnership agreement shall certify that any
community college instructor teaching a course on a high school
campus has not been convicted of any sex offense as defined in
Section 87010, or any controlled substance offense as defined in
Section 87011.
(i) The CCAP partnership agreement shall certify that any
community college instructor teaching a course at the partnering
high school campus has not displaced or resulted in the termination
of an existing high school teacher teaching the same course on that
high school campus.
(j) The CCAP partnership agreement shall certify that a qualified
high school teacher teaching a course offered for college credit at
a high school campus has not displaced or resulted in the
termination of an existing community college faculty member
teaching the same course at the partnering community college campus.

(k) The CCAP partnership agreement shall include a plan by the participating community college district to ensure all of the following:

(1) A community college course offered for college credit at the partnering high school campus does not reduce access to the same course offered at the partnering community college campus.

(2) A community college course that is oversubscribed or has a waiting list shall not be offered in the CCAP partnership.

(3) Participation in a CCAP partnership is consistent with the core mission of the community colleges pursuant to Section 66010.4, and that pupils participating in a CCAP partnership will not lead to enrollment displacement of otherwise eligible adults in the community college.

(l) The CCAP partnership agreement shall certify that both the school district and community college district partners comply with local collective bargaining agreements and all state and federal reporting requirements regarding the qualifications of the teacher or faculty member teaching a CCAP partnership course offered for high school credit.

(m) The CCAP partnership agreement shall specify both of the following:

(1) Which participating district will be the employer of record for purposes of assignment monitoring and reporting to the county office of education.

(2) Which participating district will assume reporting responsibilities pursuant to applicable federal teacher quality mandates.

(n) The CCAP partnership agreement shall certify that any remedial course taught by community college faculty at a partnering high school campus shall be offered only to high school pupils who do not meet their grade level standard in math, English, or both on an interim assessment in grade 10 or 11, as determined by the partnering school district, and shall involve a collaborative effort between high school and community college faculty to deliver an innovative remediation course as an intervention in the pupil’s junior or senior year to ensure the pupil is prepared for college-level work upon graduation.
(o) (1) A community college district may limit enrollment in a community college course solely to eligible high school pupils if the course is offered at a high school campus, either in person or using an online platform, during the regular schoolday and the community college course is offered pursuant to a CCAP partnership agreement.

(2) For purposes of allowances and apportionments from Section B of the State School Fund, a community college district conducting a closed course on a high school campus pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be credited with those units of full-time equivalent students attributable to the attendance of eligible high school pupils.

(p) A community college district may allow a special part-time student participating in a CCAP partnership agreement established pursuant to this article to enroll in up to a maximum of 15 units per term if all of the following circumstances are satisfied:

(1) The units constitute no more than four community college courses per term.

(2) The units are part of an academic program that is part of a CCAP partnership agreement established pursuant to this article.

(3) The units are part of an academic program that is designed to award students both a high school diploma and an associate degree or a certificate or credential.

(q) The governing board of a community college district participating in a CCAP partnership agreement established pursuant to this article shall exempt special part-time students described in subdivision (p) from the fee requirements in Sections 76060.5, 76223, 76300, 76350, and 79121.

(r) A district shall not receive a state allowance or apportionment for an instructional activity for which the partnering district has been, or shall be, paid an allowance or apportionment.

(s) (1) The attendance of a high school pupil at a community college as a special part-time or full-time student pursuant to this section is authorized attendance for which the community college shall be credited or reimbursed pursuant to Section 48802 or 76002, provided that no school district has received reimbursement for the same instructional activity.

(2) For purposes of calculating classroom-based average daily attendance for classroom-based instruction apportionments, at least 80 percent of the instructional time offered by a charter school
pursuant to an authorized CCAP partnership agreement shall be
at the schoolsite, and the charter school shall require the attendance
of a pupil for a minimum of 50 percent of the minimum
instructional time required to be offered pursuant to paragraph (1)
of subdivision (a) of Section 47612.5, if the pupil is also a special
part-time student enrolled in a community college pursuant to this
section and the pupil will receive academic credit upon satisfactory
completion of enrolled courses.
(t) (1) For each CCAP partnership agreement entered into
pursuant to this section, the affected community college district
and school district shall report annually to the office of the
Chancellor of the California Community Colleges all of the
following information:
(A) The total number of high school pupils by schoolsite
enrolled in each CCAP partnership, aggregated by gender and
ethnicity, and reported in compliance with all applicable state and
federal privacy laws.
(B) The total number of community college courses by course
category and type and by schoolsite enrolled in by CCAP
partnership participants.
(C) The total number and percentage of successful course
completions, by course category and type and by schoolsite, of
CCAP partnership participants.
(D) The total number of full-time equivalent students generated
by CCAP partnership community college district participants.
(E) The total number of full-time equivalent students served
online generated by CCAP partnership community college district
participants.
(2) On or before January 1, 2021, the chancellor shall prepare
a summary report that includes an evaluation of the CCAP
partnerships, an assessment of trends in the growth of special
admits systemwide and by campus, and, based upon the data
collected pursuant to this section, recommendations for program
improvements, including, but not necessarily limited to, both of
the following:
(A) Any recommended changes to the statewide cap on special
admit full-time equivalent students to ensure that adults are not
being displaced.
(B) Any recommendation concerning the need for additional student assistance or academic resources to ensure the overall success of the CCAP partnerships.

(3) The chancellor shall ensure that the number of full-time equivalent students generated by CCAP partnerships is reported pursuant to the reporting requirements in Section 76002.

(4) On or before July 31, 2020, the chancellor shall revise the special part-time student application process to allow a pupil to complete one application for the duration of the pupil’s attendance at a community college as a special part-time student participating in a CCAP partnership agreement.

(u) The annual report required by subdivision (t) shall also be transmitted to all of the following:

2. The Director of Finance.
3. The Superintendent.

(v) A community college district that violates this article, including, but not necessarily limited to, any restriction imposed by the board of governors pursuant to this article, shall be subject to the same penalty as may be imposed pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 78032.

(w) The statewide number of full-time equivalent students claimed as special admits shall not exceed 10 percent of the total number of full-time equivalent students claimed statewide.

(x) Nothing in this section is intended to affect a dual enrollment partnership agreement existing on the effective date of this section under which an early college high school, a middle college high school, or California Career Pathways Trust existing on the effective date of this section is operated. An early college high school, middle college high school, or California Career Pathways Trust partnership agreement existing on the effective date of this section shall not operate as a CCAP partnership unless it complies with this section.

(y) The governing body of a charter school may enter into a CCAP partnership agreement with the governing board of a community college district pursuant to this section. That CCAP partnership agreement shall comply with all applicable requirements of this section.
(z) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2027, and as of that date is repealed.