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SB 893 (BECKER; 2022)

FREE COLLEGE REPORT

This report is submitted to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO), the Department of Finance, and appropriate committees of the Legislature to satisfy the requirement included in Senate Bill No. 893 (Becker; 2022), Chapter 937, and to communicate the successful impact of Free College in the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD).



SAN MATEO COUNTY
COMMUNITY
COLLEGE DISTRICT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The implementation of **Free College** in the **San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD)** under the authorization provided by **SB 893** has been transformative in its impact on the communities of San Mateo County. Free College in the SMCCCD has been successfully implemented with **NO COST to the STATE OF CALIFORNIA** nor its general fund and is **100% FUNDED by LOCAL PROPERTY TAX** collected in San Mateo County.

Increasing Access with Equity

Since its implementation, over **33,500 unique students** have received support through Free College, with an average of **12,489 or almost 70% of students per semester**. The SMCCCD has seen a **24% enrollment increase** in domestic students from Fall 2022 to Fall 2025 as a result of the implementation of Free College. The District has also seen significant increases in enrollment from underrepresented portions of the County including a 33% increase from East Palo Alto, 31% increase from Redwood City, and a 34% increase from Half Moon Bay. **Overall, more than half of Free College recipients were first-generation students (54%), more than half identified as female (53%), and three-quarters (75%) came from communities of color in San Mateo County.**

Student Success

The impact of Free College on student success has also been impressive and substantial. **Students supported by Free College persisted from semester to semester at much higher rates (78% vs. 42%) compared to similar students who did not receive Free College. Students supported by Free College are completing their degrees at almost triple the two-year rate (11% vs. 3%) and more than four-times the three-year rates (28% vs. 6%) of students who never received Free College.** Hear directly from the students who have benefited from Free College by visiting our [website](#).

The Total Cost of Attendance

California maintains one of the lowest costs of education for its community college system in the nation, through a combination of the \$46/unit enrollment fee, the availability of the California College Promise Grant (CCPG), and other supports authorized through legislation such as AB 19. Despite these efforts, higher education remains unaffordable for significant numbers of Californians because of the Total Cost of Attendance (TCA) that includes not only a student's tuition and fees, but the cost of books and supplies, living expenses, transportation expenses, and any other student expenses. Free College in the SMCCCD, as made possible by SB 893, is designed to support a student's TCA. For the academic year (AY) 2025-26, a student's [TCA](#) was calculated to be \$37,283, including \$1,332 in enrollment fees and another \$1,971 in books and supplies. For a student with financial need, Free College removes the barrier of enrollment fees and provides up to another \$1,350 in support for textbooks, technology, and transportation.

Fiscal Sustainability

In addition to ensuring positive outcomes for students, the District has also ensured fiscal stability and continued investments in its employee groups. The SMCCCD provided 15% compensation increases for each of its three unions (AFT, CSEA, and AFSCME) in 2024. The District also agreed to additional compensation increases for part-time faculty resulting in a three-year increase of 22%, as well as implementing the Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program. The District maintains a reserve amount recommended by the State Chancellor's Office, and has fully funded its Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) obligation. Additionally, the District has increased its support for students' basic needs, including allocating \$1M annually for food insecurity support, providing emergency housing support, and increasing support for student transportation needs through partnership with local transportation agencies such as the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans). In short, the District has continued to invest in its employees and expand support for other programs while implementing Free College for its communities.

CONCLUSION

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INTRODUCTION

This report is submitted to the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office (CCCCO), the Department of Finance, and appropriate committees of the Legislature to satisfy the requirement included in Senate Bill No. 893 (Becker; 2022), Chapter 937, and to communicate the successful impact of Free College in the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD). Each of the following sections are specified in the legislation as being required as part of this report.

(1) HOW THE DISTRICT HAS DETERMINED TO USE LOCAL UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE.

According to the CCCCCO, the California Promise program is intended to help make college affordable to all students, support the goals of [Vision 2030](#), strengthen Guided Pathways and encourage innovation. As part of the California Promise, colleges can, but are not required to, waive enrollment fees for all first-time, full-time students who do not qualify for the California College Promise Grant.

In 2017, the legislature enacted California College Promise through the passage of Assembly Bill 19 (AB 19). AB 19 provides funding to the California Community College system to support specified policy goals and waive fees for one academic year for first-time students.

As authorized by SB 893 (Becker; 2022) and CA Ed. Code Section 76302.1, the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) is using local unrestricted general funds to pay for the enrollment fees for students who have an educational goal (CCCCO [MIS SB14](#)) of “A - Obtain an associate degree and transfer to a four-year institution,” or “C - Obtain a 2-year associate's degree without transfer,” or “E - Earn a vocational certificate without transfer.” This is consistent with the intent of the California College Promise to “make college affordable to all students.”

The District expanded on both the use of AB 19 funds and the number of students it could serve through its use of local unrestricted general funds. The District supports both full-time and part-time students, and as of the writing of this report more than 33,500 unique students have been supported by SB 893 and Free College in the SMCCCD, with an average of 12,500 students participating in Free College each semester.

(2) HOW THE DISTRICT HAS DETERMINED TO USE LOCAL UNRESTRICTED GENERAL FUNDS TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH THE TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE.

The District is using its unrestricted general funds to establish its Free College strategic initiative to assist students with the total cost of attendance (TCA).

As outlined in CA Ed Code section 76302.1(e):

“...the total cost of attendance for a student attending a community college shall be defined to include the student’s tuition and fees, books and supplies, living expenses, transportation

expenses, and any other student expenses used to calculate a student’s financial need for purposes of federal Title IV student aid programs.”

As authorized by SB 893 (Becker; 2022) and CA Ed. Code Section 76302.1, the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD) sets parameters for [Free College](#) through its Board Policy ([BP 8.76](#)). There are two levels of support for the Total Cost of Attendance (TCA) that students who are San Mateo County residents can qualify for.

Level 1: The District pays the enrollment fee (\$46/unit) for enrolled students who have an educational goal (CCCCO [MIS SB14](#)) of “A - Obtain an associate degree and transfer to a four-year institution,” or “C - Obtain a 2-year associate's degree without transfer,” or “E - Earn a vocational certificate without transfer.”

Level 2: Students who meet the criteria described in Section 1 above will also qualify for District payment of all other enrollment associated fees (e.g., including but not limited to the health fee, student body fee, student representation fee, student union fee, inclusive access fee(s), and materials fee(s)) if they also meet the following criteria:

- a. Qualify to receive any California College Promise Grant (CCPG: A, B, C, or D); or
- b. Are eligible for the Non-Resident Tuition Fee Waiver for Undocumented Students; or
- c. Have documented financial need as defined by an expected family contribution (EFC) of up to 300% of CCPG Type C EFC eligibility; and
- d. Be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units during the Fall or Spring semester (with no minimum unit requirement for the Summer term).

(3) HOW THE DISTRICT HAS DETERMINED TO USE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE FUNDS TO ASSIST STUDENTS WITH THE TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE.

The District uses its California College Promise (AB19) funds to support its Promise Scholars Program (PSP). The Promise Scholars Program is a replication of the City University of New York’s Accelerated Studies for Associates Program (ASAP) – a proven model that significantly increases three-year graduation rates for full-time students. The Promise Scholars Program provides up to three years of financial, academic and personalized student services for first time, full-time SMCCCD students whose educational goal is to earn a certificate or associate degree. The PSP intentionally removes barriers that too often prevent students from successfully completing those goals. The program includes the Promise Scholarship, a dedicated counselor delivering personalized academic and socio-cultural support, and performance-centered interventions. SMCCCD Promise Scholars also receive a monthly incentive, a voucher for books and course materials, and access to loaned laptops. The primary goal of the Promise Scholars Program (PSP) is to triple the historical two-year and three-year graduation rates of students.

If a student is ineligible to receive support as under Free College funds but is eligible for AB19 California Promise funding, the District utilizes AB19 to cover the cost of the Total Cost of Attendance for the

student in the form of a Promise Scholarship. The Promise Scholarship is a last-dollar scholarship that is applied after CCPG and Free College to cover remaining tuition and fees, and provide financial support.

(4) A COPY OF THE POLICY ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN MATEO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (A).

See [here](#) and Appendix A.

(5) A COPY OF THE FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT PREPARED PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION (A).

The three-year fiscal impact statement for Free College is presented in Table 1 below. Based on historical trends, an increase in students and associated costs of 3.5% is budgeted for FY 2025-26.

		FY 2023-24 (Actual)		FY 2024-25 (Actual)		FY 2025-26 (Budgeted)	
		Number of Unique Students	Total Amount	Number of Unique Students	Total Amount	Number of Unique Students	Total Amount
Level 1	Enrollment Fees	10,681	\$5,792,152	10,416	\$6,499,763	10,789	\$6,732,520
	Enrollment Fees	1,231	\$1,056,697	2,507	\$2,069,859	2,597	\$2,143,981
	Fees at Registration (Material Fees, Student Body Fees)	6,417	\$191,136	7,194	\$186,108	7,452	\$192,773
Level 2	Inclusive Access	4,253	\$555,119	4,578	\$680,023	4,742	\$704,375
	Total 3 T's: Transportation, Textbook, Technology	3,640	\$1,613,273	4,467	\$2,381,648	4,627	\$2,466,935
	Transportation	2,963	\$788,351	3,514	\$1,114,460	3,640	\$1,154,369
	Textbooks	2,216	\$197,278	3,076	\$327,490	3,186	\$339,217
	Technology	1,429	\$627,644	2,407	\$939,698	2,493	\$973,349
	Sub-Total Level 2		\$3,416,225		\$5,317,638		\$5,508,063
	Grand Total	17,101	\$9,208,377	17,615	\$11,817,401	18,246	\$12,240,583

Table 1 – SB893 Free College Three-Year Fiscal Impact Report

(6) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A FEE WAIVER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, DISAGGREGATED BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY, UNIT LOAD, AND INCOME LEVEL.

Since implementation of Free College under the authorization provided by SB 893, almost 70% of students in the past two academic years have been supported by a fee waiver pursuant to the legislation. More than half of student recipients were first-generation students, and almost three-quarters came from communities of color. The number and percentage of students receiving a fee waiver under SB 893 Free College in the SMCCCD are presented in Tables 2-8 below.

Receipt of SB893 Free College	AY 2023-2024		AY 2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
SB893 Free College Recipients	16,730	69%	17,298	68%
Total Domestic Students (NonK12, Not International)	24,146	100%	25,471	100%

Table 2 – County of Free College Fee Waiver recipients

Age Group	AY 2023-2024		AY 2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under Age 18	56	0%	138	1%
Age 18-25	10,629	63%	10,735	61%
Age 26-40	3,880	23%	4,224	24%
Age 41-60	1,882	11%	2,061	12%
Age 61 and Up	442	3%	441	3%
Total SB893 Recipients	16,889	100%	17,599	100%

Table 3 – Count of Free College Fee Waiver recipients by Age (NOTE: The total in this table differs because age and load are calculated per term.)

Ethnicity	AY 2023-2024		AY 2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian/Alaskan Native	13	< 0%	18	< 0%
Asian	2,112	13%	2,162	12%
Black/African American	364	2%	409	2%
Filipino	1,686	10%	1,719	10%
Hispanic/Latinx	6,921	41%	7,544	44%
Pacific Islander	305	2%	295	2%
White Non-Hispanic	3,638	22%	3,502	20%

Multiracial	1,166	7%	1,171	7%
Unreported	530	3%	480	3%
Total SB893 Recipients	16,730	100%	17,298	100%

Table 4 – Count of Free College Fee Waiver recipients by Ethnicity

Unit Load	Fall 2023		Spring 2024		Fall 2024		Spring 2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Full Time (12 or more units)	5,093	45%	4,651	40%	5,491	42%	4,932	39%
Part Time (6 to 11.75)	4,143	36%	4,456	39%	4,875	38%	5,079	40%
Less Than Part Time (< 6 units)	2,175	19%	2,378	21%	2,604	20%	2,726	21%
Total SB893 Recipients	11,411	100%	11,485	100%	12,970	100%	12,737	100%

Table 5 – Count of Free College Fee Waiver recipients by Unit Load (NOTE: The total in this table differs because age and load are calculated per term.)

Income Level	AY 2023-2024		AY 2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Eligible for CCPG or PELL Grant	3,561	21%	4,109	23%
Not Eligible for CCPG or PELL Grant	13,293	79%	14,049	77%
Total SB893 Recipients	16,854	100%	18,158	100%

Table 6 – Count of Free College Fee Waiver recipients by Income Level

Gender	AY 2023-2024		AY 2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	8,839	53%	9,218	53%
Male	7,269	43%	7,440	43%
Non-Binary	3	< 0%	59	< 0%
Unreported	625	4%	583	3%
Total SB893 Recipients	16,730	100%	17,298	100%

Table 7 – Count of Free College Fee Waiver recipients by Gender

First Generation	AY 2023-2024		AY 2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
First Generation	8,832	53%	9,384	54%
Not First Generation	6,232	37%	6,085	35%

Unreported	1,667	10%	1,836	11%
Total SB893 Recipients	16,730	100%	17,298	100%

Table 8 – Count of Free College Fee Waiver recipients by First Generation College Status

(7) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING A CALIFORNIA PROMISE GRANT (CCPG), DISAGGREGATED BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY, UNIT LOAD, AND INCOME LEVEL.

The California College Promise Grant (CCPG) waives the enrollment fees for eligible California residents attending California Community College. The CCPG Fee Waiver waives the per-unit enrollment fee (\$46/unit) for the entire academic year for students who apply and qualify. Other fees, such as textbooks, student body, and student representation fees are not covered by the CCPG. The total number of CCPG recipients is a subset of Free College recipients, but not all CCPG recipients also receive Free College benefits due to county residency requirements and other factors.

	AY 2023-2024		AY 2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
CCPG Recipients	8,087	33%	7,937	31%
Total Domestic Students (NonK12, Not International)	24,146	100%	25,471	100%

Table 9 – Count of California College Promise Grant (CCPG) recipients

Age Group	AY 2023-2024		AY 2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under Age 18	26	< 0%	36	< 0%
Age 18-25	4,959	64%	4,947	65%
Age 26-40	2,053	26%	1,943	26%
Age 41-60	627	8%	585	8%
Age 61 and Up	92	1%	81	1%
Total Promise Grant Recipients	7,757	100%	7,592	100%

Table 10 – Count of California College Promise Grant (CCPG) recipients by Age (NOTE: The total in this table differs because age and load are calculated per term.)

Race/Ethnicity	AY 2023-2024	AY 2024-2025
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	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian/Alaskan Native	11	0%	15	0%
Asian	793	10%	800	11%
Black/African American	375	5%	387	5%
Filipino	831	11%	832	11%
Hispanic/Latinx	3,692	48%	3,679	49%
Pacific Islander	209	3%	193	3%
White Non-Hispanic	1,114	15%	993	13%
Multiracial	426	6%	431	6%
Unreported	207	3%	148	2%
Total Promise Grant Recipients	7,655	100%	7,478	100%

Table 11 – Count of California Promise Grant recipients by Ethnicity

Unit Load	Fall 2023		Spring 2024		Fall 2024		Spring 2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Full Time (12 or more units)	3,037	54%	2,702	50%	2,839	53%	2,580	50%
Part Time (6 to 11.75)	1,771	31%	1,870	35%	1,777	33%	1,854	36%
Less Than Part Time (< 6 units)	815	14%	796	15%	745	14%	746	14%
Total Promise Grant Recipients	5,623	100%	5,368	100%	5,361	100%	5,180	100%

Table 12 – Count of California Promise Grant (CCPG) recipients by Unit Load (NOTE: The total in this table differs because age and load are calculated per term.)

Income Level	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Eligible for CCPG or PELL Grant	5,246	65%	5,202	66%
Not Eligible for CCPG or PELL Grant	2,841	35%	2,735	34%

Total Promise Grant Recipients	8,087	100%	7,937	100%
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Table 13 – Count of California Promise Grant (CCPG) recipients by Income Level

Gender	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	4,360	57%	4,265	57%
Male	3,077	40%	2,973	40%
Non-Binary	2	< 0%	30	< 0%
Unreported	217	3%	210	3%
Total Promise Grant Recipients	7,655	100%	7,478	100%

Table 14 – Count of California Promise Grant (CCPG) recipients by Gender

First Generation	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
First Generation	5,158	67%	5,011	67%
Not First Generation	1,720	22%	1,699	23%
Unreported	778	10%	771	10%
Total Promise Grant Recipients	7,655	100%	7,478	100%

Table 15 – Count of California Promise Grant (CCPG) recipients by First Generation College Student Status

(8) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS RECEIVING OTHER FORMS OF INSTITUTIONAL AID, INCLUDING SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, DISAGGREGATED BY AGE, RACE AND ETHNICITY, UNIT LOAD, AND INCOME LEVEL.

Institutional Grant Recipients, as reported in Table 16 below, includes students who were awarded a scholarship from either the San Mateo County Community College Foundation (SMCCCF) or from one of the colleges of the District.

	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Total Institutional Grant Recipients	606	3%	655	3%
Total Domestic Students (Non K-12, Not International)	24,146	100%	25,471	100%

Table 16 – Count of SMCCD Institutional Grant recipients

Age Group	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under Age 18	1	0%	3	0%
Age 18-25	476	78%	512	78%
Age 26-40	98	16%	104	16%
Age 41-60	26	4%	35	5%
Age 61 and Up	7	1%	5	1%
Total Institutional Grant Recipients	608	100%	659	100%

Table 17 – Count of SMCCD Institutional Grant recipients by Age Group (NOTE: The total in this table differs because age and load are calculated per term.)

Ethnicity	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	< 0%	1	< 0%
Asian	60	10%	73	11%
Black/African American	22	4%	30	5%
Filipino	68	11%	72	11%
Hispanic/Latinx	301	50%	337	51%
Pacific Islander	25	4%	20	3%
White Non-Hispanic	79	13%	69	11%
Multiracial	41	7%	44	7%
Unknown	9	1%	9	1%
Total Institutional Grant Recipients	606	100%	655	100%

Table 18 – Count of SMCCD Institutional Grant recipients by Ethnicity

Unit Load	Fall 2023		Spring 2024		Fall 2024		Spring 2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Full Time (12 or more units)	481	77%	376	62%	133	72%	134	68%
Part Time (6 to 11.75)	127	20%	179	29%	46	25%	48	24%

Less Than Part Time (< 6 units)	17	3%	55	9%	7	4%	15	8%
Total Institutional Grant Recipients	625	100%	610	100%	186	100%	197	100%

Table 19 – Count of SMCCD Institutional Grant recipients by Unit Load (NOTE: The total in this table differs because age and load are calculated per term.)

Income Level	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Low Income: Yes (Eligible for CCPG or PELL)	378	62%	406	62%
Low Income: No	229	38%	251	38%
Total Institutional Grant Recipients	607	100%	657	100%

Table 20 - Count of SMCCD Institutional Grant recipients by Income Level

Gender	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	363	53%	386	59%
Male	224	43%	247	38%
Non-Binary	--	--	1	< 0%
Unreported	19	4%	21	3%
Total Institutional Grant Recipients	606	100%	655	100%

Table 21 - Count of SMCCD Institutional Grant recipients by Gender

First Generation	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
First Generation	391	65%	412	63%
Not First Generation	164	27%	167	25%
Unreported	51	8%	76	12%
Total Institutional Grant Recipients	606	100%	655	100%

Table 22 – Count of SMCCD Institutional Grant recipients by First Generation College Student Status

(9) THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT WERE LIMITED OR ELIMINATED DUE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION.

There were no services or programs that were limited or eliminated due to the implementation of this section. Since 2023, the District has continued to expand programs and services for students, including additional investments in student basic needs, expansion of dual enrollment, and investment in student housing.

Additionally, the District settled its three union contracts in 2024, following full implementation of this section and the Free College initiative. Each of its three unions (AFT, CSEA, and AFSCME) received compensation increases of 15% over the three-year contract term. The District also agreed to additional compensation increases for part-time faculty resulting in a three-year increase of 22%, as well as implementing the Part-Time Faculty Health Insurance Program established by Education Code sections 87860 through 87868.

APPENDICES

- Appendix A: Copy of Governing Board Policy (BP 8.76)
- Appendix B: Text of CA Education Code § 76302. added by SB 893 Legislation
- Appendix C: Free College (SB 893) Student Outcomes

APPENDIX A. – SMCCCD GOVERNING BOARD POLICY (BP 8.76; SEE BELOW)

BOARD POLICY

San Mateo County Community College District

Subject: Policy for Free Community College authorized under SB 893
Revision Date: 3/22/23
Policy References: CA Education Code Sections 76302, 68000, 68130.5, 76140, 76140.5, 66025.3, 72246(c) (d.1) (d.2), 72252 and 76060.5

Students who meet the following criteria will qualify for Free Community College support authorized by Senate Bill 893 (Becker; [SB 893](#)).

1. In order to qualify for support authorized by SB 893, students must meet all the following criteria:
 - a. Reside within the boundaries of the San Mateo County Community College District (SMCCCD), which are coterminous with the borders of San Mateo County; and
 - b. Not be international students or other non-resident students, except as identified as students eligible for AB540 status or students eligible for the Non-Resident Tuition Fee Waiver for Undocumented Students (BP 8.75).
2. Students who meet the criteria described in Section 1 above and who are eligible for the Non-Resident Tuition Fee Waiver for Undocumented Students (BP 8.75) will have the non-resident tuition capital outlay fee (as applicable) waived by the District for all enrolled units.
3. Students who qualify for support authorized by SB 893 based on the criteria described in Section 1 and have an educational goal of certificate, degree, or transfer with a degree (CCCCO MIS SB14: A, C, or E); above will qualify to receive the following Free Community College supports:
 - a. District payment of the \$46/unit enrollment fee.
4. Students who meet the criteria described in Section 1 above will also qualify for District payment of all other enrollment associated fees (e.g., including but not limited to the health fee, student body fee, student representation fee, student union fee, inclusive access fee(s), and materials fee(s)) if they also meet the following criteria:
 - a. Qualify to receive any California College Promise Grant (CCPG: A, B, C, or D); or
 - b. Are eligible for the Non-Resident Tuition Fee Waiver for Undocumented Students; or
 - c. Have documented financial need as defined by an expected family contribution (EFC) of up to 300% of CCPG Type C EFC eligibility.
 - d. Be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) units during the Fall or Spring semester (with no minimum unit requirement for the Summer term);
5. Students who meet the criteria described in Section 1 above and the additional criteria described in Section 4 may also qualify for additional supports authorized by SB 893 as follows:
 - a. Transportation support as defined in AP 8.76.1

- b. Technology support as defined in AP AP 8.76.1
 - c. Textbook support as defined in AP AP 8.76.1
6. If a student has a third-party payer or funding source that has agreed to pay for any part of the student's total cost of education, that payer will be billed prior to the use of District general fund dollars authorized by SB 893 as outlined in this Board Policy and subsequent Administrative Procedures.
7. The annual budget for SB 893 involves projecting the number and types of students who would be eligible for the different kinds of support. The projected annual budget will constrain the total cost of SB 893 for the District each fiscal year. As such, the Chancellor in consultation with the Chancellor's Cabinet, and District Participatory Governance Council (DPGC) shall annually review AP 8.76.1 to ensure District's use of the funds is fiscally responsible and aligns with District strategic priorities, and that the District complies with fiscal and reporting requirements outlined in SB893. This may include prioritization of supports funded through BP 8.76 and AP 8.76.1 throughout the duration of SB893.

APPENDIX B. – EDUCATION CODE § 76302.

(a) The governing board of the San Mateo County Community College District may adopt a policy that uses local unrestricted general funds to provide fee waivers to students with the greatest financial need, as determined by the community college district, when other fee waivers are not provided to those students. The policy shall include a requirement to prepare a fiscal impact statement, including a three-year projection of fiscal impact of the fee waiver on the community college district. The fiscal impact statement shall be presented at a public meeting of the governing board of the community college district and made available to the public.

(b) In addition to funding received pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 76396, the San Mateo County Community College District may use local unrestricted general funds to provide assistance to students for the total cost of attendance.

(c) The San Mateo County Community College District may use local unrestricted general funds for the purposes described in this section only for students who reside within the boundary of the community college district.

(d) On or before March 1, 2026, the governing board of the San Mateo Community College District shall submit a report to the Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges, the Department of Finance, and the appropriate committees of the Legislature on the implementation of this section. The report shall include all of the following:

(1) How the district has determined to use local unrestricted general funds to support implementation of the California College Promise.

(2) How the district has determined to use local unrestricted general funds to assist students with the total cost of attendance.

(3) How the district has determined to use California College Promise funds to assist students with the total cost of attendance.

(4) A copy of the policy adopted by the governing board of the San Mateo Community College District pursuant to subdivision (a).

(5) A copy of the fiscal impact statement prepared pursuant to subdivision (a).

(6) The number and percentage of students receiving a fee waiver pursuant to this section, disaggregated by age, race and ethnicity, unit load, and income level.

(7) The number and percentage of students receiving a California Promise Grant, disaggregated by age, race and ethnicity, unit load, and income level.

(8) The number and percentage of students receiving other forms of institutional aid, including scholarships and grants, disaggregated by age, race and ethnicity, unit load, and income level.

(9) The services and programs that were limited or eliminated due to the implementation of this section.

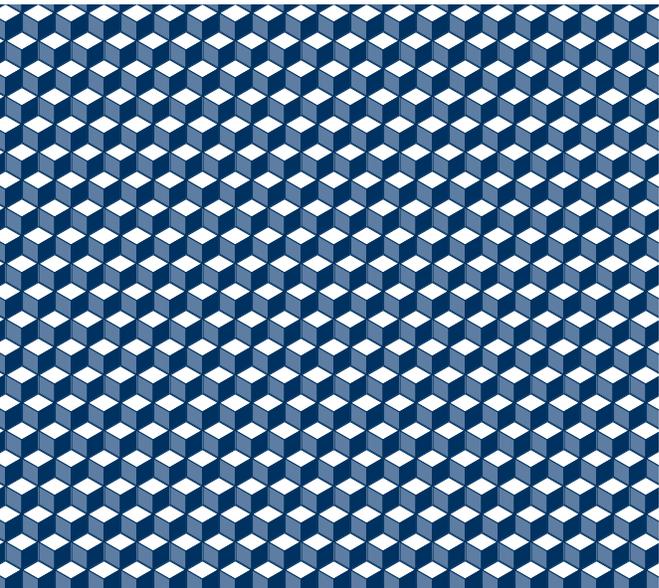
(e) For purposes of this section, the total cost of attendance for a student attending a community college shall be defined to include the student's tuition and fees, books and supplies, living expenses, transportation expenses, and any other student expenses used to calculate a student's financial need for purposes of federal Title IV student aid programs.

(f) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2028, and as of January 1, 2029, is repealed.

APPENDIX C. – STUDENT OUTCOMES

First-Time Students at SMCCCD in Fall 2022	Ever Received SB 893 = Yes					
	N	Enrolled in SMCCCD Fall 2023	Earned a Degree by Spring 2025	Earned a Degree by Spring 2028	Earned a Cert by Spring 2025	Earned a Cert by Spring 2028
Grand Total	2120	81.0%	27.8%	28.8%	13.6%	13.8%
Full Time Unit Load in Fall 2022	1503	85.8%	36.5%	37.5%	17.0%	17.2%
Half Time Unit Load in Fall 2022	452	73.0%	8.8%	9.7%	6.0%	6.0%
Less Than Half Time Unit Load in Fall 2022	165	59.4%	1.2%	1.2%	3.6%	4.8%
Degree	1767	84.3%	31.2%	32.1%	13.9%	14.1%
Transfer	91	70.3%	18.7%	19.8%	7.7%	7.7%
Certificate	50	64.0%	10.0%	12.0%	40.0%	42.0%
Other/Undecided	212	62.3%	8.0%	8.5%	7.1%	7.5%
Female	948	80.6%	31.3%	32.2%	16.8%	17.0%
Male	1103	81.7%	24.9%	26.0%	11.1%	11.3%
Non-Binary	3	0.0%	33.3%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Unreported	66	80.3%	25.8%	25.8%	10.6%	10.6%
Asian	183	84.2%	41.5%	43.7%	22.4%	23.5%
Black - Non-Hispanic	27	59.3%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%	7.4%
Filipino	238	85.3%	38.7%	40.8%	20.2%	20.6%
Hispanic	921	79.9%	22.5%	23.3%	13.4%	13.4%
Pacific Islander	43	65.1%	16.3%	16.3%	4.7%	4.7%
White Non-Hispanic	482	81.3%	30.3%	30.7%	9.5%	9.8%
Unknown	33	78.8%	12.1%	12.1%	9.1%	12.1%
Multiraces	193	84.5%	29.0%	29.5%	11.9%	11.9%

First-Time Students at SMCCCD in Fall 2022	Ever Received SB 893 = No					
	N	Enrolled in SMCCCD Fall 2023	Earned a Degree by Spring 2025	Earned a Degree by Spring 2028	Earned a Cert by Spring 2025	Earned a Cert by Spring 2028
Grand Total	518	24.1%	6.4%	6.4%	3.3%	3.7%
Full Time Unit Load in Fall 2022	199	42.2%	15.6%	15.6%	8.0%	8.0%
Half Time Unit Load in Fall 2022	164	15.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.0%	1.2%
Less Than Half Time Unit Load in Fall 2022	155	9.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Degree	316	31.3%	10.1%	10.1%	4.1%	4.4%
Transfer	35	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.9%	2.9%
Certificate	20	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	15.0%	15.0%
Other/Undecided	147	12.9%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	0.7%
Female	236	27.1%	7.2%	7.2%	5.5%	5.9%
Male	272	21.7%	5.5%	5.5%	1.5%	1.8%
Non-Binary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreported	10	20.0%	10.0%	10.0%	0.0%	5.0%
Asian	60	30.0%	11.7%	11.7%	5.0%	4.5%
Black - Non-Hispanic	22	31.8%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	10.0%
Filipino	40	37.5%	15.0%	15.0%	10.0%	2.0%
Hispanic	249	21.3%	4.0%	4.0%	2.0%	0.0%
Pacific Islander	16	25.0%	6.3%	6.3%	0.0%	2.6%
White Non-Hispanic	78	17.9%	5.1%	5.1%	0.0%	7.1%
Unknown	14	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	7.1%	7.7%
Multiraces	39	33.3%	10.3%	10.3%	7.7%	7.7%



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