



**AP 5150      Extended Opportunity Programs and Services**

References:      Education Code Sections 69640-69656; Title 5, Sections 56200 et seq.

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**Description**

The EOPS Program was established by Senate Bill 164 which encouraged community colleges to develop programs and services "over, and above, and in addition to" the regular educational programs of the college to meet the unique educational needs of students.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Students may be eligible for EOPS if they are a California resident or meet AB540 criteria and are eligible for a Board of Governors Fee Waiver A or B, and meet one of the following criteria:

- did not graduate from high school, did not pass the California High School Exit Exam or obtain the General Education Diploma (GED) or Proficiency Certificate;
- graduated from high school with a 2.49 GPA or below;
- previously enrolled in, or currently enrolled in basic skills classes;
- do not qualify for the minimum level English or mathematics course work required for an associate degree at the college of attendance;
- qualify as first generation college students;
- the primary language spoken in the student's home is/was non-English;
- are members of an underrepresented minority group targeted by the district/college student equity goals;
- are currently in foster care or emancipated from foster care.

Additional eligibility requirements include:

- enrollment in 12 or more units at time of acceptance into the program;
- not having completed more than 70 degree applicable units (or more than the current local policy states for admission into the program);
- not having earned an AA/AS or higher degree;
- not having been served by EOPS for more than six (6) consecutive semesters.

## **Participation Requirements**

Students served by EOPS are required to have:

- an EOPS application;
- an educational plan;
- a mutual responsibility contract; and
- three (3) contacts with a counselor each term.

## **EOPS Plan**

The yearly EOPS Plan addresses the following mandated programs and services.

- Staffing and program management
- Documentation and data collection system
- An EOPS advisory committee
- A full time director
- Eligibility criteria
- Student responsibility requirements
- Recruitment and outreach services
- Cognitive and non-cognitive assessment, advising, orientation services and registration assistance
- Basic skills instruction, seminars, and tutorial assistance
- Counseling and retention services
- Career employment services
- Transfer services
- Direct aid
- Establishment of objectives to achieve the goals in implementing Extended Opportunity Programs and Services
- Review and evaluation of the programs and services and submission of related reports