

BOARD POLICY

San Mateo County Community College District

<u>Subject:</u>	Policy for Free Community College authorized under SB 893
<u>Revision Date:</u>	3/22/23
<u>Policy References:</u>	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.

