

STUDENT EQUITY AND ACHIEVEMENT (SEA) PROGRAM

2026–27 Total Allocation

\$526,376,950 – Ongoing

Revenue Recognition

Restricted, 8620 – General Categorical Programs

Funding Formula

Per [Education Code 78222\(c\)\(1\)](#), SEA Program funds were allocated based on the total amount allocated to colleges in 2017–18 for the Student Success and Support Program, Student Equity Plans, and the Student Success for Basic Skills program. Appropriations above the 2017–18 level were allocated to districts proportionally.

Funding Distribution Method

Funds are disbursed to districts through apportionments. Districts determine allocations to their respective colleges.

To ensure districts and colleges had access to SEA funds for July and August 2026, the Chancellor’s Office needed to initiate Advance Schedule Payments using 2025–26 SEA allocation amounts before the enactment of the 2026 Budget Act. Funding amounts will be adjusted during the Advance September Revision to align with the 2026 Budget Act.

Purpose of Funds

The SEA Program supports the California Community Colleges in advancing the systemwide goal to boost achievement for all students with an emphasis on eliminating achievement gaps for students from traditionally underrepresented groups.

Per [Education Code 78222](#), SEA Program funds support all the following:

- Implementing activities and practices pursuant to the California Community Colleges Guided Pathways Grant Program. [Education Code 88921](#).
- Ensuring students complete their educational goals and a defined course of study.
- Providing quality curriculum, instruction, and support services to students who enter college deficient in English and mathematics to ensure these students complete a course of study in a timely manner.

Spending Guidelines

Expenditures of SEA Program funds must be consistent with the goals and activities of the SEA Program and the college’s Student Equity Plan. Prohibited expenditures include gifts, stipends for students, political contributions, course delivery, and supplanting of other

general or categorical funds for similar program activities in place prior to availability of SEA funds. Please refer to the [SEA Program Expenditure Guidelines](#).

Reporting Requirements

On an annual basis, colleges/districts are required to report to the Chancellor's Office how funding was expended in the prior fiscal year as well as progress towards advancing the SEA Program goals outlined above and within each college's Student Equity Plan. The annual SEA Vision-Aligned Reporting (VAR) along with the SEA Supplemental Report embedded in VAR will capture the information needed for SEA legislative reporting requirements.

Please refer to [Education Code 78222](#) for details of reporting elements and [Education Code 78220](#) for details of required items for Student Equity Plans.

Report Type	Reporting Deadline
SEA Vision-Aligned Reporting (VAR) (includes a SEA Supplemental Report embedded in VAR)	Annually Jan. 31, 2027
Student Equity Plan	Every Three Years (2028–31 Student Equity Plan is due by Nov. 30, 2028)

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Additional Resources



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