



Mission Statement

Southwestern Community College District promotes student learning and success by committing to continuous improvement that includes planning, implementation, and evaluation. We serve a diverse community of students by providing a wide range of dynamic and high quality academic programs and comprehensive student services.

The College District provides educational opportunities in the following areas: associate degree and certificate programs; transfer; professional, technical, and career advancement; basic skills; personal enrichment; non-credit adult education; community services; and economic, workforce, and community development.

Vision Statement

"Southwestern Community College District builds an exceptional community of learners and leaders who will promote social, educational and economic advancement."

Institutional Values

The following values guide how the institution thinks and acts-essentially defining the enduring character of the College District:

- Mutual respect-to treat one another with respect, dignity, trust, and fairness, appreciating the diversity of our community, students, and work force, in a collegial and cooperative manner
- Shared planning and decision making-to engage in a collaborative process in which creative thinking, ideas and perspectives contribute to the well being of the entire College community
- Integrity—to say what we mean, to deliver what we promise, to fulfill our commitments, and to stand for what SWC values
- Accountability-to assume responsibility for our College's future as stated in our mission and goals
- Cultural competence and commonality—to positively engage our College community in developing a deep appreciation of and collegiality among all cultures
- Scholarship and love of learning-to foster and pursue one's curiosity and passion to seek knowledge and gain deeper understanding
- Critical inquiry and thinking-to nurture intellectual exploration and develop the analytical skills to problem-solve in new situations throughout life
- Life-long learning-to inspire a vital and imaginative learning environment
- Practical and responsive-to provide practical educational experiences

Governing Board Institutional Goals

Ensure restoration of full accreditation status and continue to use accreditation standards to guide strategic planning and operations • Continue development of integrated data systems that provide information for measurable student success that support college operations, and institutional decision-making. Build a culture of evidence • Ensure that the College District budget effectively addresses the current fiscal crisis and provides fiscal stability to maintain instructional, student support, and operational integrity • Ensure a state-of-the-art teaching, learning, and work environment, including but not limited to technological advancements • Taking into consideration anticipated severe budget reductions, develop a plan to prioritize the SCCD focused Mission for the determination of resource allocation • Optimize resources and generate revenue for and through programs, partnerships, and grants.