References: Education Code Sections 71020, 76300, 84040, 84040.5, and 84040.6; Title 5 Section 58000 et seq.

Pursuant to Title 5 section 58000 et seq., the Department of Finance, the Auditor General, and the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, documentation requirements are maintained to promote standardized, accurate reporting of data used for calculating the state general fund apportionment and to facilitate annual audits required of the district. Appropriate support records include the following:

- Computation of units of full time equivalent students (FTES) based on the type of course, the way the course is scheduled, and the length of the course;
- Selection of a single primary term length for credit courses;
- Reporting of FTES during the “first period” (between July 1 and December 31) and “second period” (between July 1 and April 15);
- Compliance with census procedures prescribed by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office for all credit courses, including work experience, independent study, and credit courses being reported on an actual attendance basis;
- Preparation of census day procedure tabulations;
- Preparation of actual student contact hours of attendance procedure tabulations;
- Preparation (as applicable) of actual apprentice hours of teaching procedure tabulations;
- Preparation of support documentation regarding all course enrollment, attendance and disenrollment information;
- Computation of FTES that includes only the attendance of students while they are engaged in educational activities required of students and while they are under the immediate supervision and control of an academic employee of the District authorized to render service in the capacity and during the period in which he/she served;
- Verification of a minimum of 175 days of instruction during the fiscal year.

**Attendance Requirements**

Students are expected to attend all meetings of the courses in which they are enrolled. Meetings include regularly scheduled sessions of the course, and other required activities such as field trips, athletic meets, and performance. It is the responsibility of the instructor to notify the students of all such required activities early enough in the semester to enable students to attend all meetings.
Absences
After an absence it is the responsibility of the student to inform the instructor of the reason for the absence and arrange to make up the course work missed. Excused absences for which work may be made up with the instructor's approval include: (1) Absences due to illness, bereavement, personal emergency, or medical appointment; and (2) Absences due to required attendance at approved field trips, performances, or intercollegiate events.

Instructor Drop
An instructor may drop a student who has missed three class meetings in a regular semester class that meets two or more times a week or who has missed two class meetings in a class that meets once a week. Instructors teaching classes that meet less than a full semester (summer, winter, short term) may allow fewer absences.

If a student fails to attend the entire first class meeting of a term without prior permission from the instructor, the student will be considered to have never enrolled and the instructor may give that seat to another student.

Census Reporting
Instructors shall clear the rolls of students who have never entered the course as of census day for each section.

Re-enrollment
To re-enroll in a course after being dropped by the instructor; a student must submit to the Admissions and Records Office a Program Change Form signed by the instructor. If a student is re-enrolled, any subsequent absence shall be considered sufficient reason for the instructor to drop the student.

Late Registration
To register for a class after the add deadline, which is the day before census, a student must submit to the Admissions and Records Office a Late Add Petition, signed by the student, the area Dean, and the instructor. The petition must set forth the extenuating circumstances that justify allowing the student to register for the class after the add deadline. The decision to either grant or deny the petition shall be made by the Dean of Admissions and Records. Apportionment shall only be claimed for students that were in attendance prior to census.