

## EQUITY IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Contra Costa Community College District is strongly committed to eliminating persistent disparities in achievement and performance among students and maintaining high expectations for all.

Policies and practices should reflect the goal of equitable outcomes and proficiency, explicitly and emphatically. By purpose and design, the District will advance these goals by:

- providing training for employees in interacting effectively with students from different cultures and socio-economic backgrounds;
- ensuring uniformly high expectations;
- promoting rigorous curricula;
- providing equitable services; and
- maximizing access and success for all students.

The District is committed to developing a diverse cadre of educators, administrators and staff, ensuring proper emphasis on culturally responsive service delivery, and rigorously examining and monitoring policies, programs, and practices to ensure that this goal is implemented.

Employees should understand and contribute to this goal, develop the knowledge and skills needed in their areas of influence to serve diverse students, and be accountable for implementing practices that will create equitable outcomes. It is expected that District and the colleges will engage students, staff, and the community to work in concert to support all students in achieving academic proficiency.

A report shall be provided annually to the Governing Board on the progress made by each college in closing the achievement gap.