

Flex Memorandum (26-27)

TO: All SMCCCD Faculty

FROM: Todd Windisch, District Academic Senate President, SMCCCD

RE: Flex Obligations and Opportunities for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

CC: College Presidents, Vice Presidents, Deans, Flex Coordinators, and AFT representatives

SMCCCD provides a flexible calendar for staff development in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Division 6, §55724. This memorandum covers the following topics:

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1. District Flex Day Calendar for 26-27 Academic Year

There are six (6) Flex Days in the 26-27 academic calendar, scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, August 13th (District Flex Day)
- **Friday, August 14th (mandatory for full-time faculty)** (College Flex Day)
- Wednesday, October 7th (College Flex Day)
- Thursday, January 14th (District Flex Day)
- **Friday, January 15th (mandatory for full-time faculty)** (College Flex Day)
- Tuesday, April 13th (College Flex Day)

2. Flex Activities on Alternative Days

The purpose of Flex days, according to Title 5, Division 6, §55724, is to provide time for faculty to participate in “development activities related to staff, student, and instructional improvement.”

Accordingly, activities that can count toward flex time may include, but need not be limited to:

- Course instruction and evaluation
- Staff development, in-service training and instructional improvement
- Program and course curriculum or learning resource development and evaluation
- Student personnel services
- Learning resource services
- Related activities, such as student advising, guidance, orientation, matriculation services, and student, faculty & staff diversity
- Departmental or division meetings, conferences and workshops, and institutional research
- Other duties as assigned by the district
- The necessary supporting activities for the above

If you are uncertain whether a particular activity would count as a Flex activity on an alternative day, then please see the [Additional Resources: Who Can Help](#) section below.

3. Deadlines for Reporting Flex Activities

- Full-Time Faculty Submission Due Date: June 15, 2027
- Part-time Faculty Submission Due Dates:
 - FALL: December 18, 2026
 - SPRING: May 26, 2027

4. Full-time Faculty Flex Obligations

Notice that full-time faculty are only required to submit their Flex activities at the end of the academic year. Full-time faculty who will be on leave during the spring semester should report their hours before going on leave or report them while on leave in order to meet the due date.

Full-time faculty's Flex obligations are explained in section 7.11.1 of our contract (page 15 of the [2022-2025 AFT contract](#)). As of 2018, SMCCCD requires mandatory attendance at two Flex Days for full-time faculty. The mandatory Flex Days for full-time faculty are the College Flex days on August 14, 2026, and January 15, 2027, participating for a minimum of five hours each of these days.

More generally, full-time faculty members are responsible for completing a total of thirty (30) flex hour activities for the year, which includes the minimum of ten hours completed during the mandatory Flex Days. The remaining hours may be completed during the other Flex Days or other appropriate activities, which are discussed in more detail in the [Flex Activities on Alternative Days](#) section above. Activities will be self-certified, reported on the SMCCCD Flex Activity Reporting Form at the end of this memo, and submitted to the appropriate division Dean.

5. Part-time Faculty Flex Opportunities

5.1 General Information for Part-time Faculty

Part-time faculty's Flex activity opportunities are explained in section 7.11.2 of our contract (pages 15-16 of the [2022-2025 AFT contract](#)). While part-time faculty are not required to attend Flex days, all part-time faculty may attend and be compensated for the six scheduled College and District Flex Days listed above.

Compensation for attendance is always at the special rate *except* when a Flex Day(s) is/are held on a *day of the week that a faculty member has their regular teaching or other non-instructional assignment*. In these cases, compensation is paid at their lecture or lab rate for the number of student contact hours usually worked that day of the week. This total number may include part-time faculty's assignments at more than one college in the District but excludes office hours.

A part-time faculty member whose assignment falls on the *same day of the week* as one of the College or District Flex Days may participate in an alternative professional development activity/activities of their choosing any day during the Fall or Spring term, for up to the number of hours they are assigned to work on that day of the week. (See the [Flex Activities on Alternative Days](#) section above). If you are confused about your options, consult with your [AFT chapter representative](#).

5.2 For Part-time Faculty Who Work Asynchronously

Part-time faculty teaching asynchronous courses are encouraged to consult ahead with their [AFT chapter representative](#) if they have questions about claiming compensation for alternative Flex activities.

5.3 Part-time Faculty: How to Report Flex Activities and Request Compensation

For part-time faculty, page 16 of the [2022-2025 AFT contract](#) (section 7.11.2) states, “Requests for approved flex day pay must be submitted by the last day of final exams of the semester in which the flex activity occurred.” More specifically, part-time faculty should submit two documents to their Dean by the last day of final exams each semester: 1) the Flex Reporting form at the end of this memo and 2) [the Adjunct-OL timesheet form](#). (The timesheet form is also available in SMCCCD District Downloads.) The Dean will inform the faculty member if there are any questions about whether an activity counts toward Flex time. In general, advance approval for Flex activities is *not required* because faculty’s Flex activities are self-certified.

As noted above, the Flex reporting and request for compensation due dates for part-time faculty this academic year are December 18, 2026 for fall activities and May 27, 2026 for spring activities.

More than one Flex Day’s activities may be included on one form. However, a part-time faculty member who works at multiple SMCCCD colleges and attends Flex Days at each college must submit separate forms to their division Deans at each college. The same flex activity cannot be used for compensation at multiple campuses.

The AFT website includes more resources related to part-time faculty’s Flex opportunities: [Flex days and part-time faculty](#).

6. Additional Resources: Who Can Help

If you have any questions about the Flex Reporting process, please reach out to any of the following:

- District Academic Senate President: [Todd Windisch](#)
- District Professional Development Coordinator: [Christopher Collins](#)
- AFT President: [Benjamin Feldman](#)
- *AFT Chapter Chairs for 2026-2027*
 - Cañada College: [Nadia Biglari](#)
 - College of San Mateo: [Gil Perez](#)
 - Skyline College: [Rika Yonemura-Fabian](#)

SMCCCD Flex Reporting Form

Each activity and time must be reported separately. Since it is easier to leave fields blank than to add additional sheets, the reporting form has more activity fields than necessary. It is not an expectation about how many Flex activities a faculty member should participate in. Signature fields are on each page. Simply sign the last page on which you have activities.

Reporting deadline reminders:

- Full-time faculty: submit this reporting form to your division office by June 15, 2027.
- Part-time faculty: submit this reporting form along with [a timesheet](#) to your division offices by the last day of each semester:
 - FALL: December 18, 2026
 - SPRING: May 26, 2027.

Name:

Division:

Activity 1 Date:

Number of Hours:

Description:

Activity 2 Date:

Number of Hours:

Description:

Activity 3 Date:

Number of Hours:

Description:

Activity 4 Date:

Number of Hours:

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Activity 5 Date:

Number of Hours:

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Faculty Signature:

Dean Signature:

Date:

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Activity 6 Date:
Description:

Number of Hours:

Activity 7 Date:
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Activity 8 Date:
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Activity 9 Date:
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Activity 10 Date:
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Activity 11 Date:
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Activity 12 Date:
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Faculty Signature:
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Dean Signature:
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Activity 22 Date:
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Faculty Signature:
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Dean Signature:
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