

San Mateo Community College District
Planning Assumptions for Strategic Planning
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Planning assumptions are statements that shape the planning process and create a shared future vision. The assumptions below will be used throughout the San Mateo County Community College District's Strategic Planning process.

1. The success of current and future learners is paramount.
2. The District's available resources will enable the Colleges to create new educational opportunities.
3. The District and Colleges will actively pursue a variety of strategies to assure the ongoing fiscal integrity of the operation, including new resource development.
4. Access and student equity are key values that drive development of academic programs and student services. Educational delivery modes must address the needs of all students, including underserved and underrepresented populations.
5. The District promotes the seamless integration of education at all levels--from K-12 through higher learning--and will actively pursue initiatives to eliminate unnecessary barriers.
6. The Colleges will continue to deliver relevant and effective programs for transfer education, workforce development and the acquisition of basic skills necessary to pursue higher learning.
7. The District will explore means to create clear and efficient pathways for students to attain their educational aspirations.
8. Through contract education and community education, as well as other program modes, the District is committed to serve the lifelong learning and personal enrichment needs of County residents.
9. The District will seek out and hire the very best faculty and staff and provide robust professional development opportunities that keep employees current in their fields of study and practice.
10. The District will continue to modify, renew and/or rebuild facilities and technology to support effective teaching and learning in the 21st Century.
11. The District values collaboration with other organizations in the community that support student success and educational attainment.
12. The District and its Colleges will continue to be accountable to taxpayers for effective deployment of resources.

13. The District is committed to being a central hub of intellectual, cultural, social, economic, and health and wellness programs and services that attract the San Mateo County community members to our campuses.
14. The District is committed to monitoring and reviewing its progress towards the accomplishment of Strategic Planning goals.