# 2025–26 Dual Enrollment Opportunities College and Career Access Pathways Grant



Request for Applications

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## Overview

With the passage of Assembly Bill 288 in October of 2015, the Legislature recognized dual enrollment as a powerful way to improve educational outcomes for a wide range of students. This approach allows local educational agencies (LEAs) to create seamless pathways from high school to community college, focusing on career technical education, transfer preparation, increasing high school graduation rates, and helping students become college- and career-ready.

Since AB288, a series of new legislation has passed to simplify the process and to encourage schools to offer or expand dual enrollment opportunities. These changes include giving high school students priority registration, allowing students to complete a single application for their entire time as a part-time community college student, aligning career technical education pathways with job market needs, and extending support for dual enrollment programs.

Additional funding has also been provided to help community colleges and LEAs to establish or expand dual enrollment partnerships, ensuring more students have access to these valuable opportunities.

The California Department of Education (CDE) has been charged with implementing the College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) competitive grant in consultation with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.

### Purpose

The CDE is accepting applications from qualifying entities for the 2025–26 CCAP Grant. Funds in the amount of $100 million have been appropriated for the grant in AB 181, Education Omnibus Budget Trailer Bill, Section 21(b)(1)(B).

Grant funding may be used for any of the following purposes:

* To establish a CCAP dual enrollment partnership agreement that is consistent with the requirements of Section 76004 of California *Education Code* (*EC*) and enables pupils at the participating high school to access dual enrollment opportunities pursuant to the CCAP partnership agreement.
* To allow LEAs with existing CCAP partnerships established pursuant to Section 76004 of the California *EC*, to expand CCAP opportunities by increasing the number of students served at high schools who are a part of the existing agreement, by adding high schools within the district not currently covered by the existing agreement or by adding new pathways to the existing agreement.
* For LEAs with existing CCAP partnerships pursuant to Section 76004 of the California *EC*, to expand existing CCAP partnership agreements with the community college district to include and/or strengthen pupil advising, student success supports, and outreach campaigns to promote dual enrollment. Outreach shall be focused toward families and pupils who may not be college bound or who are underrepresented in higher education.

### Assumptions

The CCAP grant is built on the following legislative intent:

First, it is the intent of the Legislature that courses offered to high school pupils in dual enrollment programs are part of structured, well-sequenced pathways and count toward postsecondary certificate or degree requirements and are counted toward high school graduation requirements in equivalent subject areas.

Second, it is the intent of the Legislature that courses offered to high school pupils pursuant to a CCAP partnership agreement established by Section 76004 of California *EC* are part of structured, well-sequenced pathways and consist of transfer-level courses, unless one of the following occurs:

1. The student elects to participate in a degree or certificate pathway that is not met with transfer-level courses.
2. The pupil, in mathematics, English, or both, in grade 10 or 11, would warrant access to innovative remediation coursework, as determined by the partnering school district, county office of education (COE), or charter school. The pupil may be placed into an innovative remediation course during their first year of participating in the CCAP partnership agreement as an intervention taken to ensure the pupil is on track to satisfactorily complete state and any local graduation requirements, as determined by the school district, COE, or charter school, and is prepared for transfer-level coursework at a community college upon graduation.

## Program Description

### Grant Information

### The CCAP Grant is a one-time grant to support the costs to establish or to expand a CCAP agreement between a governing board of the community college district and the governing board of a school district, county office of education or the governing body of a charter school. Funds will be disbursed by October 2025. The grant provides funding for the period beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027. The total grant budget for this Request for Applications (RFA) for each applicant is $100,000 per high school site included in the CCAP agreement. If your LEA received funding in a previous round of the CCAP grant, the LEA is not eligible for round three funding unless it is for a high school that has not previously received funding.

LEAs that are interested in assistance with the costs to plan for, and start up, or expand a Middle College High School, Early College High School, or programs that are located on the campus of an LEA, a partnering community college, or other location determined by the local partnership, should consider applying for the Middle College Early College Grant.

### Funding

The award amount for the CCAP grant shall be exactly $100,000 per high school site included in the CCAP partnership.

Applicants that apply to establish or expand a CCAP dual enrollment partnership agreement that is consistent with the requirements of *EC* Section 76004 and enable pupils at the participating high school to access dual enrollment opportunities pursuant to the CCAP partnership agreement can be funded at $100,000 per new high school site included in the CCAP partnership or per pathway added to the CCAP partnership. The CDE will fund successful grant applications at $100,000 based on the scoring rubric. The CDE reserves the right to fund applications at a lesser amount if state funding is not sufficient to fully fund all eligible applications.

### Fund Distribution

The CCAP grant funds will be distributed by October 2025. The CDE reserves the right to withhold up to 10 percent of grant funds to ensure program compliance, and withheld funds will be released when grantees comply with CCAP Program Deliverables and Requirements. The grant period will cover the 2025–27 school years. All funds must be expended by June 30, 2027.

### Eligibility Requirements

Statute requires the CDE to administer the CCAP grant as a competitive grant program. For the purposes of this grant, an LEA is defined as a school district, charter school, or COE. Applications will be scored in four sections and will receive priority points (as applicable), as set out in Appendix B. Please note —only the LEA may apply for the CCAP grant. However, the LEA may apply for multiple schools in the LEA. If the LEA received grant funding for the 2023‒24 or 2024‒25 award, the LEA is not eligible for round three funding unless the LEA is applying for a new high school. Duplication or identical applications will not be considered. LEAs that are unable to show evidence of an existing or planned partnership with an institution of higher education for the creation of a dual enrollment program will not be considered.

### Allowable Activities and Costs

Budgets for the use of grant funds will be reviewed and scored as part of the application process. The Budget must be exactly $100,000. Generally, all expenditures must contribute to establishing a CCAP dual enrollment partnership agreement that is consistent with the requirements of Section 76004 of California *EC,* and that enables pupils at the participating high school to access dual enrollment opportunities pursuant to the CCAP partnership agreement. Items deemed non-allowable, excessive, or inappropriate by the CDE will be eliminated and the budget adjusted accordingly, if funded, budgets that include non-allowable, excessive, or inappropriate items will receive a lower score. Allowable expenditures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### Program Capacity

* Professional development (for teachers/faculty, advisors, counselors, classified professionals, and/or administrators) in effective practice, including teaching and learning strategies, culturally relevant and affirming instructional and student support practices.

#### Establish Partnerships

* Stipends, planning time, and support for high school and community college, administrators, counselors, and teachers to develop shared resources, shared staffing, shared professional development, and collaboration processes.

#### Enrollment and Related Processes

#### Improving systems and processes for students (such as systems/process redesign to streamline enrollment/registration; new technology, software to enable virtual/digital solutions; sharing common learning management systems/platforms [such as Canvas] across segments; systems to monitor and support student progress and tailor just-in-time, proactive supports).

#### Program Pathway Design

* Planning for collaboration time among educators (high school and college) to clarify and align programs and services, to link increasing levels of certification, education, and employment; to support students in choosing among the opportunities that interest them.

#### Embedded Student Supports

* Designing processes for academic intervention when needed.
* Designing embedded schedule of support.
* College specialists who help students apply, enroll, and make sure they are up and running in their classes.
* Embedded tutors.
* High school teachers who access Canvas to provide support for students in college classes.
* Education plans and regular meetings with counselors.
* Student-centered innovations in instructional delivery and student supports such as team teaching; co-requisite supports in the high school context; proactive, embedded student supports; remote and hybrid delivery.

#### College Textbooks

* Lab supplies or other needed instructional materials for dual enrollment courses.

#### Collaboration and Planning Time

* Helping colleges identify, share, and implement successful strategies and approaches.
* Data sharing, tracking, and analysis across segments/partnerships; continuous and longitudinal analysis of student outcomes; and creation of internal and public-facing data dashboards.
* Integration of dual enrollment into college and school district goals, planning processes and policies (such as Local Control Accountability Plans, College and Career Indicator, enrollment management plans, educational master plans, strategic plans, Guided Pathways Plans, and Student Equity and Achievement Plans).
* Identification and removal of barriers to equitable access and success for students historically underserved in dual enrollment, including reviewing and revising relevant policies, processes, and requirements with an equity lens.

#### Outreach

* Encouraging partnerships to reach out and support underrepresented students and those who may not already be college bound with specifically designed programs and services, including by taking into account the needs of their families and communities.
* Communications, awareness building and engagement of students, families, and communities about dual enrollment benefits and opportunities.

### Non-allowable Activities and Costs

Funds provided under this grant may not be used to:

* Supplant existing services and funds.
* Acquire equipment for administrative or personal use.
* Purchase furniture (e.g., bookcases, chairs, desks, file cabinets, tables).
* Purchase or lease facilities.
* Remodel facilities not directly related to accessibility to instruction or services.
* Purchase food services, refreshments, banquets, and meals––possible exceptions are allowed, with evidence that the provision of food is necessary to implement a programmatic intervention strategy or training event conducted beyond normal school hours or off site for students, staff, and/or parents.
* High school textbooks.
* Paying tuition, fees, or books for a master’s degree for a teacher.
* Purchase items for personal gain, a benefit or advantage that relates to a particular person rather than to the program as a whole (i.e., gift cards, stipends to families and students).
* Purchase subscriptions to journals, magazines, or other periodicals.

### Administrative Indirect Cost Rate

An LEA must limit administrative indirect costs (overhead) to the rate approved by the CDE for the applicable fiscal year in which the funds are expended. The approved rates can be found on the CDE’s Indirect Cost Rates web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/ac/ic/index.asp>.

## Accountability

### Performance Measures and Deliverables

To ensure the successful implementation of the CCAP Grant and to assist the CDE in preparing a comprehensive report to the Governor as well as the Legislature by June 30, 2027, grantees are required to submit various deliverables. The purpose of these deliverables is to demonstrate that the program outcome measures and goals are being met. These deliverables must include any and all elements required by the CDE, as well as any locally determined measures. The applicant is responsible for submitting all data required by the CDE in a format to be determined by the CDE.

Failure to submit required reports, or evidence that deliverables have been met, or failure to show student progression, could result in the loss and/or remittance of some or all awarded funds.

Grantees must meet the program deliverables listed below:

* Baseline Data Report
* Annual Progress Report
  + The Annual Progress Report will be developed by the CDE and will seek information on grantees’ progress on the establishment of a CCAP agreement.
* Annual Expenditure Report
* Mid-Project Progress Report
  + The Mid-Project Progress Report will be developed by the CDE and will seek information on grantees’ progress on the establishment of a CCAP agreement.
* Mid-Project Expenditure Report
* End-of-Project Report
  + A qualitative description of how the funding was used to a CCAP agreement that provides pupils with access to obtain college credits while enrolled in high school.
  + The total number of high school students by school site enrolled in dual enrollment programs disaggregated by participation in CCAPs, and other dual enrollment programs.
  + The total number of community college courses by course category taken by students participating in CCAPs, and other dual enrollment programs.
  + The total number of successful course completions by course category disaggregated by participation in CCAPs, and other dual enrollment programs.
  + Course and program outcomes for students who were enrolled in dual enrollment programs, disaggregated by grade level, gender, socioeconomic status, race and ethnicity, and other disproportionately impacted groups.
* End-of-Project Expenditure Report

### Reporting Requirements

Grant Reporting Timeline

| Date | Activity |
| --- | --- |
| August 2025 | Grant Award Notification Letter Signed by Grantee and Received by the CDE |
| October 2, 2025 | Baseline Data Report Due |
| September 1, 2026 | Mid-Project Progress Report and Mid-Project Expenditure Report Due |
| September 1, 2027 | End-of-Project Report and Expenditure Report Due |

## Application Procedures and Processes

### Program Timeline

Grant Program Timeline

| Date | Activity |
| --- | --- |
| February 3, 2025 | RFA Release Date |
| March 31, 2025 | Applications must be received by the CDE, no later than 4 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) |
| April and May 2025 | Scoring of applications |
| June 2025 | Preliminary grant qualification results announced |
| Ten business days after preliminary grant qualification results announced | Appeals must be received at the CDE |
| July 1, 2025 | Project Term Begins |
| August 2025 | Grant Award Notification letters released |
| October 2025 | Disbursement of funds |
| June 30, 2027 | All funds must be expended |

### Application Due Date

The CCAP Grant application and all supporting documents must be received by the CDE on or before **Monday, March 31, 2025**, no later than 4:00 p.m. PDT.

### Application Submission Procedures

The CCAP Grant application is submitted in two parts:

#### Part 1: 2025‒26 CCAP Grant Application Narrative (online)

Applicants shall complete and submit the online 2025–26 CCAP Grant Application Narrative on the CDE CCAP web page at [https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r17/ccap25rfa.asp](https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r17/ccap25rfa.asp" \o "2025-26 CCAP RFA Webpage).

#### Part 2: LEA Budget Worksheet, Letter of Commitment, and Letter of Support

Three attachments to be emailed to the CDE at [CCAPgrant@cde.ca.gov](mailto:CCAPgrant@cde.ca.gov)

* Attachment I: CCAP Budget Worksheet totaling exactly $100,000 (.xlsx)

Attachment I can be found on the CCAP Funding Description web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6338>.

* Note: The Budget Worksheet must be submitted as an Excel document with the application; other file types will not be accepted.
* Attachment II: Letter of commitment from a community college signed by the Chief Executive Officer or College President and;
  + Note: the letter of commitment must be an updated version if the applicant has received funding in previous rounds;
  + Also note: if an application does not include a letter of commitment, the LEA is not eligible for grant funding.
* Attachment III: Letter of support signed by District Superintendent, County Office Superintendent or Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of directly funded charter school.

When submitting Attachment I (Budget Worksheet), Attachment II (Letter of Commitment), and Attachment III (Letter of Support), applicants must create one zip file and include the applying high school name and the County-District-School (CDS) Code[[1]](#footnote-1) in the file name.

Example: Shadow High School -121234561234567.

It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure their application (online) and supporting documents are completed in full and submitted by the submission deadline on Monday, March 31, 2025, no later than 4:00 p.m. PDT.

### Costs of Preparing the Application

The costs of preparing and delivering an application are the sole responsibility of the applicant. The State of California and the CDE will not reimburse such costs.

### Incomplete and Late Applications

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

### Technical Assistance

The CDE staff will conduct one application webinar to provide an overview of the RFA and offer potential applicants an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. The date, time, and delivery format of the application webinars are posted on the CDE’s CCAP Grant Funding Description web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6338>.

## Application Review Process

### Reading and Scoring

Each application will be read and scored by a minimum of two readers. Applications will be randomly assigned to readers, taking into consideration any conflicts of interest. If there is more than a 10-point difference in scoring between the two readers, a third read will be required. The application review process will occur during the months of April and May 2025.

Each application will be read and scored using the rubric found in Appendix B. The entire application is worth 90 points:

* 60 points possible for the Application Narrative
* 10 points possible for the Budget Narrative
* 10 points possible for the Community College Letter of Commitment
* 10 points possible for the District Superintendent Letter of Support

The application narrative must score a 39 or above for the LEA to be eligible for funding. Please note that if the Community College Letter of Commitment is not included in the application package, the LEA is not eligible for funding.

### Priority Need

Once the applications have been reviewed and scored, the CDE will use 2023–24 data to calculate and add the priority need points to each applicant’s score. The priority needs can add up to 12 additional points to an application’s total score. Applicants do not need to take any additional action for the priority needs, as the CDE will pull the 2023–24 priority need data from various sources cited below.

Elements that will be used to determine priority need include:

* The LEA’s unduplicated pupil count for school year 2023‒24.[[2]](#footnote-2) (3 points)
* The LEA’s dropout rate for the 2023–24 school year.[[3]](#footnote-3) (1 point)
* The LEA’s suspension rate for the 2023–24 school year.[[4]](#footnote-4) (1 point)
* The LEA’s expulsion rate for the 2023–2024 school year.[[5]](#footnote-5) (1 point)
* The LEA’s Non-Stability Rate for the 2023–24 school year.[[6]](#footnote-6) (3 points)
* The LEAs A–G completion rate for the 2023–24 school year.[[7]](#footnote-7) (3 points)

### Preliminary Grant Qualification Results

All applicants will be notified via email regarding the preliminary results of their grant application, indicating whether or not they have been selected to receive a grant award. Final funding results will be posted on the CDE’s CCAP Grant Funding Description web page <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6338>.

### Appeals Process

Grounds for appeal shall be limited to an assertion that the CDE failed to correctly apply the standards for reviewing the application as specified in this RFA. Dissatisfaction with the score received by the application is not grounds for appeal. The appellant must file a full and complete written appeal, including the issue(s) in dispute, the legal authority or other basis for the appeal position, and the remedy sought. The CDE will not consider incomplete or late appeals. The appellant may not supply or rely on any new information that was not contained in the original application.

Applicants who wish to appeal a grant award decision must submit a letter of appeal via email to [CCAPgrant@cde.ca.gov](mailto:CCAPgrant@cde.ca.gov). The CDE must **receive** the letter of appeal, with a wet signature by the authorized applicant, no later than **ten business days after the day of the grantee announcement**.

The Director of the Career and College Transition Division will make the final decision in writing within three weeks from the date that appeals are due to the CDE. That decision shall be the final administrative action afforded the appeal. All appeal decisions will be made prior to the issuance of the Grant Award Notification letters.

## Grant Awards

### Grant Award Notification

Programs selected for funding will receive a Grant Award Notification (CDE form AO-400) letter, the official CDE document that awards funds to local projects. Each grantee must sign and return the notification to the CDE before project work may begin and disbursement of funds can be made.

### Assurances, Certifications, Terms, and Conditions

Assurances, certifications, terms, and conditions are requirements of grantees as a condition of receiving funds. The signed grant application submitted to the CDE is a commitment to comply with the assurances, certifications, terms, and conditions associated with the grant.

#### Assurances and Certifications

Applicants do not need to sign and return the general assurances and certifications with the application. Instead, applicants must download assurances and certifications and keep them on file and available for compliance reviews, complaint investigations, or audits. Assurances and certifications are available on the CDE Funding Forms web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/fm/ff.asp>.

In addition, the LEA shall agree to the following assurances with the signing of the Grant Award Notification Letter:

* Expend grant funds based on the approved program grant application or written permission received from the CDE prior to implementing changes to the approved program grant application.
* Participate in all monitoring and evaluation activities provided by CDE staff or designated representative.
* Participate in technical assistance provided by the CDE or designated representative as a component of the grant.
* Submit all required deliverables and reports by the designated due date.

#### Terms and Conditions

The grant award will be processed upon the CDE’s receipt of the signed AO-400. The AO-400 must be signed by the authorized agent and returned to the CDE within 10 business days after receiving the AO-400.

All funds must be expended within the dates designated and for not more than the maximum amount indicated on the AO-400. Encumbrances may be made at any time after the beginning date of the grant stated on the AO-400. All funds must be expended by June 30, 2027. No extensions of this grant will be allowed.

A budget revision is required if expenditures for any budget category exceed 10 percent of the authorized budget item total in the approved budget. The budget revision must be approved by the CDE before expenditures are made.

The budgets should display how the grant will be used to develop, implement, and sustain the proposed program(s). Proposed expenditures must demonstrate the appropriate use of state funds. Note that funding requested for purchases over $5,000 in Capital Outlay, Category 6000, requires prior approval by the CDE.

## Application: Section for Submission

### Application Instructions

A complete application consists of the following components:

#### Part 1: 2025‒26 CCAP Grant Application Narrative (online)

Applicants shall complete and submit the online 2025–26 CCAP Grant Application Narrative on the CDE CCAP web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r17/ccap25rfa.asp>.

#### Part 2: LEA Budget Worksheet, Letter of Commitment, and Letter of Support

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* Note: This letter of commitment must be an updated version if the applicant has received funding in previous rounds.
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It is the responsibility of each applicant to ensure their application (online) and supporting documents are completed in full and submitted by the submission deadline on Monday, March 31, 2025, no later than 4:00 p.m. PDT.

### 2025–26 CCAP Application Narrative

All applicants must compose and submit an application narrative. To be eligible for funding, the applicant must obtain a minimum score of 39 on the application narrative, which is 65 percent of the 60 points possible.

Written application narrative responses must be completed on the online portion of the application, in accordance with information described in this section of the application and align with the Scoring Criteria, which is aligned to the Scoring Rubric.

As applicants complete the written program narrative, the following requirements must be adhered to:

• Information included in the application must be relevant and unique to the program being administered by the applicant.

• Applicants must describe the CCAP partnership that the LEA will establish or expand. Any application containing false or misleading information is cause for disqualification.

• An application that is plagiarized in any part or form from another agency’s application will automatically be rejected. Applicants must not submit an application where the text has been copied from another agency’s previous or current application, whether another agency has voluntarily or involuntarily provided the information.

Please answer each question thoroughly and carefully. There is a character limit of 2,500 characters per question.

1. Provide an overview of the new CCAP partnership agreement, including its mission and vision, structure, and student population that will be served or if expanding an existing CCAP partnership agreement, provide an overview, including its mission, vision, structure, student population, and how you plan to spend the funds to expand your CCAP partnership agreement.
2. Discuss how your school will serve underrepresented populations or how your school or program is making progress towards more equitable participation and outcomes.
3. A strong, collaborative relationship between the high school, the college, families, community members, and industry partners is an important component of dual enrollment programs. Describe your current and/or future partnership(s) with these entities.
4. Courses offered to high school pupils in dual enrollment should be part of structured, well-sequenced pathways, count toward postsecondary certificate or degree requirements, and count toward high school graduation requirements in equivalent subject areas. Describe your pathway design.
5. Promising practice shows that student support is embedded in the dual enrollment classes and not an extra. Describe how student supports are embedded or will be embedded at your site.
6. Describe how you will sustain your CCAP partnership after the grant funding period.

### 2025–26 CCAP Program Budget Worksheet (Attachment I)

Use the CCAP Budget Worksheet provided on the CDE’s CCAP Funding Description web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/profile.asp?id=6338>.

* Create a proposed budget aligned to the purpose and goals of the CCAP Grant.
* Provide a detailed explanation of each proposed expenditure. Costs should be as accurate as possible. All proposed expenditures should be explicitly for CCAP Grant.
* Provide adequate detail and justification when significant funds are budgeted for planning and collaboration with a community college partner.
* Budget must be exactly $100,000.

### Letter of Commitment from Community College (Attachment II)

Your application must include a letter of commitment from the community college you intend to partner with, signed by the CEO of the college or the College President. The letter of commitment must be an updated version if the applicant has received funding in previous rounds. If an application does not include a letter of commitment, the LEA is not eligible for grant funding.

### Letter of Support (Attachment III)

Your application must include a letter of support from the school district’s superintendent. If an LEA is applying on behalf of several schools in the district, the same letter can be used.

Note: The letter of support must be an updated version if the applicant has received funding in previous rounds.

## Appendix A: Application Submission Checklist

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## Appendix B: Scoring Rubric

The College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Grant will be scored in four sections, as follows.

* CCAP Application Narrative: 60 points
* CCAP Budget Worksheet and Narrative: 10 points
* Community College Letter of Support: 10 points
* District Superintendent Letter of Support: 10 points

### Priority Need

The CCAP grant incorporates a system of points in determining the priority need for each applicant. The CDE will use 2023‒24 data to calculate and add priority need points to each applicant’s overall score. The priority need can add up to 12 extra points to an application’s total score. Applicants do not need to take any additional action, as the CDE will pull the priority need data from the sources cited in the Application Review Process – Priority Need section of the RFA.

CCAP Grant Measures and Descriptions

| **Measure** | **Measure Descriptor** |
| --- | --- |
| Total enrollment for school year 2023–24 | Not applicable for scoring, only used to find the percentage of the unduplicated student count |
| Unduplicated pupil count for school year 2023–24 (3 points) | Total unduplicated pupil count divided by total enrollment |
| Local educational agency’s (LEA’s) dropout rate for the 2023–24 school year (1 point) | Dropout rate for the 2023–24 school year |
| LEA’s suspension rate for the 2023–24 school year (1 point) | Suspension rate for the 2023–24 school year |
| LEA’s expulsion rate for the 2023–24 school year (1 point) | Expulsion rate for the 2023–24 school year |
| LEA’s Non-Stability Rate for the 2023–24 school year (3 points) | Non-stability rate for the 2023–24 school year |
| LEA’s A–G Completion Rate | Number of graduates meeting UC/CSU requirements for the 2023–24 school year |

### 2025–26 CCAP Application Narrative (60 points)

CCAP Application Scoring Rubric

| **Topic** | **Outstanding (10–9 points)** | **Strong (8–6 points)** | **Good (5–3 points)** | **Minimal (2–0 points)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Overview | Overview is outstanding and clearly shows the mission, vision, context, structure, and student population that will be served in the CCAP agreement. | Overview is comprehensive and clearly shows the mission, vision, context, structure, and student population that will be served in the CCAP agreement. | Overview is sufficient and/or is missing the mission, vision, context, structure, and student population that will be served in the CCAP agreement. | Overview is limited and/or is missing the mission, vision, context, structure, or student population that will be served in the CCAP agreement. |
| Equity | Narrative demonstrates that disproportionately impacted students are being equitably served and there are no opportunity gaps. | Narrative demonstrates a commitment to ensure disproportionately impacted students are being equitably served and opportunity gaps are being narrowed over time. | Narrative demonstrates that the LEA is making some progress in addressing disproportionality in who is being served and who succeeds in dual enrollment. | Narrative demonstrates that LEA is working to address disproportionality  in who is being served and who succeeds in dual enrollment.  Narrative does not demonstrate that LEA is addressing equity. |
| Partnerships | Narrative demonstrates outstanding, well-defined partnerships between school, district, college, families, community organizations. | Narrative demonstrates promising, well-defined partnerships between school, district, college, families, and community organizations. | Narrative demonstrates emerging, defined partnerships between school, district, college, families, and community organizations. | Narrative demonstrates limited partnerships between school, district, college, families, and community organizations. |
| Pathway Design | Narrative shows well-defined pathways leading to a transfer or to completion of a certificate or degree, aligned with student interests and regional labor market indicators. | Narrative shows promising, well-defined pathways leading to transfer or to completion of a certificate or degree, aligned with student interests and/or local labor market indicators. | Narrative shows emerging, defined pathways leading to transfer or to completion of a certificate or degree, aligned with student interests and/or local labor market indicators. | Narrative shows limited pathways leading to transfer or to completion of a certificate or degree. |
| Student Supports | Narrative explains how student supports will be embedded and differentiated. Staff are designated to support students in dual enrollment. Partners share responsibility for student success. | Student supports are embedded and differentiated. Staff are designated to support students in dual enrollment. | Student supports are embedded and differentiated. | Student supports are offered. |
| Sustainability | Narrative shows a well-defined vision on how the CCAP agreement will be sustained. | Narrative shows a promising vision on how the CCAP agreement will be sustained. | Narrative shows an emerging vision on how the CCAP agreement will be sustained. | Narrative shows a limited vision or no vision on how the CCAP agreement will be sustained. |

### Attachment I: College and Career Grant Budget Worksheet (10 points)

CCAP Budget Worksheet Rubric

| Outstanding (10-8 points) | Strong (7–6 points) | Good (5–4 points) | Minimal (0–3 points) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| The budget is clear, includes a comprehensive estimate of the grant’s budget. Provides a very detailed justification and accurate breakdown/calculation for each expenditure. | The budget includes a detailed estimate of the grant’s budget and costs are clear. Provides a detailed justification and accurate/somewhat accurate breakdown/calculation for each expenditure. | The budget includes an adequate estimate of the grant’s budget and costs are clear. Provides an adequate justification and adequate breakdown/calculation for each expenditure or there are errors in the breakdown/calculation for each expenditure. | The budget does not include an estimate of the grant’s budget. Does not provide any justification or accurate breakdown/calculation for each expenditure or there are major errors in breakdown/calculation for each expenditure. |

### Attachment II: Letter of Commitment (10 points)

CCAP College Letter of Commitment Rubric

| Outstanding (10 points) | Strong (0 points) | Good (0 points) | Minimal (0 points) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A college letter of commitment was submitted and signed by college CEO or the College President. | Not applicable | Not applicable | A letter of commitment was not submitted.  If letter of commitment is not included, the LEA is not eligible. |

### Attachment III: Letter of Support (10 points)

CCAP Letter of Support Rubric

| Outstanding (10 points) | Strong (0 points) | Good (0 points) | Minimal (0 points) |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| A letter of support was submitted. | Not applicable | Not applicable | A letter of commitment was not submitted. |

## Appendix C: Definitions

The following definitions are exclusive to this RFA. Although some of these terms may be used by the CDE and other state agencies, any differences that appear in this document do not imply changes in definitions and policies used by those agencies.

**College and Career Access Pathways—**Is an agreement between the governing board of a community college district and the governing board of a school district, the governing body of a charter school or a county office of education that develops a seamless pathway from high school to community college for (1) career technical education or (2) preparation for transfer, (3) improving high school graduation rates, or (4) helping high school pupils achieve college and career readiness.

**Local Educational Agency—**A school district, charter school, or county office of education.

**Technical Assistance—**A structure to deliver training and technical assistance to grantees using regional collaboratives and state, regional, and local technical assistance providers that have expertise in pupil and family engagement, school- community collaboration of service delivery and financing, the coordination and integration of support services, and multi-indicator data collection and evaluation.

**Unduplicated Pupil—**As defined inCalifornia *EC* Section 42238.02; a pupil enrolled in a school district or a charter school who is either classified as an English learner, eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, or is a foster youth. A pupil shall be counted only once if any of the following apply:

1. The pupil is classified as an English learner and is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal.
2. The pupil is classified as an English learner and is a foster youth.
3. The pupil is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal and is classified as a foster youth.
4. The pupil is classified as an English learner, is eligible for a free or reduced-price meal, and is a foster youth.

## Appendix D: Budget Categories

Each budget category is described below.

Budget Category Object Codes and Descriptions

| Object Code | Description |
| --- | --- |
| **1000** | **Certificated Salaries**  Certificated salaries are salaries that require a credential or permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. List all certificated project employees, including percentage or fraction of full time equivalent (FTE) and rate of pay per day, month, and/or annual salary. Note: Funds in this category are not intended to supplant current fixed costs. |
| **2000** | **Classified Salaries**  Classified salaries are salaries for services that do not require a credential or permit issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. List all classified project employees, including percentage of FTE, and rate of pay per day, month, and/or year. Note: Funds in this category are not intended to supplant current fixed costs. |
| **3000** | **Employee Benefits**  Record employer’s contributions to retirement plans and health and welfare benefits. List and include the percentage and dollar amount for each employee benefit being claimed. |
| **4000** | **Books and Supplies**  Record expenditures for books, supplies, and other non-capitalized property/equipment (movable personal property of a relatively permanent nature that has an estimated useful life greater than one year and an acquisition cost less than the local educational agency (LEA) capitalization threshold but greater than the LEA’s inventory threshold). This category includes expenditures for books and supplies (e.g., textbooks, other books, instructional materials). This category also includes supplies used in support services and auxiliary programs necessary to operate a project office. A listing of all equipment, including the serial and model numbers, purchased with any portion of these grant funds, must be recorded and maintained in the file. |
| **5000** | **Services and Other Operating Expenditures**  Record expenditures for services, rentals, leases, maintenance contracts, dues, travel, insurance, utilities, legal services, and other operating expenditures.  **Contracting Services**: Services provided to the school by outside contractors appear under this category. Identify what, when, and where the services will be provided. Appropriate activities include conducting workshops, training, and technical assistance activities.  **Travel and Conference**: Include expenditures incurred by and/or for employees and other representatives of the LEA for travel and conferences, including lodging, mileage, parking, bridge tolls, shuttles, and taxis and conference registration expenses necessary to meet the objectives of the program. Receipts are required to be kept on file by the agency for audit purposes. Bus transportation for students should be listed here.  Note:California state law restricts the use of state general funds to pay for travel costs to states that have laws that discriminate based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. |
| **6000** | **Capital Outlay**  Record expenditures for sites, buildings, and equipment. (Equipment is movable personal property that has both an estimated useful life over one year and an acquisition cost that meets the LEA’s threshold for capitalization. Refer to the district’s threshold amount for capitalization; anything less than this amount should be posted in Object Code 4000). A listing of all equipment, including the serial and model numbers, purchased with any portion of these grant funds, must be recorded and maintained in the file. |
| **7000** | **Indirect Rate**  If applicable (not to exceed CDE approved rate). Indirect costs are not assessed on expenditures for capital outlay. For a listing of indirect cost rates visit the CDE Indirect Cost Rates web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/ac/ic/index.asp>. |

1. . To locate a CDS Code, visit the CDE’s County-District-School Administration web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/si/ds/>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 1. The CDE’s CALPADS UPC Source File, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/filescupc.asp>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. . The CDE’s Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate and Outcome Data web page, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/filesacgr.asp>. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. . The CDE’s Suspension Data web page, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/filessd.asp>. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. . The CDE’s Expulsion Data web page, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/filesed.asp>. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. . The CDE’s Stability Data web page, <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/ad/filessr.asp>. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. . The CDE’s DataQuest web page at, <https://dq.cde.ca.gov/dataquest/>. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. . To locate a CDS Code, visit the CDE’s County-District-School Administration web page at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/si/ds/>. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)