

MISSION STATEMENT
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Mission

Sonoma County Junior College District's Mission is to promote student learning throughout our diverse communities by increasing the knowledge, improving the skills and enhancing the lives of those who participate in our programs and enroll in our courses.

This Mission affirms the District's responsibility to provide the following:

- lower division academic education, to support transfer to four-year institutions
- career and technical education, to support economic development and job growth
- basic skills, to include English language skills acquisition
- student and academic support services, to improve student success and student retention

Supportive Statements

In fulfilling our mission we are committed to the following:

- Serving the educational needs of our students and our community through programs and courses that maintain high academic standards and develop a respect for learning in all of our students.
- Developing intellectual curiosity and integrity, and recognizing accomplishment in an atmosphere of academic freedom.
- Offering courses and programs which reflect academic excellence and integrity and which serve the variety of needs, career pathways, and abilities of our students.
- Identifying student learning outcomes for courses, programs, certificates, and degrees; assessing student achievement of those outcomes; and using those assessment results to improve effectiveness.
- Responding to economic, demographic, and technological changes through educational program development and staff development.
- Helping students succeed in meeting their educational goals by providing comprehensive instructional and student support services.

- Challenging students to participate fully in the learning process by teaching students to be responsible for their academic success.
- Preparing our students for participation as citizens at the local, national and global levels.
- Promoting awareness of and maintaining sensitivity to ethnic, cultural and gender diversity within our student body, faculty, staff, administration and course offerings.
- Promoting open access through actively eliminating barriers to a college education and services.
- Contributing to the cultural life of our community by presenting enrichment opportunities to our students and community members.
- Attracting and retaining faculty and staff who are highly qualified, knowledgeable and current in their fields.
- Practicing responsible participatory governance within the institution through processes that are inclusive and respectful of all participants and in which information and decision-making are shared.
- Maintaining the stability of our institution by exercising our public responsibility for sound resource development and use in order to meet our commitments to the citizens of the District.
- Promoting and maintaining a safe learning and working environment.
- Reviewing our mission statement periodically with participation by students, faculty, staff, and administration.