

# California Community Colleges Overview

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# California Community Colleges - Overview

- OVERVIEW OF THE SYSTEM

- We began connected to K-12s under the same voluminous Education Code
- Largest higher educational system in nation
- 2.1 million students
- 113 colleges

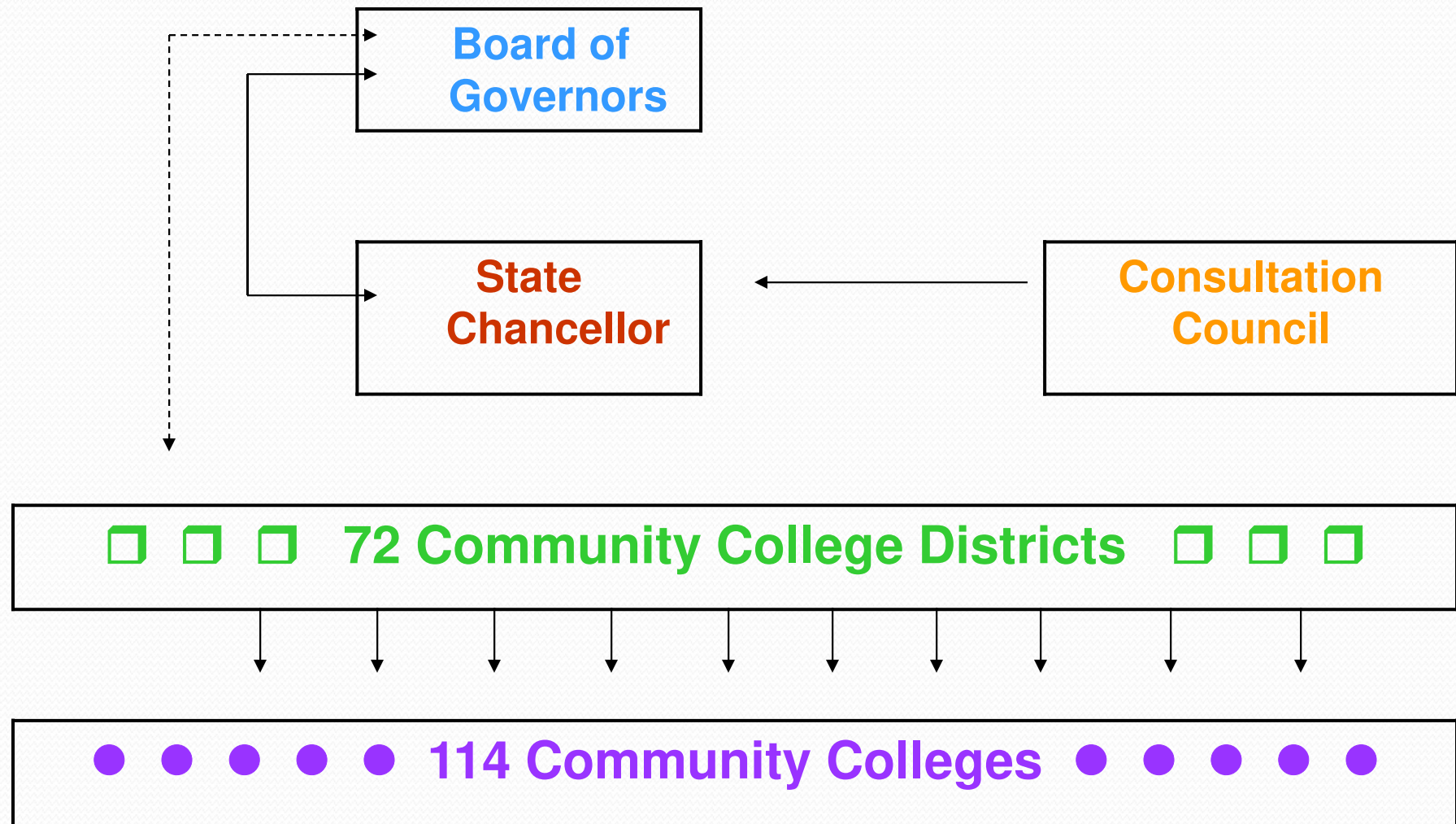


# Master Plan for Higher Education in California

- 1960
- Title 3, Division 3, Part 20 of California Education Code
- As written:
  - Top 12.5% - U.C.
  - Top 33.3% - CSU
  - Any person “capable of benefiting from instruction.”
- “Ranking” no longer used; now sliding scale of GPA and SAT or ACT



# California Community College System: Formal Governance





# Governance of the Colleges

- 113 Colleges
- 72 multi-college districts
- 17-member Board of Governors appointed by the Governor—responsible for the System
- Locally-elected board members from the 72 districts

# Community Colleges in CA

	University of California	California State University	<b>California Community Colleges</b>
# of Colleges	10	23	113
% of Top High School Graduates	Top 12%	Top 33%	Open Door
Cost to Student	\$13,218/yr.	\$6,422/yr.	\$1,080/yr
Funding / Full-time Student	\$24,788	\$14,120	\$7,897 (K-12 = \$11,107)
Present Enrollments	183,184	360,618	3.1 million
Source: CCLC website			





# Mission of the Colleges

- Transfer to four-year universities
- Vocational education
- Basic skills
- Economic development
- Lifelong learning\*



## Advantages of Community Colleges

- Teachers who are teachers, not publishers
- Small classes
- Close to home
- Inexpensive
- Chance to “experiment”
- Diversity of students





## **AB 1725 Landmark Governance Legislation**

- Intent was to move the community colleges away from their genesis with K-12 and bring them to operate as a system of higher education in tandem with the two institutions of higher learning—the University of California and the California State System.
- Most striking aspect was that the legislation defined how participatory governance was to operate in the colleges.
- Delineated roles of board, faculty, staff, and students.



## WHO ARE WE: Fast Facts

- 70% of all nurses in California received their education from community colleges.
- 24% of all community college students nationwide are enrolled in a California community college.
- 80% of firefighters, law enforcement officers, and EMTs are credentialed at community colleges.





## WHO ARE WE: Fast Facts - Continued

- 39 community colleges statewide administer Police Officers Standards and Training (POST) academies.
- 64 colleges statewide have fire technology programs for training firefighters.
- EARNINGS
  - \$1.6M is the average lifetime earnings of a graduate with an associate's degree—\$400,000 more than for a high school graduate.





# Leadership Competencies Needed by Community College Leaders

- Organizational Strategy
- Resource Management
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Community College Advocacy
- Professionalism
- *Sense of Humor!*



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