Proposal to Modify First-Year Admission Requirements for the CSU

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Areas of Widespread Agreement

• We all must do better, collectively, to serve California’s diverse students
• Academic preparation matters
• Importance of authentic access
• Quantitative reasoning supports success in college, the workforce and everyday life
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Areas with Questions

• Capacity
• Impact
• Partnerships
• Timing
Overview

• CSU Proposal
• PK-12 School District Capacity
• Implementation Plan
• Partnerships & Continued Consultation
What is “Quantitative Reasoning?”

- Disciplinary Context/Real World
- Math
- Critical Thinking

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CSU Proposal

• An admission requirement that incoming first-year students must have completed one course of quantitative reasoning
• Requirement could be fulfilled by coursework in science, math or an elective course with a quantitative reasoning foundation
• Students would be encouraged to take the course in their senior year
## Current “a-g” Requirements

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Course-Taking Behavior of Entering CSU Students

- Students took 21 a-g courses in high school
- Consistent across all ethnic groups
- Proposal would require students take 16 a-g courses
Examples of Qualifying Courses

College Preparatory Electives (Area ‘g’)

- Personal Finance
- Introduction to Business
- Coding
- Robotics
- Healthcare Analysis
- Economics
- Agricultural Biology
- Veterinary Science
- Forensics
- Green Technology
- Sports Medicine
- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Game Development
### Multiple Paths to Completion

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Fortuna High School (Humboldt County)

- Sustainable Agriculture Biology
- Agriculture and Soil Chemistry
- Programming Fundamentals (dual enrollment)
- Intro to Game Development (dual enrollment)
- Anatomy
- Chemistry (Honors)
- AP Calculus A/B
- Green Technology
- Financial Management
- Pre-calculus
- Statistics/Probability
- Calculus AB
- Environmental Science
- Chemistry and Agri-science
- STEM Physics
- Statistics

AP = Advanced Placement
Fresno High School (Fresno County)

- Advanced Topics in Medicine
- Advanced Topics in Medical Research
- Applications Programming
- Biochemistry
- Computer Science IB HL1
- Computer Science IB HL2
- Construction Technology I
- Construction Technology II
- Cybersecurity
- Engineering I
- Engineering II
- Foods and Nutrition
- Forensic Research and Biotechnology
- Global Economics and Finance
- Money and Banking
- Robotics and Electronics
- WBL Technology
- Mathematical Studies IB
- Mathematics IB
- Trigonometry - Elementary Functions
- Advanced Sciences Topics AB
- AP Computer Science Principles
- Biology
- Biology IB
- Biotechnology Accelerated & Research
- Chemistry IB
- Clinical Anatomy & Physiology
- Engineering Research and Development
- ROP Environmental Science & Technology
- Environmental Systems & Societies
- Neuroscience
- Physical Forensic Science
- Physics
- Physics and Technology
- Physiology
- Zoology

AP = Advanced Placement  
ROP = Regional Occupational Program  
WBL = Work Based Learning  
IB = International Baccalaureate
Martin Luther King High School (Riverside County)

- Business, Technology and 21st Century Skills
- Digital Electronics
- Earth Science
- Exploring Computer Science
- Game Design 1
- Game Design 2
- PLTW Civil Engineering and Architecture
- PLTW Principles of Engineering
- PLTW Computer Integrated Manufacturing
- PLTW Digital Electronics
- PLTW Engineering Design and Development
- Probability and Statistics
- Anatomy/Physiology
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- Biology of the Living Earth
- Chemistry in the Earth System
- Marine Biology
- Physics of the Universe

AP = Advanced Placement
PLTW = Project Lead the Way
RCOE = Riverside County Office of Education
Exemption

Ongoing Commitment to Student Access

- If a student does not have access to a qualifying course, they would receive an exemption and additional academic support
- Partnership with CDE would automate the exemption
- Exemption data would further support capacity-building efforts
- Exemption would “phase-out” as schools built capacity
Overview

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High School Graduation Requirements
Align with the CSU Proposal

- San Diego Unified
- Long Beach Unified
- Elk Grove Unified
- Fresno Unified
- San Bernardino City Unified
- Oakland Unified
- Stockton Unified*
- La Canada**
- Rocklin Unified
- Lake Elsinore Unified
- Murrieta Valley Unified
- Perris Union
- San Jacinto Unified

*Beginning with the Class of 2023
**Beginning with the Class of 2021

www.ed-data.org
Existing High School Capacity

Of California Comprehensive High Schools…

• 99.7% offer at least one qualifying course
• 96.2% offer at least three qualifying courses (one math course and two or more science or electives)
Existing High School Capacity

Schools with Limited Capacity

- 16 out of 1,453 high schools offer fewer than 3 qualifying courses or only offer a math course
  - Graduated a combined 450 students
  - Approximately 56 students met the existing a-g requirements
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Implementation Plan

Identified the Districts Where Further Examination of Student Course-Taking Behavior is Needed

- Baldwin Park Unified
- Calexico Unified
- Central Unified
- Central Union High
- Chico Unified
- Coachella Valley Unified
- Delano Joint Union High
- Kern County Office of Education
- Kern High
- Lodi Unified
- Manteca Unified
- Merced Union High
- Oceanside Unified
- Salinas Union High
- San Gabriel Unified
- San Juan Unified
- Santa Rosa High
- Turlock Unified
- Visalia Unified
- Wasco Unified High
- Washington Unified
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Implementation Plan

Will Follow the Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum Model for Capacity Building

• Courses developed by CSU and high school faculty
• Partnerships with California’s county offices of education to integrate courses into high schools
• CSU Center for the Advancement of Reading and Writing supports professional development
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Through Bridge Courses

- Los Angeles
- Monterey
- Nevada
- Placer
- Riverside
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Diego
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara
- Santa Clara
- Solano
- Yolo
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Through Bridge Courses

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In Summary

This proposed policy will...

• Improve students’ success in college, the workforce and daily life
• Provide students with flexibility
• Provide PK-12 districts support and time to prepare
• Ensure that no student is denied access to the CSU through matters beyond their control