



Budget Overview 2026-27

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- Governor Newsom's proposed 2026–27 budget is relatively balanced and reflects favorable fiscal conditions, with the total state budget projected at \$348.9 billion in 2026-27, representing an 8.7% increase over the prior year due to higher state revenues and cost-containment actions
- Proposition 98 funding is projected to increase significantly in 2026-27, driven by stronger revenue projections and the constitutional minimum guarantee resulting in higher total funding for K-14 education, even as per-student growth remains modest.
- Community colleges benefit from continued base funding (COLA and enrollment growth) and targeted investments, including support aligned with the Master Plan for Career Education, such as career pathways and expanded credit for prior learning, positioning CCCs favorably within the proposed budget.

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Apportionment

The California Community Colleges budget includes several major investments supported by revenues exceeding projections; however, most of the new funding is one-time in nature.

- Total Computational Revenue under the Student-Centered Funding Formula (SCFF) is proposed to increase by \$261 million, rising from \$10.15 billion in the 2025 Budget Act to \$10.41 billion.
- This increase reflects a 2.41% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) and 0.5% FTES enrollment growth, providing modest ongoing base funding growth.

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Significant Kern CCD Categoricals

Another \$240.6 million ongoing would support a COLA of 2.41% for significant Kern CCD Categories (percentage change reflect in millions)

Adult Education Program	2.41% increase, COLA
Student equity and Achievement Program	No Change, 4 th Year in a row
Strong Workforce	No Change, 4 th Year in a row
Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)	2.41% increase, COLA
Disables Student Programs and Services (DSPS)	2.41% increase, COLA
Apprenticeships	2.41% increase, COLA
CalWORKS Student Services	2.41% increase, COLA

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Capital Outlay

The Governor's proposal includes \$736.8 million in capital outlay funding from Proposition 2, up from the \$68.5 million provided in the 2025 Budget Act. The funding is to support the preliminary plans and working drawings for 10 new projects and the construction phase for 29 continuing projects, listed below for Kern Community College District:

KCCD - Bakersfield College

Proposition 2, New Project – BC Fine Arts replacement

2026-27 State Cost, \$1,861,000.00

2026-27 Total Cost, \$3,722,000.00

KCCD - Bakersfield College

Proposition 2, Continuing Project – BC Center for Student Success

2026-27 State Cost, \$26,363,000.00

2026-27 Total Cost, \$51,467,000.00

KCCD - Porterville College

Proposition 2, New Project – PC Career Technology Building

2026-27 State Cost, \$2,250,000.00

2026-27 Total Cost, \$3,541,000.00

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Other One-Time Items

- \$120.7 million one-time for Deferred Maintenance needs
- \$36 million one-time and \$5 million ongoing for System-Wide Common Cloud Data Platform
- \$100 million one-time for Enhancing Existing Students support programs.
- \$35 million one-time and \$2million ongoing to build and scale up Credit for Prior Learning.

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CalSTRS & CalPERS

California State Teachers Retirement System (CalSTRS) and California Public employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) rates in 2025-26. CalSTRS remains flat for the fourth year, while CalPERS increases another 0.35%.

CATEGORY	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
CalPERS	26.68%	27.05%	26.81%	26.40%
CalSTRS	19.10%	19.10%	19.10%	19.10%

