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Description/ Mission

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PROCEDURE

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Governance Processes Relative to the
District Board Policy Manual
and Collegial
Consultation With
Academic Senates**

Employ the Process of Mutual Agreement

Policies: None

Procedures: None

Appendices: None

Rely Primarily Upon the Advice and Judgment

Policies: None

Procedures: None

Appendices: None

Policy

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1A Description

1A1 Name - The name of this legal entity shall be the Kern Community College District of Kern, Inyo, Mono, Tulare, and San Bernardino Counties.

1A2 Legal Description - The Kern Community College District encompasses the territory composed of numerous elementary and high school districts.

The general description of the territory included and maps thereof may be found in the Office of the Surveyor of Kern County, California.

1A3 Geographical Description - The District encompasses approximately twenty-four thousand, eight hundred (24,800) square miles including all of Inyo County, most of Kern County, and parts of Mono, Tulare, and San Bernardino Counties. The District Office is located at 2100 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield, California, 93301-4099. See <https://www.kccd.edu/board-trustees/trustee-area-maps>.

1A4 Member Colleges - The District includes Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College. College classes are also available through centers and outreach sites. Bakersfield College operates two State-approved centers, one in Delano and one in Bakersfield. Cerro Coso Community College has two State-approved centers, 1) East Kern with locations on Edwards Air Force Base and in California City, Mojave and Tehachapi and 2) Eastern Sierra Center with campuses in the Town of Mammoth Lakes and Bishop.

2A The Board of Trustees and the Administration shall solicit input from faculty, classified staff, management personnel, students, and the community relative to the development and amendment of policies in the following areas:

Vision (Policy 1B) (Policy 1B4).

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1B Vision

The Kern Community College District will be recognized as an exemplary educational leader, partnering with our communities to develop potential and create opportunities. Successful students will strengthen their communities and, along with the faculty and staff, become life-long learners.

1B2 Values

1B2A The Board of Trustees and the employees of the Kern Community College District value:

- Assisting student to achieve informed educational goals.
- Fostering a learning environment that celebrates the diversity of people, idea, learning styles and instructional methodologies.
- Recruiting and retaining the best and brightest employees.
- Promoting a climate of trust by sharing ideas and information.
- Meeting the highest standards of performance in everything we do.

1B3 Mission

The mission of the Kern Community College District is to provide outstanding educational programs and services that are responsive to our diverse students and communities. To accomplish this mission, we will:

- Provide academic instruction to promote fulfillment of four-year college transfer requirements and encourage degree and/or certificate acquisition in our surrounding communities.
- Provide workforce skills training through Career and Technical Education programs.
- Provide basic skills education and student services programs to enable

students to become successful learners.

- Establish partnerships with businesses and governmental entities as well as other educational institutions to advance economic development.
- Improve the quality of life of our students and communities through broad-based general education courses.
- Prepare students with the skills to function effectively in the global economy of the 21st century.
- Anticipate and prepare to meet challenges by continually assessing and prioritizing programs, services, and community needs.

1B4 Strategic Goals of the District

Goal One: **Maximize Student Success**

Goal Two: **Ensure Student Access**

Goal Three: **Provide Workforce and Economic Development Programs that Respond to Local Industry**

Goal Four: **Reduce Equity Gaps**

Goal Five: **Strengthen Organizational Effectiveness**

~~Goal Six: Respond to community needs~~

Upon approval of the Kern Community College District's Strategic Goals every three years, policy 1B4 will be automatically updated by the Chancellor's Office.

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1C Purpose of Board Policy Manual

1C1 The purpose of this Board Policy Manual is to set forth statements of policy adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Kern Community College District.

1C2 Policies are intended to be consistent with provisions of law and regulation, but do not encompass all laws and regulations relating to District operations.

1C2a Policies remain in effect until they are revised or repealed by the Board of Trustees or by statutory or constitutional authority.

1C2b Notwithstanding Policy 1C2a, policies and procedures will be reviewed on a periodic basis.

1C3 Recommendations for policy amendments shall be presented to the Board of Trustees. Unless unusual circumstances exist, such recommendations shall be presented at one (1) meeting for information, with Board action at a subsequent meeting.

1C4 Operational procedures to implement policy shall be approved by the Chancellor's Cabinet and shall be incorporated in this Manual.

1C5 Documents related to established policies and procedures are included in the appendices.

Procedure

No Materials