

ADMISSIONS

References: *Education Code Section 76000; U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended; 34 Code of Federal Regulations Section 668.16(p)*

Admissions Eligibility

The College District authorizes the admission of eligible students to the Director of Admissions & Records and Dean of Student Services under the supervision of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Students eligible for regular admissions to the College District must be:

- 18 years of age or older and possess a high school diploma or has the ability to benefit from the instruction offered.
- If under 18 years of age and student needs to possess a high school diploma, an equivalent such as GED, or High School Proficiency Exam may be considered.

The Dean of Student Services or designee shall be responsible for evaluating the validity of a student's high school completion if the College District or the United States Department of Education has reason to believe that the high school diploma is not valid or was not obtained from an entity that provides secondary school education.

Application for Admission

New students are required to complete an admissions application online. The application for admission is located on the Southwestern College website at www.swccd.edu.

Returning students to Southwestern Community College after a break of one or more semesters, excluding summer are required to complete an application for admission.

The College District may deny or place conditions on a student's enrollment upon finding that the applicant has been expelled within the preceding five years or is undergoing expulsion procedures in another California community college district, and that the applicant continue to present a danger to the physical safety of the students and employees of the College District.

Residency

Students shall be classified as a resident or nonresident at the time of each admission and/or whenever a student has not been in attendance for more than one semester.

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- A **resident** is a person who is eligible to establish California residency for tuition purposes or who has resided within California for at least one year and who established a legal residence in California prior to the residency determination date.
- A **nonresident** student is one who has not resided in the state for more than one year prior to the residency determination date and who has not established legal residence or who is not eligible to establish California residency for tuition purposes. Criteria listed in College District Procedure 5015 AP.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Admissions & Records