



Board Policy
Chapter 1 – The District

BP 1200 DISTRICT MISSION

The mission of the Santa Monica Community College District is:

Mission

Santa Monica College offers robust educational programs and support services that assist students in the development of skills needed to succeed in college, prepare for careers and transfer, and nurture a lifetime commitment to learning. The College provides an inclusive and dynamic learning environment that supports intellectual exploration and helps students achieve their educational goals. As a proud minority-serving institution, the College works to eliminate racial equity gaps and recognizes the critical importance of each individual's contribution, ensuring that each person feels seen, affirmed, and valued.

Vision

Santa Monica College will be a leader and innovator in college transfer, career preparation, upward mobility, and lifelong learning. We will provide an inclusive, equitable, and high-quality education designed to transform the lives of our students, their families, and the community.

Values Statement

As an institution committed to the free exchange of ideas, Santa Monica College will foster its core values: knowledge, intellectual inquiry, research-based planning and evaluation, integrity, accountability, ethical behavior, democratic processes, communication and collaboration, civic engagement, global citizenship, and sustainability.

Reference: ACCJC Accreditation Standard 1.1 and Eligibility Requirements 6 & 20

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