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BP 1100 Kern Community College District

Reference:

Education Code Section 72000(b); Elections Code Section 18304

Name

The District has been named Kern Community College District of Kern, Inyo, Mono, Tulare, and San Bernardino Counties.

The name is the property of the District. No person shall, without the permission of the Board of Trustees, use this name of the District, any colleges, or other facilities of the District, or any abbreviation of, to imply, indicate, or otherwise suggest that an organization, product, or service is connected or affiliated with, or is endorsed, favored, supported, or opposed by the District.

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.

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 the District's website at www.kccd.edu for a map illustrating the Kern Community College District's Service Area.

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.



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BP 1110 Vision

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BP 1120 Values

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.



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BP 1200 Mission

Reference:

WASC/ACCJC Accreditation Standard I.A.

<u>Mission</u>

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.

The mission is evaluated and revised on a regular basis.

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Strategic Goals of the District

Goal One: Maximize Student Success

• Goal Two: Advance Student Equity Measures

Goal Three: Ensure Student Access

Goal Four: Enhance Community Connections

Goal Five: Strengthen Organizational Effectiveness



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BP 1300 Purpose of Board Policy Manual

The purpose of this Board Policy Manual is to set forth statements of policy adopted by the Board of Trustees of the District.

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

Policies remain in effect until they are revised, rescinded or repealed by the Board of Trustees or by statutory or constitutional authority.

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.

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