



# Compton College Accreditation

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Compton College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 428 J Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found on ACCJC's website ([accjc.org](http://accjc.org)) under the Resources dropdown menu Complaint Process.

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Accreditation serves the public interest by certifying that the institution meets or exceeds specific standards of quality. This certification is also used by the federal government and other entities to determine whether an institution and its students are eligible for participation in federal financial aid programs or other forms of financial assistance to institutions. The peer-based nature of accreditation helps to maintain the values of higher education, particularly the values associated with academic freedom.

To maintain accreditation, colleges complete a peer review process designed to ensure that eligibility requirements and standards are met. The review process occurs on a six-year cycle and involves a comprehensive Institutional Self-Evaluation Report prepared by a college team of faculty, staff, and students. A campus visit from peer reviewers follows.

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On June 7, 2019, at 11:59 p.m., Compton College became the 114th California Community College and began to operate as an independent college under the authority of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees, per Executive Order 2018-01 issued by California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Oakley Ortiz.

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### 2023 Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) Review Cycle

Compton College is now preparing for the next accreditation cycle, including a [timeline](#) for the new Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) and training for this process in fall 2021.

- 2023 ISER Draft - April 2023
- 2023 ISER Draft - Feedback Form
- Compton College Institutional Self-Evaluation Report (ISER) Timeline, 2022-2023

You may also provide a third-party comment directly to the ACCJC. A third-party comment assists the Commission as it considers applications for candidacy, accreditation, or reaffirmation of accreditation. When an institution is undergoing a review, the Commission requires the institution's chief executive officer to notify the campus community and public of the opportunity for submission of third-party comments and the process for doing so. Any member of the college community or public may submit a third-party comment by completing the Commission's online third-party comment form, available via the institution's website or ACCJC's website. In order to ensure evaluation of applicable third-party comments by the peer review team, third-party comments should be received by the Commission staff no later than five weeks before the review team visit. Institutions will be provided an opportunity to review applicable third-party comments.

**ACCJC THIRD-PARTY COMMENT FORM**



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- Accreditation Workshop Presentation
- Accreditation Workshop Handout

A Virtual Town Hall for all college stakeholders was held on October 29, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the Midterm Report.

- Midterm Report Draft for Town Hall
- Midterm Report Town Hall Presentation
- Midterm Report Timeline
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## Compton College Midterm Report

The Compton College Midterm Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on February 16, 2021.

Midterm Report

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## Compton College Historical Accreditation Documentation

The following information provides the public with a comprehensive overview of Compton College's Process to Accreditation and the conclusion of the partnership with El Camino College.

### **Compton College Accreditation Update - August 29, 2018**

On August 27, 2018, Compton College received notification from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) that its Substantive Change Application: Change in Local Control, which was submitted on June 20, 2018, has been approved by the Committee on Substantive Change of ACCJC. The action letter from the ACCJC's Committee on Substantive Change is available [here](#).

The CCCD then submitted a request to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office for the issuance of an executive order declaring that Compton College will operate as an independent college under the authority of the Compton Community College District Board of Trustees. On August 29, 2018, California Community Colleges Chancellor Eloy Oakley issued Executive Order 2018-01 declaring Compton College will operate as an independent college under the authority of the CCCD Board of Trustees effective June 7, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. The California Community Colleges Chancellor Executive Order 2018-01 is available [here](#). At that same time, the partnership between Compton Community College District and the El Camino Community College District will come to an end.

## Initial Accreditation Status Granted June 7, 2017

At its June 7, 2017 meeting, the ACCJC granted initial accreditation status to Compton College; the action established Compton College as an accredited college. This action came after the ACCJC, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, reviewed the Institutional Self Evaluation Report (ISER) submitted by Compton Center and the report prepared by the evaluation team that visited the Center March 6-9, 2017. The purpose of the Commission's review was to determine whether the Center meets Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies.

After considering all of the written and oral material provided, the Commission acted to Grant Initial Accreditation to Compton College. Granting Initial Accreditation indicates that the Commission has determined that the institution is in substantial compliance with its Eligibility Requirements, Accreditation Standards, and Commission policies.

To view the ACCJC Action Letters, Substantive Change Application, or the Process to Accreditation documents, click below.

[Executive Order 2018-01 \(Letter from Chancellor Eloy Oakley\) - August 20, 2018](#)

[ACCJC Action Letter: Approval of Substantive Change Application - August 27, 2018](#)

[ACCJC Action Letter - June 7, 2017](#)

[External Evaluation Report](#)

[Compton College Receives Accreditation](#)

[Compton College Quality Focused Essay Special Report](#)

[Compton College Substantive Change Proposal - Change in Control of Institution Timeline](#)

[Compton College Substantive Change Application](#)

- [What is Accreditation?](#)
- [Accreditation and the Process Forward- May 2019](#)
- [2017 ECC Compton Center Self-Evaluation Report](#)
- [Accreditation Summary Sheet 2017](#)
- [Letter of Eligibility from the Commission - March 26, 2015](#)
- [ECC Compton Center Eligibility Application - January 15, 2015](#)
- [Accreditation Eligibility Proposal Status Report - October 27, 2011](#)
- [El Camino College-Compton Agreement](#)
- [Chancellor Office Letter regarding Compton College - July 3, 2017](#)
- [Resolution 10-16-2018A](#)
- [Agreement between ECCCD and CCCD - November 30, 2016](#)

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## About ACCJC



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## Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges

ACCJC is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) as a reliable authority regarding the quality of education offered by the institutions it accredits in keeping with the Higher Education Act of 1965. ACCJC is also recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), which has established criteria that define a quality review system for accrediting agencies.

ACCJC accredits institutions in the United States, its territories and affiliates, with a primary mission of granting associate degrees; institutions accredited by the ACCJC may also award certificates and other credentials including bachelor's degrees, if those credentials are within the institution's mission and authorized by applicable governmental authorities. ACCJC may also accredit non-domestic institutions with a primary mission of granting associate degrees.

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## ACCJC Eligibility Requirements & Standards

- [Eligibility Requirements for Accreditation](#)
- [2014 ACCJC Standards of Accreditation](#)
- [Dr. Barbara Beno Fall Professional Development Day Presentation](#)
- [April 28, 2016 Accreditation Workshop Presentation](#)
- [November 13, 2015 Accreditation Workshop Presentation](#)
- [November 13, 2015 Accreditation Workshop Presentation II](#)
- [October 16, 2015 Accreditation Workshop Presentation](#)
- [September 18, 2015 Accreditation Workshop Presentation](#)

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## Annual Reports

### Fiscal

- [2023 Fiscal Report](#)
- [2022 Fiscal Report](#)

- 2021 Fiscal Report
- 2020 Fiscal Report
- 2019 Fiscal Report
- 2018 Fiscal Report
- 2017 Fiscal Report

## Outcomes

- 2023 Outcomes Report
- 2022 Outcomes Report
- 2021 Outcomes Report
- 2020 Outcomes Report
- 2019 Outcomes Report
- 2018 Outcomes Report
- 2017 Outcomes Report

## Financial Crises Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) Reports

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# Communications from ACCJC

## ACCJC ACTION LETTERS

- ACCJC Acceptance Letter of Compton College's Midterm Report - June 28, 2021
- ACCJC Approval Letter for the Distance Education Substantive Change Proposal- May 25, 2021
- ACCJC Action Letter - January 26, 2018
- ACCJC Actions on Institutions - June 27, 2017
- ACCJC Action Letter - June 7, 2017
- Resolution of the Board of Governors California Community Colleges No. 2017-02
- Letter Reaffirming Eligibility for Compton Center with Timelines and Policy - June 17, 2015
- ACCJC Recommendations Resolved January 2010 and February 2011
- Letter from Commission - January 29, 2010
- Letter from Commission - December 14, 2009
- Letter from Commission - October 13, 2009
- Letter from Commission - June 30, 2009
- Letter from Commission - February 3, 2009
- ACCJC Letter - CCD Closure Plan - January 31, 2007
- ACCJC Closure Letter - June 17, 2005
- ACCJC Special Visit (April 13-15, 2005) Team Report
- ACCJC Letter of Show Cause - January 31, 2005

## GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Commission - March 28, 2016

- Letter from Commission - January 31, 2011
- Accreditation White Pages - August 4, 2010
- Letter from Commission - January 20, 2010
- Letter from Accreditation Task Force - January 13, 2010
- Letter from Commission - January 6, 2010
- Letter from Commission (Rubric) - September 9, 2008
- ACCJC Letter - November 18, 2005
- June 20, 2005 - CCCD Open Letter to Compton College Students
- June 20, 2005 California Community Colleges News Release - Termination of Compton Community College's Accreditation

## **COLLEGE REPORTS TO ACCJC**

- 2021 Compton College Annual Report
- 2019-2020 Compton College Fiscal Report
- Letter of Eligibility from the Commission - March 26, 2015
- ECC Compton Center Eligibility Application - January 2015
- Accreditation of ECC Compton Educational Center: Communications Plan 2010-2012
- Accreditation Eligibility Proposal Status Report - October 27, 2011
- Accreditation Mid-Term Report - October 15, 2011
- Follow-Up Report - October 2010
- Follow-Up Report - October 2009
- Follow-Up Report - April 2009
- Evaluation Report - October 2008
- ECC Self-Study Report 2008
- Progress Report - October 2007
- Progress Report - March 2007
- Substantive Change Report - August 2006
- CCCD Closure Plan August 18, 2006 Response
- August 9, 2006 ECCCD Letter to ACCJC - Substantive Change Proposal
- Progress Report - February 2006
- CCCD Letter to ACCJC - April 29, 2005
- Focus Midterm Report - March 2005
- CCCD Letter to ACCJC - March 2, 2005

## **Legislation Related to Compton College**

- AB-1917 Budget Act of 2020 (1/17/20)
- AB 1299, Gipson. Community colleges: Compton Community College District (10/13/17)
- AB-37, Furutani, Public postsecondary education: honorary degrees (10/11/09)
- AB 318, Dymally. Community colleges: Compton Community College District (6/30/06)

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