

EL CAMINO COLLEGE STRATEGIC PLAN 2007 THROUGH 2010

Vision Statement

El Camino College will be the College of choice for successful student learning, caring student services and open access. We, the employees, will work together to create an environment that emphasizes people, respect, integrity, diversity and excellence. Our College will be a leader in demonstrating accountability to our community.

Mission Statement

El Camino College offers quality, comprehensive educational programs and services to ensure the educational success of students from our diverse community.

Statement of Philosophy

Everything El Camino College is or does must be centered on its community. The community saw the need and valued the reason for the creation of El Camino College. It is to our community that we must be responsible and responsive in all matters educational, fiscal and social.

Statement of Values

Our highest value is placed on our students and their educational goals, interwoven in that value is our recognition that the faculty and staff of El Camino College are the College's stability, its source of strength and its driving force. With this in mind, our five core values are:

People – We strive to balance the needs of our students, employees and community.

Respect – We work in a spirit of cooperation and collaboration.

Integrity – We act ethically and honestly toward our students, colleagues and community.

Diversity – We recognize and appreciate our similarities and differences.

Excellence – We aspire to deliver quality and excellence in all we do.

Guiding Principles

The following guiding principles are used to direct the efforts of the District:

El Camino College must strive for distinction in everything the College does—in the classroom, in services and in human relations. Respect for our students, fellow employees, community and ourselves, must be our underlying goal.

Cooperation among our many partners including other schools and colleges, businesses and industries, and individuals is vital for our success.

Access and success must never be compromised. Our classrooms are open to everyone who meets our admission eligibility and our community programs are open to all. This policy is enforced without discrimination and without regard to gender, ethnicity, personal beliefs, abilities or background.

Strategic Initiatives

1. Offer excellent educational and student support services:

- a. Enhance college services to support student learning using a variety of instructional delivery methods and services.
 - b. Maximize growth opportunities and strengthen programs and services to enhance student success.
 - c. Strengthen partnerships with schools, colleges and universities, businesses and community-based organizations to provide workforce training and economic development for our community.
2. Support self-assessment, renewal, and innovation:
 - a. Use student learning outcomes and assessment to continually improve processes, programs and services.
 - b. Use research-based evidence as a foundation for effective planning, budgeting and evaluation processes.
3. Modernize the infrastructure to support quality programs and services:
 - a. Use technological advances to improve classroom instruction, services to students and employee productivity.
 - b. Improve facilities to meet the needs of students and the community for the next fifty years.