

PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

STATEMENT OF DISTRICT EDUCATIONAL PLANS

The Peralta Community College District, consisting of four colleges serves the residents of the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Piedmont, Emeryville, and Albany.

- Laney College is located in the heart of downtown Oakland on the edge of a predominantly Asian community. Laney is easily accessible by both public transportation and the freeway system.
- Merritt College, situated in the Oakland Hills, combines modern facilities with spectacular views of the entire Bay Area. Merritt also offers courses at the Fruitvale Community Center which is located in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood of Oakland.
- College of Alameda, located in the island-city of Alameda, borders the former Alameda Naval Air Station, and is well served by public transportation. The College's Aviation Maintenance programs are located on a site adjacent to the Oakland Airport.
- Berkeley City College (formerly Vista Community College) was established as a non-traditional college in Berkeley. The College moved into a new 165,000 square-foot downtown facility, in August 2006. The majority of Berkeley City College's classes are at its main campus on Center Street in Berkeley and the Annex Complex is located on Allston Way. Classes are also offered at the University of California at Berkeley.

During fall 2010, the four Peralta Colleges served approximately 28,803 students, about 79% of known ethnicities are minorities. Approximately 59% of the students are freshmen with less than 30 units completed (17,008 out of 28,803). 18% of the students have an Associate degree or higher. 32% of the students are new or new transfers. 55% of the student population is female and 40% male and 5% unknown. 8% of the student population is under age 19; 37% between the ages of 19 to 24 years; 16%, between 25 and 29 years; 10%, between 30 and 34 years; 21% between 35 and 54 years; 5%, between 55 and 64 years; 2%, 65 years or older.

College of Alameda, Laney, Merritt, and Berkeley City College offer a wide variety of liberal arts programs. In addition to programs in Business and Computer Information Systems, each College has specific areas of concentration in occupational education. College of Alameda's emphasis is Transportation which includes programs in Automotive Technology, Aviation Maintenance, and Diesel Mechanics. Other programs at COA are Apparel Design and Dental Assisting. Laney's focus is Industrial & Related Technologies and Commercial Services with programs in Carpentry, Construction Management, Architectural & Engineering Technology, Welding, Machine Technology, Culinary Arts and Cosmetology. Merritt offers a large program in the Allied Health area, Associate Degree Nursing, Licensed Vocational Nursing, Radiologic Science, Certified Nursing, Emergency Medical Technician and Dietetics. It also offers programs in Landscape Horticulture, Child Development and Administration of Justice. Berkeley City College's (BCC), occupational programs contribute to the community's economic development through such programs as Multimedia Arts, Biotechnology, and Information

Technology. Other programs include American Sign Language and Social Service Paraprofessional. College of Alameda offers courses in 43 disciplines; Laney, 61; Merritt, 49; Berkeley City College, 44. The total instructional FTEF for the District for fall 2010 was 520.

A \$390 million bond measure that is funding the renovation of aging classrooms, building new science and technology labs, and modernizing facilities, was approved by voters in June 2006.

In November 2000, voters approved a \$153 million bond measure. The funds are being used to repair and rehabilitate College facilities and have helped to build a campus for Berkeley City College.

A \$50 million bond measure was passed by voters in 1992. Bond funds were used to support the renovation and upgrade of existing facilities and infrastructure and for the development of new programs. The voters approved another capital bond measure in November 1996 to construct a permanent campus site in northern Alameda County.

The four Peralta Colleges and the District Office continue to have major facility needs. The Colleges need funds to convert approximately 10 percent of existing space into larger lecture rooms, specialized labs and multimedia classrooms, and to remove architectural barriers at three of the campuses.