



SUBJECT: Academic and Career Success for All Students

Enclosures: None

CATEGORY: New Business

Reason for Board
Consideration: Action

Date: September 11, 2007

A-G / College Entrance Requirements Committee

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The A-G / College Entrance Requirements Committee recommends that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to:

- **Enhance the Seamless Education Initiative.** Ensure that students and parents are informed of the A-G Requirements and college preparation beginning in sixth grade. Collaborate with Long Beach City College and California State University, Long Beach to consider the establishment of student benchmarks for guaranteed college admission. Align these higher education initiatives with substantive career technical education programs to ensure that all students have as many postsecondary options as possible.
- **Set clear and comprehensive goals and milestones** that ensure students are prepared for college and work. Metrics should include: (1) *leading indicators* that track student readiness for rigorous high school courses, such as English Language Arts and Mathematics proficiency scores in fifth and eighth grades; (2) *A-G enrollment, A-G completion rates*, and other measurements of student eligibility for higher education; and (3) *college preparation assessments*, such as the SAT, the ACT, the Early Assessment Program, the English Placement Test, and the Entry Level Mathematics Test. Align resources to support the attainment of these goals and milestones.
- **Provide periodic reports on the district's progress** toward the goals and milestones. These reports should be shared with stakeholder groups, including Seamless Education partners and an advisory committee of students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community partners.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Education approve the recommendations of the A-G Committee.

Recommended by:

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