

Coast Community College District
BOARD POLICY
Chapter 3
Educational Programs and Student Relationships

BP 5017 International and Multicultural Education

The Coast Community College District recognizes the validity of developing and offering global competency for all its students, staff, faculty, and members of the community. Several areas and programs must constitute this mission, since we live in a world that demands:

- provision for global interdependence;
- creating linkages of global human resources, values and cultures;
- the protection of the global environment and natural resources;
- the promotion of global peace and conflict management;
- an understanding of change and alternative futures.

The Coast Community College District recognizes that today's students will be confronted throughout their lives with issues that transcend national and cultural boundaries. It is important for them to understand current issues and the events that shape them. It is now basic to good citizenship and to good scholarship for students to understand and appreciate different customs and cultures throughout the world.

The Coast Community College District recognizes the importance of providing for students an education with an international and multicultural dimension.

To further this end, the District will internationalize its existing college curricula by expanding opportunities that focus on international and multicultural issues. It will also offer credit programs that allow students and faculty to study and teach in other areas of California, the United States, and foreign countries.

It is the policy of the Coast Community College District, therefore, to encourage and support the development of these and other aspects of international and multicultural education. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Access for the community, staff, and students to affect and involve themselves in international programs.
2. Study-abroad programs.
3. Internationalizing of the curricula.
4. Effective support for international students on campus.

5. International and multicultural programs by and for the community.
6. Student, faculty, staff, and community exchange programs.
7. Consultant and support services to foreign institutions.
8. Faculty and staff development activities.
9. Technical assistance and resource information to businesses engaged in international business.
10. Development of international contracts and affiliations.

The Coast Community College District Office of International Education will work in consultation with appropriate staff to support, coordinate, and develop the planning, managing, and evaluating of all District and campus international activities. Besides addressing the ten directives listed above, the Office will also pursue the following in order to promote well-rounded international programs and the financial interdependence of those programs:

- expansion of international contracts
- expansion of federal and private grants for international projects
- expansion of the international distribution of District products and services
- expansion of the international student programs at the District's three colleges

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