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Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible for the LA College Promise?

2017 graduates of a LAUSD high school or charter school within the LAUSD service area who are eligible for California in-state resident tuition.

Will colleges be given a list of eligible high schools?

Yes. The list of eligible schools will be programmed into PeopleSoft.

What about students who are not eligible for California in-state resident tuition (i.e. AB540 students who have not attended 3 years of California high school or a student who has moved from another state and only completes their Senior year in California)?

In order to qualify for the LA College Promise, students must be eligible for in-state resident tuition. Students who don't meet this eligibility requirement can still participate in program components and campuses can utilize the non-resident tuition waiver per their individual policy.

Will PeopleSoft be able to identify potential LA College Promise students?

Yes – to a degree. Colleges will be able to run a query of students with a graduation year of 2017 from one of the eligible schools.

Do students have to apply for the LA College Promise?

Yes, students will need to apply for the LA College Promise. To apply, students will provide their Student ID number to designated faculty/staff on your campus and an application will be generated using the PeopleSoft student information system.

Is there a deadline for students to apply for the LA College Promise?

Yes, this is still being determined. Currently the deadline is May 1st; however, there is a request through consultation to move the deadline back at least two weeks—or preferably to June 1st.

What are the options for students who don't meet the deadline?

Students who don't apply for the LA College Promise program by the application deadline can still participate in program elements as determined by the college, but would not be guaranteed full-time enrollment or English and Math. If they are not eligible for financial aid or BOG fee waiver, they will not receive free tuition.

Once students apply, are they automatically considered an LA College Promise student?

No, students will need to complete the required elements of the LA College Promise including completing FAFSA or the CA Dream Act and completing AOC. Students will also be asked to sign a contract which details their requirements for the duration of their first year.

Is the LA College Promise student contract customizable by campus?

Yes. The contract will have some universal elements but each campus will be able to customize the content for their specific program components. The contract will be sent to students using the PeopleSoft student information system and students will accept the terms of the contract electronically.

Will the district provide marketing materials to the colleges?

Yes. The district will provide generic marketing materials to the colleges. The colleges are also welcome to create their own marketing materials that specify their unique program elements. Colleges can brand their LA College Promise program with their own name, but all marketing materials must reference the Los Angeles College Promise in some way (including incorporating the LACP logo).

Financial Aid/Fees

If a student is eligible for financial aid or the BOG fee waiver, can they still be a LA College Promise student?

Yes. All students who meet the basic eligibility requirements can be LA College Promise students?

Does the Promise cover fees for classes taken in Summer 2017 (i.e. Summer Bridge)?

Yes.

Does the Promise cover fees for classes taken in Winter 2018 or Summer 2018?

The Promise covers up to 30 units in the first year. If students take less than 15 units in Fall and/or Spring, the promise can cover their Winter and/or Summer 2018 classes.

Does the Promise cover fees for books and other required class expenses like instructional fees?

Currently, the Promise does not cover these expenses.

Does the promise cover the Health fee and the Student Rep fee?

Yes.

Does the promise cover the Associated Students fee?

No. All students (not just Promise students) will be automatically charged the Associated Students fee. Students will need to opt out if they do not want to pay the associated students fee.

Do non-credit courses such as developmental English and Math count towards the required full-time attendance?

Yes, as long as they are part of a “structured schedule” as determined by the college for their local LACP model. See more about “structured schedule” under Program Elements below.

What percentage of promise students are anticipated to be BOG recipients?

Based on the data from previous LAUSD cohorts, we anticipate Promise students to receive BOG at a 70-75% rate. LAUSD students report a 76% rate of free or reduced lunch which fits within this estimate.

Program Elements

How were the core elements selected?

The components are based on national research on high impact practices and were developed through a districtwide design team that was charged with the goal of defining the program elements, with feedback from the Mayor’s Office and LAUSD. Each college will adopt local practices to meet and expand on these design components.

What priority registration will LA College Promise students receive?

Promise students will receive registration dates at the beginning of Tier 2. They will register immediately after the Tier 1 special populations.

Are there specific requirements for the summer transition program element?

No. The summer transition should be an extended orientation of some kind but the structure, duration and timing are up to the colleges. Colleges can choose to offer multiple summer transition options.

Do colleges have to create cohorted classes or block scheduling to fulfill the “structured schedule” program element?

No. There are a variety of ways for colleges to fulfill the structured schedule requirement. Colleges can create first year cohorts if they wish or they can reserve seats in designates sections for their Promise students. Colleges can also provide students with an educational plan and require students to register for their classes on their registration date.

Can LA College Promise students also participate in other programs such as EOPS, Puente, Umoja?

Yes. The LA College Promise is not mutually exclusive with any other program your campus offers.

What happens if students are not enrolled full-time on the first day of class?

In order to meet the College Promise eligibility requirements, students must be enrolled full-time as of the first day of the term. If they are not enrolled full-time as of the start of the term, they do not qualify for the tuition waiver.

What happens if students drop below 12 units in fall?

In order to remain eligible for the LA College Promise benefits, students must maintain full-time enrollment. Colleges may choose to allow students to take classes in winter in order to make up units not completed in fall to stay on track to completing at least 24 units by the end of the first year. Colleges may also choose to have an appeal process for students who drop below 12 units in fall and wish to remain in the LA College Promise program.

What happens if students don't receive a 2.0 GPA in the fall?

In order to remain eligible for the LA College Promise benefits, student must maintain a 2.0 GPA. Colleges may choose to have an appeal process for students who drop below a 2.0 GPA in the fall and wish to remain in the LA College Promise program.

Are there specific requirements for the Success Coaching program element?

No. The Success Coaching program element is determined by the college. This can include a variety of things including (but not limited to) participation in tutoring, service learning, experiential learning, leadership development, peer mentoring, success workshops, counseling, etc.