



California Adult Education Program State Updates



New Consortium Leads and Administrators Onboarding

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Presentation Overview

- Welcome from CAEP State Leadership!
- Federal Updates
- CAEP State Program Overview & Updates



Federal Updates





CAEP State Program Overview & Updates



CAEP Overview

CAEP is a unique partnership among **California Community Colleges** and **K12 Adult Schools** established to meet the needs of adult learners.

Structure is based on regional setting involving K12 adult schools, County Offices of Education and community college noncredit programs. (*Regional setting aligns with community college districts boundaries).

CAEP has 71 regions in California that set their goals via a legislated three-year planning process that is updated annually.





CAEP Governance

Legislation: Assembly Bill (AB) 104, Section 39 (Chapter 13, Statutes of 2015) established the Adult Education Block Grant under the administration of the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) and the State Department of Education (CDE).

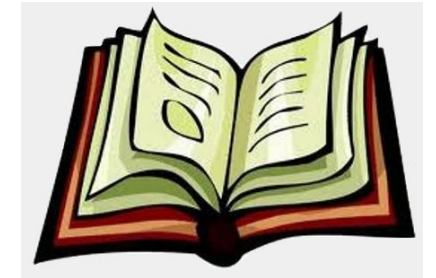
Program Intent:

- Goals for the CAEP are to serve adults 18 years or older to transition to post secondary and/or attain career mobility.
- Focused on seven adult education/noncredit program areas.

CAEP Education Code (Section 84900-84920)

Education code details all the legislative requirements of the California Adult Education Program.

- The Establishment of Consortia (Sections 84903-84904)
- Consortium Membership, Management Structure and Management Requirements (Section 84905)
- Planning (Section 84906)
- Expenditure, Allocation and Apportionment Requirements (Sections 84907-84912)
- Use of Funds (Section 84913)
- Funds Distribution and Management (Sections 84914-84914.1)
- Chancellor's and Superintendent's planning and Reporting Requirements (Section 84917)
- CAEP Data & Accountability Funding (Section 84920)



Administrators / Legislation / AB104

- [ARTICLE 9. Adult Education Program \[84900 - 84920\]](#)
- [CAEP Ed Code.](#)



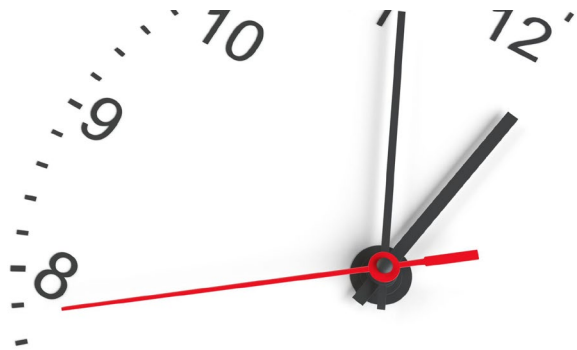
CAEP Allocations

Fiscal Year	Allocation	COLA Increase
2023-24	\$646M	8.22%
2024-25	\$653M	0.88%
2025-26	\$668M	2.3%
Governor's Proposed Budget - January 2026	\$684M	2.41%

AB 1491: Carryover Compliance

Authorizes the consortium to reduce a member's "excessive" carryover funding by majority vote, based on the member having excessive carryover for at least two consecutive fiscal years.

- Tracking began at the start of FY 2023-24 (1-year tracking for Consortia, 2-year tracking for members)
- Carryover compliance is calculated in Nova on **September 30 at 11:59 p.m.**
- If a consortium has carryover, a tag appears next to their name in Nova CC | 1 year
- Consortium must complete a Written Expenditure Plan if they are flagged for having carryover greater than 20%



- Two parts that impact members and consortia differently:
 - ✓ **Members** vote to set a carryover % threshold within their consortium
 - ✓ **Member** funding for one year may be impacted after two years are assessed
 - ✓ **Consortia** exceeding 20% carryover annually will be monitored by the Chancellor's Office and CDE.
 - ✓ **Consortia** exceeding 20% carryover annually will be required to submit a written expenditure plan and assigned technical assistance by the Chancellor's Office and CDE.



CAEP Planning Timeline

Three Year Plan

- Allows consortium to assess impact of services, identify educational needs in region, and defines strategies.
- Three-Year Plan last submitted in **June 2025**.

Annual Plan

- Identifies key accomplishments and challenges from prior year.
- A condition of receiving CAEP apportionment funds and is a justification demonstrating how planned allocations are consistent with Adult Education Plan.
- Annual Plan updates Three-Year Plan.



CAEP Fiscal Nuts & Bolts

Budget and Workplan - Based on the annual plan strategies and the CFAD.

- Once the member submits their work plan and budget, the consortium membership will review, approve, and certify for the upcoming year. If the member has changes to their work plan and/or budget, it will go back through NOVA using the same process of consortium membership review, approval, and certification.

Quarterly reports – NOVA

- Q1: September 30 *Member Due Date: December 1st Consortia Due Date: December 31*
- Q2: December 31 *Member Due Date: March 1 Consortium Due Date: March 31*
- Q3: March 31 *Member Due Date: June 1 Consortium Due Date: June 30*
- Q4: June 30 *Member Due Date: September 1 Consortium Due Date: September 30*

Fiscal and data reporting – NOVA

- Consortia Fiscal Administration Declaration (CFAD)
- Three- Year Plan
- Annual Plan
- Budget and Workplan
- Allocation Amendments and Budget changes
- Program Area Report
- Expense Reporting
- Governance and Assurances (bylaws)



Timeline of Important Dates

- **January** – Release of Governor’s Preliminary Budget
- **February** – Release of CAEP Preliminary Allocations
- **March-April** – Public meetings to decide allocations
- **May 2nd** – CFAD due in NOVA with Governance Certification
- **May Revise** (mid May)
- **July** – State Budget Signed by Governor, CAEP Allocations are finalized
- **August** – Release of CAEP Funds per the approved disbursement schedule, Annual Plan due
- **September** – Member Work Plan & Budget are due, Carryover Compliance Tracking based on certified Q4 expenditure report
- **October** – Consortium certifies work plan & budget
- **December** – Program Area Reports due (actuals)

Ongoing Due Dates

- Quarterly Expenditure Reports

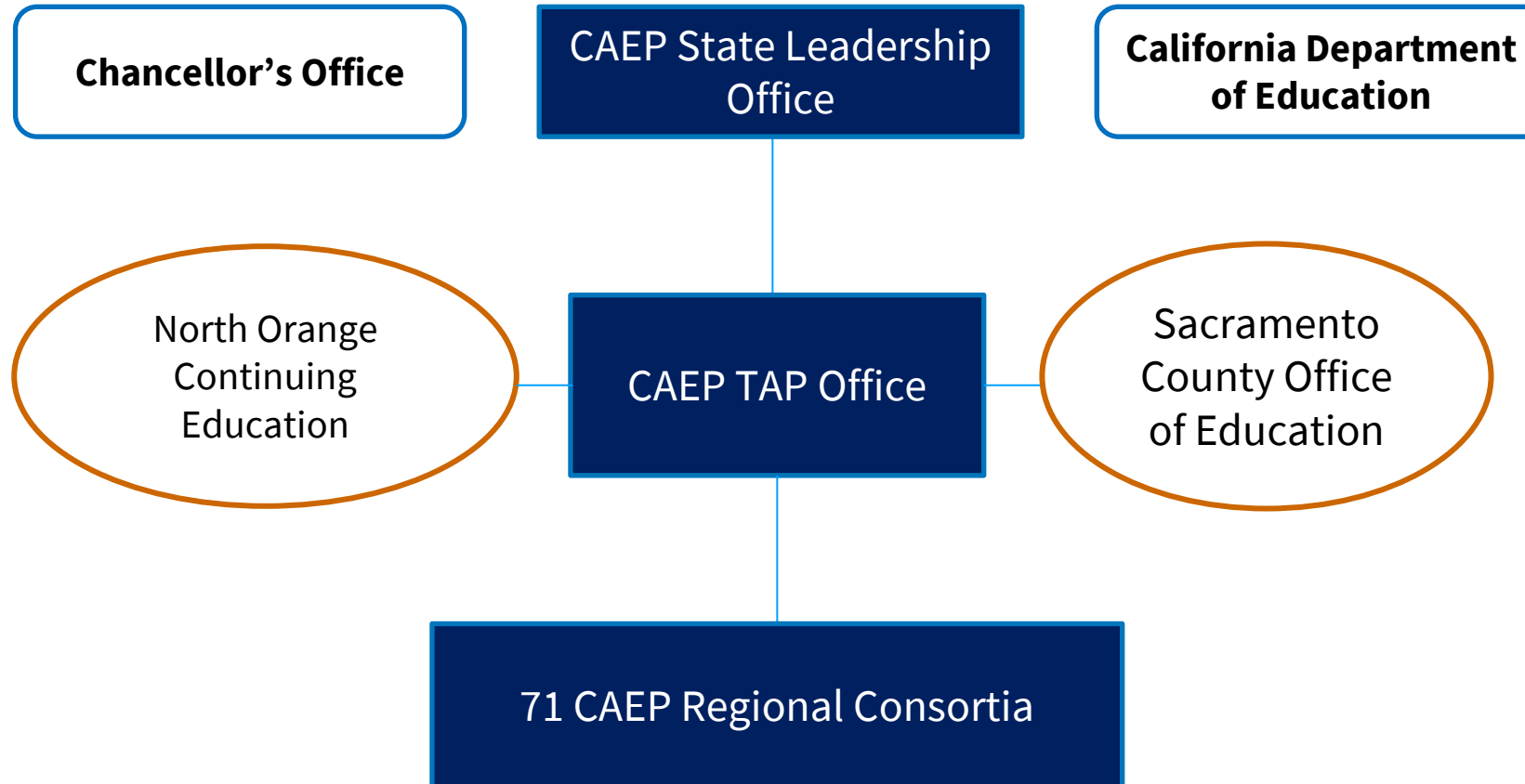
December (Q1), March (Q2), June (Q3), September (Q4)

- Student Data Reporting

*K-12 Student Data – Quarterly
Community College Data - Semester*



CAEP Administration Structure



CAEP Office Statewide Investments in Infrastructure and Support

CAEP Annual
Summit

Targeted
technical
assistance

New Admin
Onboarding

Webinars, professional
development

Responded to ~1100 support requests from consortia and members

**SCOE and NOCE
Integrated CAEP
TAP**

Noncredit program development and reporting support

Director's
Event

Model
Programs

Web resources
(CaladultEd.org,
Canvas)

CAEP Office Statewide Investments in Infrastructure & Support

Implementation of DataVista

- Transition from Launchboard
- Data Updated in DataVista

CAEP Fact Sheets on Website

- Interactive Fact Sheet
- Fact Sheet Infographic

Professional Development (WestEd)

- DataVista
- Consortium Planning & Regional Training

Professional Development (CASAS)

- TOPSpro Enterprise
- TOPSpro Admin



CAEP Data and Accountability Workgroup (DAW)

- Workgroup initiated in 2025
- 20+ practitioners, data experts, CDE and CO staff
- Initial Goals:
 - Understand background and ecosystem, including how the CAEP metrics were developed, available data, and how the information is linked and used.
 - Identify missing information and the types of changes that would be needed to have more actionable data.
- DAW to gather through Fall/Winter 2025-26



ELL Healthcare Pathways Round 3 Funding Opportunity

- Competitive Request for Applications (RFA) has been released!
- Final round of funding remaining under the ELL HP's initiative
- \$55M Available in funding
- Open to all 71 consortium
- Up to 25 awards ranging between \$1M - \$5M each
- Purpose to fund Centers for Innovation and Impact in Health Careers
- Bidder's Conference: Thursday January 15th @ 10:00 – 11:00 am



Thank you!