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## Supporting All Students Regardless of Immigration Status



California's Community Colleges are open access institutions, committed to supporting all students. The State Chancellor's Office "will continue to advocate for educational opportunities for all students in the community college system, regardless of immigration status, at the state and federal level". (Dec 2016 Press Release)

On January 11, 2017, the Board of Trustees resolved: "San Mateo County Community College District is an open access institution and supports, promotes, values, respects and protects all students and employees of the District, irrespective of their immigration status, or that of their families;" For the full resolution, please

[click here](#).

"Undocumented students who pursue higher education constitute a small group of extremely talented and motivated youth who have already overcome multiple, unique obstacles. The obstacles that undocumented students confront cannot be overstated. As they navigate the education system – often without family guidance – they must deal with complex, sometimes overlapping issues that impede their ability to succeed academically. These challenges include: poverty, assimilation, language barriers, violence in their community or home environment, lack of access to health care, and mental health issues." Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC)

## Resources for Undocumented Students, or students from Mixed Immigration Status Families

The Cañada DREAM Center (located in the Learning Center, Building 9, Second floor) is a resource center and safe space for undocumented students and allies. Services available to students in the DREAM Center include computers with free printing, food pantry, scholarship and financial aid information, and free legal clinics.

- Visit the DREAM Hour in the DREAM Center, Thursdays 12:30-2, for solidarity and snacks.
- Schedule a free, confidential appointment with an immigration attorney at the weekly Legal Clinic in the DREAM Center: [www.tinyurl.com/CanLegalClinic](http://www.tinyurl.com/CanLegalClinic) (flyer)
- Attend a DREAMers Student Club meeting every other Tuesday at 2:10 in the DREAM Center. Next meeting: March 7 Club President Jasmin Padilla [jasminpadilla@my.smccd.edu](mailto:jasminpadilla@my.smccd.edu)
- Useful Websites for Students: [Educators for Fair Consideration](#)      [www.Immi.org](http://www.Immi.org)

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Cañada DREAM Center Website: [www.canadacollege.edu/dreamers](http://www.canadacollege.edu/dreamers)

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