



Stop the ACCJC
Support fair accreditation
Defend California's community colleges

Why protest the ACCJC? This untransparent, unaccountable body:

- is a secretive, opaque organization. During their three-day biannual meeting here in Sacramento, the ACCJC is allowing only 15 minutes of public comment and only 20 members of the public into its "public" meeting.
- sanctions colleges aggressively and disproportionately—at 700% the rate of other accreditors nationwide.
- has multiple conflicts of interest, including evaluation teams with few teachers, despite citations from the US Dept. of Education. ACCJC lobbied in direct opposition to CCSF positions at the time it was evaluating CCSF, then took action against it.
- has created a culture of fear and a reputation for vengefulness, imposing sanctions in retaliation for resistance to its policies and agenda.
- compels community colleges to create more bureaucracy, administrative positions, and paperwork.
- has opted to deny 80,000 students in the San Francisco Bay Area an affordable, quality education, disaccrediting CCSF even though it recently ranked higher than the statewide average in 11 of 13 areas of educational quality. ACCJC insists it will go forward with its faulty decision to disaccredit CCSF this year rather than admit to its own errors.
- does not follow the law, its own policies, or federal regulations. Lawsuits and citations from the federal Department of Education document a series of violations.



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What is the ACCJC?

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges is the accrediting agency for all community colleges in California. Without its stamp of approval, colleges cannot receive state and federal aid. Accreditation is supposed to ensure that students receive quality education, but the ACCJC is instead using its power to damage and downsize educational opportunity. Few in California remain willing to defend ACCJC's damaging actions. But harsh scrutiny have not stopped them from insisting they will close City College of San Francisco.

Why should we care?

If you think California students deserve a college system that provides affordable, accessible pathways into higher education's opportunities, then you should care. If you believe that community colleges should train (and re-train) our communities' workforces, offer quality courses in academic disciplines, career and technical education, and English as a Second Language, serve students with disabilities, and foster lifelong learning, then you should care! If you don't think San Francisco should lose its community college—and if you don't want this to happen next to your community's college—then you should care.



What can I do?

- Visit aft2121.org, cft.org, and WeAreAllCityCollege on Facebook and get involved.
- Support legislation for Fair Accreditation: tell your legislators to stand up for strong, viable solutions to protect our colleges. Currently in California we are pushing—and strengthening—AB 1942 (Bonta) and AB 2087 (Ammiano) as they move through the Legislature.
- Tell Community College Chancellor Brice Harris and Board of Governors President Manuel Baca they must do more to defend our colleges: they should revoke ACCJC's special status as a monopoly and open up the process to other certified accreditors.

