
WEST HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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EDUCATIONAL GOALS

General Education

Recognizing that all persons, in order to participate effectively in present-day society, must have satisfactory proficiency in basic educational skills, such as reading, writing, and an understanding of numbers;

And recognizing that a democratic society requires a citizenry educated in fundamental political processes;

An recognizing that there is a basic core of education and knowledge that has value to all persons;

And recognizing that the complexities of modern living require special skills for successful participation;

We do hereby declare that one of the major function of West Hills College must be to provide adequately, through utilization of all pertinent and available resources commensurate with the need, for the general education, including use of leisure time, citizenship and societal preparation, of all students.

Occupational Preparation

Recognizing that the basic strength of our society lies in the ability of its citizens to provide, through satisfying, gainful employment, for the wants and needs of themselves and their families;

And recognizing that all entering students do not continue beyond West Hills College;

And recognizing that all West Hills College students have attributes which will enable them to become productive members of the work force if given specific training;

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We hereby declare that adequate, well-planned, up-to-date job preparation must be a major function of this college and that continuing emphasis commensurate with resources and needs must be maintained.

Transfer Preparation

Realizing that many students enrolled in West Hills College are capable of continuing on toward a four-year college degree;

And further realizing that society benefits from educating people to the maximum of the capability;

We therefore do hereby declare that preparing students for transfer to four-year institutions and higher degrees shall be an important function of this District commensurate with available resources and student needs.

Community Needs

Recognizing that the West Hills Community College District consists of a very large, sparsely populated area with no major urban center;

And recognizing that the community college is well suited for its role of service to the community;

And further recognizing that a definite need exists in this college community for leadership in cultural development;

We do hereby declare that one of the major functions of the West Hills Community College District shall be to utilize all the resources available in the most effective manner feasible to provide the citizens of the west side with access to the broadest possible spectrum of the educational cultural opportunities.

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Recruitment

Recognizing that there resides within the West Hills Community College District many persons who could benefit from programs offered by the colleges;

And realizing that many of these persons have not been made aware of the opportunities education will provide for them;

And further recognizing that economic and social deprivation may present barriers to further education for many of these same persons;

We do hereby declare that an important function of the West Hills Community College District shall be to seek out, identify, contact and enable, by all means available, the further education of such persons.

Board approval date: _____