

Statement of Reasons for Amendment of

Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 40601, 40753, and 40754

The current 'a-g' requirements for CSU admission have remained unchanged for more than 20 years. Yet, the Board of Trustees has discussed that the preparation needed to be successful in a range of degree programs, the workforce and virtually every aspect of life has changed since that time.

Recognizing the impact additional preparation has on student success in higher education, the Board of Trustees has determined that incoming high school students, beginning with the entering first year class of 2026, will be required to successfully complete one additional course in quantitative reasoning during high school to meet the minimum eligibility for CSU admission as a first-year student. No changes are being made for transfer admission eligibility. The existing admission by exception policies already codified in Title 5 will remain.

The proposed amendments to Title 5 California Code of Regulations Sections 40601, 40753, and 40754 would implement the new requirement, effective in 2026.