

San Bernardino Community College District
District Operations Program Review and Planning
Purposes of District Program Review and Planning

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The fundamental purpose of program review and planning is to make improvement of District operations based on regular assessment an integral part of those operations. Among the benefits of proper program review and planning are the following:

- They provide an opportunity for self-reflection and creative thinking about how each unit is doing, and how it might improve.
- They facilitate effective pursuit of each unit's mission, and ultimately the missions of the District and the Colleges.
- They promote efficient, focused use of resources in the long term.
- They help units and the District as a whole anticipate challenges and take advantage of opportunities.
- They guide further planning and decision-making, and contribute to District strategic planning.

Program review and planning are thus crucial contributors to the ongoing improvement and continuing success of the District. They are unquestionably the right things to do for San Bernardino Community College District, and that is the main reason for undertaking this work.

The secondary and more immediate reason is compliance. The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, recognizing the importance of district program review, issued the following recommendation to both Colleges in February 2009, and requires that it be demonstrably resolved in time for the October 2010 Follow-Up Reports:

In order to meet the standards, the team recommends that the Board of Trustees, and the chancellor, in consultation with the leadership of the college campuses, develop a strategy for addressing some significant issues raised by each college and verified in interviews with staff in the following areas; namely:

- *The development of an appropriate and clearly communicated process for reviewing all district functions and processes using a Program Review model.*