



Senate Bill 946 Early Assessment Program Highlights

1. Authorizes all community colleges to use student Early Assessment Program (EAP) results for placement purposes if a student demonstrates college readiness on the EAP. Use of EAP results for placement is at the discretion of each local community college district.
 - As of January 1, 2009, colleges can use EAP student results.

2. Establishes the initial framework to implement the EAP in the California community college system:
 - Goes into effect in the 2009-2010 academic year;
 - Beginning focus is on 11th graders who take the EAP during 2009-10 (Spring 2010). They will be able to receive information and guidance from participating community colleges once the results are released in August/September 2010;
 - Provides the Chancellor's Office with the authority to access data on 11th grade students who take the EAP;
 - Participation by community colleges is voluntary;
 - Once data sharing agreements with the California Department of Education have been finalized, community colleges that choose to participate will be able to request student data from the Chancellor's Office (for their specific district boundary);
 - In order to participate, community colleges must agree to:
 - Identify an EAP coordinator to work with CSU campuses and local school districts;
 - Use existing EAP infrastructure of academic opportunities to help students prepare for college-level work;
 - Use the EAP test result data to provide diagnostic advice to prospective community college students participating in the EAP;
 - Requires the Chancellor's Office to coordinate community college participation, which includes:
 - Identifying participating community college EAP sites
 - Monitoring progress of program
 - Providing technical assistance
 - Identifying reporting requirements and program criteria
 - Developing a report to the Legislature and Governor on or before February 15, 2015 on the implementation and results of the EAP for community college students
 - Provide participating community colleges with EAP data