

EDUCATIONAL ROLE, MISSION, PURPOSE, AND RESPONSIBILITY

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**ROLE AND MISSION** The College District shall be a two-year institution primarily serving its local taxing district and service area and offering vocational, technical, and academic courses for certification or associate degrees. Continuing education, remedial and compensatory education consistent with open-admission policies, and programs of counseling and guidance shall be provided. The College District shall insist on excellence in all academic area—instruction, research, and public service. Faculty research, using the facilities provided for and consistent with the primary function of the College District is encouraged. Funding for research should be from private sources, competitively acquired sources, local taxes, and other local revenue. *Education Code 130.0011*

**PURPOSE** The purpose of the College District shall be to provide:

1. Technical programs up to two years in length leading to associate degrees or certificates.
2. Vocational programs leading directly to employment in semi-skilled and skilled occupations.
3. Freshman and sophomore courses in arts and sciences.
4. Continuing adult education programs for occupational or cultural upgrading.
5. Compensatory education programs designed to fulfill the commitment of an admissions policy allowing the enrollment of disadvantaged students.
6. A continuing program of counseling and guidance designed to assist students in achieving their individual educational goals.
7. Work force development programs designed to meet local and statewide needs.
8. Adult literacy and other basic skills programs for adults.
9. Other purposes as may be prescribed by the Coordinating Board, or the College District's Board.

*Education Code 130.003(e)*

The College District must develop a statement regarding the purpose, role, and mission of the College District reflecting the three missions of higher education: teaching, research, and public service.

The College District shall include in its role and mission statement the purpose of the College District as prescribed under Texas Education Code 130.003(e), that it shall primarily serve its local taxing district and service area, offering career technical/workforce, and

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The College District must publish its purpose, role, and mission statement in its official publication for students, generally the College District catalog.

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RESPONSIBILITY

In addition to specific responsibilities imposed by the Education Code or other law, the College District has the general responsibility to serve the public and, within the College District's role and mission, to:

1. Transmit culture through general education.
2. Extend knowledge.
3. Teach and train students for professions.
4. Provide for scientific, engineering, medical, and other academic research.
5. Protect intellectual exploration and academic freedom.
6. Strive for intellectual excellence.
7. Provide educational opportunity for all who can benefit from postsecondary education and training.
8. Provide continuing education opportunities.

*Education Code 51.354*