The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) was established by the Legislature in 1969 through SB 164 (Alquist.) The intent of the program is to provide services to students affected by language, social and economic handicaps to achieve their educational objective and goals; including, but not limited to, obtaining job skills, occupational certificates, or associate degrees, and transferring to four year institutions.

EOPS provides financial and academic support to community college students whose educational and socioeconomic backgrounds might prevent them from successfully attending college. Services are specifically designed for at-risk students and their special needs. Counseling contacts are mandatory and a Student Educational Plan (SEP) is developed for each student to assist the student in achieving their educational goals.

To qualify for the EOPS Program, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a resident of California
- Be enrolled full time, 12 units; DSPS students must have a letter from the DSPS Program stating the number of units the DSPS student can be enrolled in
- Have fewer than 70 degree applicable college units
- Be eligible for the Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver A or B
- Be educationally disadvantaged as determined by one or more of the following Title 5 – EOPS Implementing Guidelines:
  - Not qualified for enrollment into either the minimum college level English or minimum college level mathematics courses
  - Not have graduated from High School or obtained the GED
  - Graduated from High School with a grade point average below 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
  - Previously enrolled in remedial education coursework in high school or college
  - Student is a first generation college student
  - Parent’s first language is not English
  - Student is an emancipated foster youth

EOPS provides services that are specifically designed to supplement the college’s offered programs in an over and above manner to help EOPS students complete their educational goals. The services available to eligible students may include but are not limited to: EOPS/CARE outreach and recruitment, EOPS/CARE orientation, priority registration, specialized counseling (for assistance with educational planning and career assessment), academic progress monitoring, basic skills instruction, tutoring, transfer assistance, career guidance, fee waivers to the UC/CSU system, child care referrals, book services, and academic excellence grants.

The Chancellor shall assure that the EOPS program conforms to all requirements established by the relevant laws and regulations.

References:
Education Code 69640 – 69656;
Title 5 Sections 56200 et seq.

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