

2021-101 AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

California Community Colleges—K–12 Strong Workforce Program

The audit by the California State Auditor will provide independently developed and verified information related to the K–12 Strong Workforce Program (K–12 SWP) administered by the Office of the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges (Chancellor’s Office). The audit’s scope will include, but not be limited to, the following activities:

1. Review and evaluate the laws, rules, and regulations significant to the audit objectives.
2. Determine how many workforce pathway coordinator and technical assistance provider positions have been filled since fiscal year 2018–19. To the extent possible, determine why unfilled positions have not been filled.
3. Determine how any funds not used to fill workforce pathway coordinator and technical assistance provider positions were used in fiscal years 2018–19 and 2019–20, including whether the funds were provided to consortia and used to support career technical education (CTE) programs.
4. Assess the processes that each consortium’s selection committee has developed for K–12 SWP applications, awards, and appeals. Determine whether these processes are appropriate and consistent across all of the selection committees.
5. For each selection committee, evaluate the following:
 - (a) The training and instructions the individuals responsible for scoring applications receive to determine whether they are sufficient to ensure consistency in application evaluations.
 - (b) The processes and procedures in place to avoid conflicts of interest when awarding K–12 SWP funding.
6. For a selection of K–12 SWP funds awarded by three K–12 SWP selection committees, determine whether the funds were awarded fairly and appropriately to local educational agencies (LEAs). If funds were not awarded fairly and appropriately, determine to the extent possible the reasons behind the awarding decision.
7. Assess how the separation of the Career Technical Education Incentive Grant and K–12 SWP funding affects the equity of awarding CTE funds to LEAs.
8. Review and assess any other issues that are significant to the audit.