

COMMUNITY COLLEGES & STUDENT FEES

Historically, fee increases have jeopardized student access. With each fee increase over the past decade, community colleges have witnessed a corresponding decline in enrollment. In 1993, the state raised fees from six to ten dollars per unit - fall 1993 enrollment declined by 124,000 students. The following year, the state raised fees to \$13 per unit - fall 1994 enrollment declined by 26,000 students. More recently, the state raised fees in 2003 from \$11 to \$18 per unit – and again raised fees in fall 2004 from \$18 to \$26. During this period, enrollments declined by over 300,000 students from 2.8 million in 2002-03 to 2.5 million students in 2004-05 (table shows chronology of community college fees).

History of Student Fees California Community Colleges

Fiscal Year	Student Enrollment Fee (Per Unit)
1984-85*	\$5
1991-92	\$6
1993-94	\$10
1994-95	\$13
1998-99	\$12
1999-00	\$11
2003-04	\$18
2004-05	\$26
2006-07	\$20
2009-10	\$26
2010-11	\$36
2012-13	\$46

*Prior to 1984, community colleges charged no fee

In the past, fee revenue increases have not translated into additional revenue for college districts. On the contrary, fee revenue increases provide additional revenues for the state. For every dollar generated from student fees, the state subtracts an equal dollar amount (less an administrative charge) from a district's share of the state general fund.