

Los Angeles Valley College  
Educational Master Plan

Glossary of Terms

*CalWORKS* – CalWORKS is the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids program. It is an education and training program established for low-income and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) students so that they may become economically self-sufficient. The goal of CalWORKS is to provide an educational environment where students may develop the needed vocational skills leading to meaningful employment. The program offers assistance with program planning, tuition, childcare, books, tutoring, paid work-study, internships, job placement, and community referrals.

*DSPS* – *DSPS* is the Disabled Student Services and Programs office. It provides support services, specialized instruction and educational accommodations to students with disabilities so that they can participate as fully and benefit as equitably from the college experience as their non-disabled peers.

*EOPS* – Extended Opportunity Programs and Services assists low income, full time students who are not eligible for college level English and math and who qualify for fee waiver A or B when they enroll at LA Valley College.

*FTEF* – FTEF stands for Full-time Equivalent Faculty. Using a state-approved calculation, the College determines its full-time equivalent faculty rate regularly.

*FTES* – FTES stands for Full-time Equivalent Student. Using a state-approved formula, LA Valley College determines its full-time equivalent student rate each academic term. This number is part of the basis for funding.

*LACCD* – The Los Angeles Community College District is the largest community college system in the United States. LA Valley College is one of the nine colleges in the system.

*Puente Program* - Puente is a national-award winning program that helps prepare educationally underserved students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities, earn degrees, and return to the community as leaders and mentors to future generations. Puente students at LA Valley College have access to services in accelerated English instruction, intensive academic counseling, and mentoring.

*STARS* – At LA Valley College, STARS stands for the Strategic Team for the Advancement and Retention of Students. This professional development program offers opportunities for faculty, staff and students to dialogue and share ideas about how to best support student success.

*TRiO* – The LA Valley College TRiO Program is designed to support first-generation and low income students. The program offers a number of services including individual counseling and tutoring, academic workshops, cultural activities, and a laptop loan program.

*VCAP* – VCAP is the LA Valley College Accelerated Program. VCAP is a program leading to University transfer and/or an Associate degree. It consists of a unique selection of academic courses offered in an accelerated format. VCAP provides a means for “non-traditional” students to pursue an education while balancing work and family responsibilities.