

SOUTH CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL CONSORTIUM

K12 SWP Selection Criteria

Round 9 Guidance & Funding Requirements | July 2026

Dual Eligibility Framework

Applicants must satisfy both state-level K12 SWP RFA requirements and local SCCRC Selection Criteria to be eligible for review and funding consideration by the Selection Committee.

1. Priority Industry Sectors Mapping

Applications may select up to **three (3)** of the four (4) SCCRC Priority Sectors. Pathways must align directly with identified K12 CTE Sectors.

SCCRC Priority Sector	K12 CTE Sector Equivalent	Pathway Course Sequence Requirement
Advanced Manufacturing	Advanced Manufacturing	Min. 2 sequential CALPADS courses
Health	Health Science & Medical Technology	Min. 2 sequential CALPADS courses
ICT / Digital Media	Information & Communication Tech / Digital Media	Min. 2 sequential CALPADS courses
Public Safety	Public Services	Min. 2 sequential CALPADS courses

Priority Sectors to K12 Pathways

SCCRC Priority Sector	K12 California CTE Pathways
Advanced Manufacturing	▪ Graphic Production Technologies (Pathway 210) ▪ Machining & Forming Technologies (Pathway 212) ▪ Welding & Materials Joining (Pathway 213) ▪ Product Innovation & Design (Pathway 216)
Health	▪ Mental & Behavioral Health (Pathway 195) ▪ Biotechnology (Pathway 196) ▪ Healthcare Operational Support Services (Pathway 197) ▪ Patient Care (Pathway 198) ▪ Public & Community Health (Pathway 199) ▪ Healthcare Administrative Services (Pathway 250)
Information Communication Technologies / Digital Media	▪ Information Support Services (Pathway 170) ▪ Networking (Pathway 172) ▪ Software & Systems Development (Pathway 174) ▪ Games & Simulations (Pathway 175) ▪ Design, Visual, & Media Arts (Pathway 111) ▪ Game Design & Integration (Pathway 114)
Public Safety	▪ Legal Practice (Pathway 231) ▪ Public Safety (Pathway 232) ▪ Emergency Response (Pathway 233)

1. High-Impact Pathway Standards

Sequence & Progression Rules

- **Sector Limit:** Applicants can select up to 3 priority sectors.
- **CALPADS Sequence:** Each pathway must include at least two sequential courses recognized by CALPADS.
- **Student Outcomes:** Pathways must directly support student progression toward CTE completion, postsecondary education, and living-wage careers.
- **Regional Alignment:** Ensures high-school CTE programs bridge seamlessly into local Community College pathways.



2. CC Support Letter

Mandatory Collaboration Details

Every application must include an official Community College Letter of Support containing:

- **Meeting Logistics:** Date & time of the in-person or virtual meeting between Lead K12 LEA and CC.
- **Objectives Alignment:** Identification of specific K12 SWP objective(s) under active collaboration.
- **Measurable Actions:** Clear descriptions of joint, measurable collaborative activities.

**Official Letter of Support Template is enclosed in application packet.*



3. Ensure Fiscal Sustainability



70%

Maximum Personnel Cap

Personnel Budget Cap

To promote ongoing program sustainability beyond grant funding, **no more than 70%** of an application's total budget may be allocated toward personnel costs.

Includes: Classified staff, certificated staff, and management salaries and benefits.

Goal: Direct remaining funds toward operational capacity, curriculum, equipment, and work-based learning infrastructure.

4 & 5. Regional Equitable Distribution

CC Service Area Equity

Criterion 4 Requirement: At minimum, **one (1) eligible application** per Community College service area will be awarded funding.

Guarantees all sub-regions across the South Central Coast receive dedicated career pathway investments.

LEA / Consortia Equity

Criterion 5 Requirement: At minimum, **one (1) eligible application** per Lead LEA / Consortia will be funded.

Ensures fair distribution of grant funds across single LEAs and regional joint partnerships.

Demonstrate Work Plan Capacity



NOVA System Updates

All funded K12 SWP awardees are required to update and maintain their Work Plan and Budget within the state NOVA portal prior to execution.



Technical Assistance Support

Regional K14 TAP and K12 Pathway Coordinators will work directly with grant recipients to support smooth project rollout and compliance.



Customized Work Plan

Awardees will be provided with a complete, separate Work Plan specifically tailored and aligned to their officially approved project.

Round 9 Application Checklist

✓ **Dual Compliance:** Ensure proposal meets both general K12 SWP RFA rules and SCCRC criteria.

✓ **Pathways:** Select up to 3 priority sectors with 2+ CALPADS sequential courses per pathway.

✓ **Partner Letter:** Attach CC Letter of Support with meeting details and measurable activities.

✓ **Budget Cap:** Verify total personnel salaries & benefits do not exceed 70% of total budget.

✓ **Work Plan Readiness:** Prepare to coordinate with K14 TAP/PC for NOVA updates.

Questions & Discussion

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Reach out to your Regional K14 TAP or K12 Pathway Coordinator