



Basic Needs Services: Student Expectations for Completion

Background

Basic needs services are an essential part of supporting Compton College students as they persist and complete their educational goals. As we continue this work, Compton College and the Student Equity Office will align basic needs supports with [Compton College 2035](#) priorities for student completion and use service data to strengthen decision-making about where investments will have the greatest impact. This approach also helps the College assess the reach and outcomes of basic needs services as Compton College finalizes its [Return on Investment \(ROI\) Framework and Economic Mobility Framework Initiative](#) and navigates a tightening statewide budget environment.

The table below shows the number of students who received support in Technology, Food, or Housing during the specified academic year.

	Technology Support	Food Support	Housing Support
2022-2023	818	2,385	240
2023-2024	1,074	2,368	163
2024-2025	1,663	3,036	88
2025-2026 (as of March 30, 2026)	165	5,559 for Everytable 851 for the farmer's market	46

The table below shows the funding allocated to each basic needs service per academic year. (Funding sources include COVID-19 Employee Tax Credit, Basic Needs Center, Homeless & Housing Insecurity Program (HHIP), and Student Equity and Achievement (SEA).)

	Technology Support	Food Support	Housing Support
2022-2023	\$375,000	\$248,000	-
2023-2024	\$264,000	\$401,000	-
2024-2025	\$289,000	\$426,000	\$35,000
2025-2026 (as of March 30, 2026)	\$186,000	\$326,000	\$62,529

Recommendation

Beginning Fall 2027, it is recommended that all Compton College students* meet the criteria below to remain eligible for basic needs services provided at Compton College. These services include, but are not limited to, farmers' market vouchers (\$20 per week), free meals available at the Everytable cafeteria, housing services, and transportation support.

In summary, students will have automatic access to basic needs services during their first year as long as they are enrolled in at least one course each semester/term. Beginning in a student's second year, continued access will require meeting the eligibility criteria listed below. The College will communicate these expectations and deadlines during the 2026-2027 academic year in advance of the Fall 2027 implementation.

Regardless of units enrolled, all Compton College students may access technology/equipment loans (Wi-Fi hotspots, laptops, calculators, and headphones), apply for Metro GoPasses, and utilize the Coyote Food Pantry as long as they are in good financial standing with the District and do not owe past-due fees or charges for lost or unreturned technology/equipment. All students will remain eligible to apply for on-campus student housing at Compton College when it opens.

*The **Basic Needs Services: Student Expectations for Completion** will not apply to dual enrollment students.

Eligibility Criteria

Applies to All Students

- Verify and update their address every year.
- Register for a “Handshake” account with the Adult Education and Workforce Development Division by the end of their first year.
- Have an education plan on file by the end of their first academic year.
- Be in good financial standing with the District. All Compton College students may access technology/equipment loans, apply for Metro GoPasses, and utilize the Coyote Food Pantry regardless of units enrolled, provided they do not owe the District money from past-due fees or from lost or unreturned technology/equipment.
- Have no outstanding technology/equipment replacement charges owed to the District.

All students with accommodations approved by the Compton College Special Resource Center (SRC) will be honored for eligibility for basic needs services.

Degree or Transfer Students*

- Be enrolled in at least 9 units in the current semester.
- Have completed less than 70 units; for high-unit majors (Physics, Nursing, and Automotive Technology), have completed less than 80 units.
- Have completed Compton College’s orientation by the end of their first academic year.
- Enroll in transferable English and math in their first year of enrollment.
 - Students must pass transferable English and math by the end of their third year of enrollment at Compton College.

**Degree/transfer pathway students intend to transfer to obtain a baccalaureate degree.*

Non-Transfer Certificate Students

- Be enrolled in at least 6 units per semester.
- Have completed less than 57 units.
- Have completed Compton College’s orientation by the end of their first academic year.
- Have completed at least 9 CTE units by the end of their first year of enrollment.
 - Complete at least 18 CTE units or obtain a certificate by the end of their second year of enrollment.

Noncredit Students

- Be enrolled in a noncredit course and achieve a mark of Pass (P) at the end of the course. *(Note: Students are not allowed to repeat a course once they have received a (P) in that specific course.)*
- Show positive progression in classes toward a certificate (for example, ESL 12 → ESL 13 → ESL 14). *(If a student receives a final mark of Satisfactory Progress (SP), they can retake the same level and continue to qualify for basic needs. They can only retake the same class once.)*
- For noncredit students, the education plan must include a pathway to a noncredit certificate of competency or completion.
- Be within their first six semesters of noncredit enrollment.

Approval and Implementation

Based on the Coyote Support Network’s recommendation (submitted March 16, 2026), the President/CEO approved the **Basic Needs Services: Student Expectations for Completion** on April 28, 2026, and provided revisions on June 3, 2026. The **Basic Needs Services: Student Expectations for Completion** will be implemented beginning Fall 2027.

In 2029–2030, the College will review the implementation and impact of the student expectations and make any needed adjustments to the eligibility criteria for 2031–2032.