

Rancho Santiago Community College District
BOARD POLICY
Chapter 6
Business and Fiscal Affairs

BP 6910 Housing

The District recognizes that the success of its students can be directly impacted by the housing environment of its students. The District is committed to fostering a student environment to align with and promote their success.

The District Chancellor is delegated the authority to negotiate agreements with regard to the finance and cost of constructing student housing for students of the District for final approval by the Board. Public and private partnerships are encouraged to develop the necessary housing that will conform to the needs of the students of the District. The Chancellor shall present negotiated agreements to the Board for their consideration and approval.

The Chancellor must verify the need for housing and financing assistance from the entity upon which it contracts and must monitor the project on an annual basis to ensure it meets all regulatory requirements. If the Chancellor negotiates an agreement with a District or college entity, or an entity tied to the District's foundation, it shall be required that portions of the construction labor will be furnished by the District's apprenticeship program for the benefit of the students participating in that program. Inclusion of students from the District's apprenticeship program shall include current students and shall extend to former and graduate students of the program.

Students must have the right to apply to all available units for residential housing. Student housing facilities may also be inhabited by Student Resident Advisors who must sign an agreement annually that outlines duties and expectations.

The initial goal of the District is at least fifty-percent (50%) of student residents must meet the criteria for need-based financial assistance, as determined by the Chancellor. However, based on the District's and its students' overall housing needs, the Board may adjust this goal at its' discretion with a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

All contractors must comply with the California Public Contract Code Section 10128.

The project must be located within a reasonable distance of a college within the District. It is preferred, but not required, that any location be located near a mass-transit destination, and that the commute from the location to the nearest campus is estimated by the Chancellor to be less than 20 minutes.

At the Board's discretion, any of the requirements set forth in this policy may be waived with a supermajority or two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board.

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