

PURPOSE AND MISSION STATEMENT

Reference: 1991 Session Laws, Chapter 228, Section 3, HLC Criteria 1.A.1

The Wyoming Community College System Code places the responsibility for operation and management of the College District in the hands of an elected Board of Trustees of seven members. As a state institution, the College District is operated subject to the coordination of the Wyoming Community College Commission.

To guide the Board, the Board adopts the Mission Statement approved by the Wyoming Legislature, as follows:

The Mission Statement, Section 3. (a), reads as follows:

“(a) The community college commission has proposed and the legislature hereby approves the following mission statement: The mission of Wyoming’s community colleges is to provide access to post-secondary educational opportunities by offering broad comprehensive programs in academic as well as vocational-technical subjects. Wyoming’s community colleges are low tuition, open access institutions focusing on academic transfer programs, career and occupational programs, developmental and basic skills instruction, adult and continuing education, economic development training, public and community services programming and student support services.”

The College has enhanced this mission statement as follows:

Western's fundamental purpose is to provide high quality learning opportunities to students who are at various stages of life and have differing needs and expectations. Committed to quality and success, Western encourages flexibility, innovation, and active learning for students, faculty and staff. The College understands that learning occurs inside and outside the classroom and, therefore, seeks to create an environment where lifelong learning is encouraged and where students and employees interact in an atmosphere of mutual respect.

The Mission of the College shall be reviewed annually by the Board to ensure that it reflects current and future needs and values. Upon review, the Mission Statement of the College shall be revised or affirmed at the regular Board of Trustees meeting in January of each calendar year.

The College President shall ensure that the College Mission Statement is published in the catalog, on the College website, and other appropriate venues.

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