

# Inmate Education

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# Inmate Education

- Opportunities
  - Folsom Lake College
    - Senate Bill 1391
- Existing Partnership
  - Cosumnes River College
    - Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center

# Senate Bill No.1391

by Senator Loni Hancock

## ❑ ***Creates an interagency agreement***

- California Community College Chancellor's Office and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (CDCR)
- Reduction of recidivism

## ❑ ***Waives open course requirement for community college courses offered in State Correctional facilities***

- Allows full funding for course instruction offered on-site in state prisons
- Increases educational and workforce training opportunities for prison inmates
- Leads to degrees or certificates or allows for transfer to four year universities

## ❑ ***Request for Approval by CCCCCO***

- Four Pilot Sites

# Folsom Lake College

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## Folsom Women's Facility

### **Student Population:**

- Reentry Programming

### **Existing Programs:**

- Adult Basic Education
- General Education Diploma
- Computer Skills
- Career Technical Education:
- Community College Correspondence

# Folsom Lake College

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## *Fall 2014 Opportunities*

- **HCD 310: College Success**
  - Foundational course includes study skills, memory development, communication skills, and career planning
  
- **ENGLB 71: Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum**
  - Focus on college level reading and writing skill building
  
- **Assessment of Student Needs**
  - Sequence of business offering that lead to certificate completion

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## Mule Creek State Prison

Men's Facility, Ione, CA

### **Student Population:**

- Reentry Former Gang Members

### **Existing Programs:**

- Adult Basic Education
- General Education Diploma
- Vocational: Welding, Refrigeration, Electronics
- Community College Correspondence

**Student needs TBD based on facility tour**

# What CRC Is Currently Doing

Cosumnes River College began its collaboration with Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center (RCCC) in September 2011, calling it the “Points of Entry Cohort” this is a correctional facility not a State Prison

Cosumnes River College is also in partnership with:

- Sacramento Employment & Training Agency (SETA)
- Sacramento Sheriff’s Department
- Elk Grove Adult & Continuing Education (EGACE)

College Services provided include:

- Course articulation
- Outreach services
- Participation on advisory council

# Pathways for Students Enrolled in “Points of Entry” Cohort

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## Inmate Services Provided by the Facility

- GED classes
- Educational assessment and interviews of inmates to determine eligibility in the program (e.g., goals assessment, IEA development, contracts and consent forms)
- Case Management
- CTE –Training including 3.5 units course of study (Landscaping - HORT 300 and HORT 301), 3.0 units (Welding 100) 2.0 units ( Welding 290- Project )



# Referral to Post Secondary Education

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- Students completing articulated courses with an A or B earn college credits.
- Inmates (students) referred directly to community college for application and enrollment services.
- Possible Financial Aid and Board of Governors (BOG) waiver to cover tuition costs
- College students receive free public transit (Bus & Light Rail)

# Challenges

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- No internet access available in correctional facility
- Professional development of staff
- Lack of tracking once released
- Other support services needed by released inmates (e.g., mental health counseling, Salvation Army shelter, Transitional Living Shelter for permanent housing, Jackie's Care Cooperative Living, CalFresh for food stamps)
- Recidivism of program participants
- Additional requirements of state prison system of our employees

# Questions

