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California's Experts in Educator Preparation

CCTE's Top Priorities 2026: Please consult with CCTE to advance each area.

1. **Compensate and support student teaching mentors.** As the IHE programs accountable for student teaching success, we believe that student teaching mentors — the classroom teachers who coach and support student teachers in their own classrooms for 15–30 weeks — should be compensated and supported because they are the linchpin of the educator preparation system.
2. **Fully implement the Ethnic Studies Graduation Requirement.** We believe it is time to build on California's courageous and responsive commitment to its diverse students by creating the necessary workforce, curriculum, and funding infrastructure to fully implement the Ethnic Studies graduation requirement.
3. **Sustain investments and align clear, affordable paths into teaching.** Sustaining California's investments in reducing the teacher shortage — and aligning them to clear, affordable pathways across educational segments — will ensure that future educators, including those now in high school, can envision a clear and attainable path to their professional goals.

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About the [California Council on Teacher Education](http://www.ccte.org)

1. We have been active in California since 1945 as the only organization bringing together the CSU, UC, and Independents to work on Educator Preparation.
2. Our members include 70 higher education institutions preparing thousands of educators, and working with hundreds of mentor teachers in PK-12.
3. We are teacher education faculty, higher education leaders, graduate students, district and county office induction directors, and agency partners.
4. We hold two annual meetings - join us to share information or get feedback from constituents:
 - a. October in San Diego for an academic and networking conference;
 - b. March in Sacramento for [SPAN](http://www.spanpolicy.org) - Spring Policy Action Network
5. Publications:
 - a. [Issues in Teacher Education](http://www.issuesinteachereducation.org) (ITE) - Editor: Allison Smith, UMass Global
 - b. [Teacher Education Quarterly](http://www.teachereducationquarterly.org) (TEQ) - Editor: Dr. Reyes Quesada, University of San Diego