

NUMBERED MEMO CC26-057

TO: Members of the State Board of Community Colleges, Chairs of the Community College Boards of Trustees, Community College Presidents, Chief Academic Officers, Chief Admissions Officers, Basic Skills Directors, Business Officers, Continuing Education Officers, Customized Training Directors, Chief Financial Officers, Distance Learning, Financial Aid Officers, Personnel Officers, Student Development Administrators, Public Information Officers, Registrars, & Other Interested Parties

FROM: Jonnell Carpenter, *NCCCS General Counsel*

SUBJECT: Adoption of 1B SBCCC 800.1 - Purpose

DATE: September 22, 2026

On September 18, 2026, the State Board of Community Colleges (SBCC) voted to adopt the State Board Code, **1B SBCCC 800.1 – Purpose**. The adoption lays out the purpose of the Subchapter and is aligned with the expectation of SL 2026-21.

The adoption will be effective **October 1, 2026**. At that time, the adopted rule will be published on the North Carolina Community College System’s website, [State Board Code - NCCCS \(ncccommunitycolleges.edu\)](https://ncccommunitycolleges.edu). For your convenience, a copy of the rule in its final form is attached to this memorandum.

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State Board of Community Colleges Code
TITLE 1. COMMUNITY COLLEGES

CHAPTER B. COLLEGE OPERATIONS



SUBCHAPTER 800. POLICIES ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

1B SBCCC 800.1 Purpose

Community college students, instructors, administrators, and other employees shall respect the dignity of others, acknowledge the right of others to express differing opinions, and foster and defend intellectual honesty, freedom of inquiry and instruction, and freedom of speech and association. Colleges will employ teaching methods and procedures to further that intent.

History Note: Authority G.S. 115D-6.1.

Eff. [October 1, 2026](#).