Mission Statement
“The West Valley-Mission Community College District is committed to achieving student success through innovative and effective lifelong education and career opportunities, which include associate degrees, certificates, transfer, occupational programs, workforce development, pre-collegiate, global, and community education programs. The District strives to maintain and support institutional integrity, mutual respect, diversity, tolerance, rigorous evaluation, an exceptional workforce of faculty and staff, and partnerships between students, faculty, staff, administrators, the Board of Trustees, and the community. The District promotes an environment conducive to open dialogue and the free exchange of ideas leading to the achievement of successful student learning outcomes.”

Our Guiding Framework
The guiding framework of the West Valley-Mission Community College District includes our values and vision as well as our mission.

Our Values
We value the following core principles and qualities as the foundations for our work and our vision for the future.

- Student Success- In all our activities, we are committed to facilitating the success of students.
- Excellence- We continually strive to meet the highest standards in our educational programs and services and in our internal processes.
- Diversity and Inclusion- The District provides a welcoming environment for people of all backgrounds, groups and perspectives.
- Service- We strive to make positive contributions in the lives of our students, our colleagues, and our communities.
- Engaged Learning- We create collaborative, hands-on learning experiences that are relevant to our students’ lives and goals.
- Effective Communication- We exchange ideas through open and inclusive channels and in a spirit of mutual respect and civility.
- Exploration and Creativity- Our educational programs and organizational culture encourage innovation and creativity.
- Stewardship and Accountability- We manage resources effectively.
- Partnerships- We build mutually beneficial relationships internally within the District organization and externally with partners in our service area and beyond.

Our vision of success is to continually strive to be:
- Student Centered...
- Linked to our Partners and Communities

A Clear Focus on the Future
- Serve Expanding and Diverse Student Populations - The Colleges’ reputation as quality institutions of higher education continue to attract large numbers of students from diverse backgrounds with a variety of academic goals, including transfer to four-year colleges and universities.
- Provide Relevant and Responsive Educational Programs - We must continually refine and adapt our offerings and teaching methods to respond to the diverse needs of our students and the communities we serve.
- Upgrade Facilities - Today's learning environment demands flexible use in order to accommodate multimedia instruction, group projects, distance learning, and team teaching as well as lecture and discussion formats.

Strategies for the future
At both Colleges, diverse departments and programs have developed a common set of priorities for serving the community now and in the future. This strategic framework will guide our responses to the key challenges facing the Colleges and the community.

- People- We will make our students and employees the foundation for our success.
- Environment- We will create systems to support high levels of achievement.
- Community- We will maintain strong relationships and partnerships.
- Organization- We will create a culture of service.

History of the District
The first public meeting convened to address the formation of the West Valley Joint Community College District was held in July 1962. In October 1962, the California State Board of Education approved the District’s formation, and in January 1963, the voters residing within the Campbell, Los Gatos-Saratoga, and Santa Clara High School Districts established the District. The District’s first college, West Valley Junior College, became operational in September 1964, at the 12 1/2-acre remodeled Campbell Grammar School in Campbell. The 1964-65 academic year began with an enrollment of 3,203 students and a staff of 10 administrators and 53 instructors. One hundred courses were offered that first year. The following year the name was changed to West Valley College. In 1964, the 143-acre Fruitvale-Alleandale site in Saratoga was purchased. Funding from the State Junior College Construction Act was obtained, and between 1964 and 1974 the campus was developed. The first building was completed in 1968, and the first classes began in fall of that year. In 1966-67, 12 acres of land were purchased in Santa Clara north of the Bayshore Freeway between Lawrence Expressway and Coffin Road for the construction of Mission College. The total 164-acre parcel was acquired in 1970, the first phase of construction at the Santa Clara site was completed in 1979, and the College began its 1979-80 academic year with 3,500 students, 8 administrators, and 73 instructors. In September 1985, the name of the district was changed to West Valley-Mission Community College District to reflect the status of Mission College.

Advancement Foundation
The Advancement Foundation was formed in 1994 to serve as a means to reach out to corporations, foundations and individuals to support a wide variety of programs and services at both Colleges which are essential in meeting the ever expanding educational needs of the communities they serve, but are not funded by government sources.

Persons wishing more information about the foundation may call (408) 741-2165.

West Valley/Mission Colleges Foundation
The West Valley/Mission Colleges Foundation was established in 1971 to administer an endowed scholarship fund provided by the Sun-sweet Growers Association. Since then it has broadened the scope of its activities to reach out to students and to the community. The four main purposes are:

- To provide scholarships and assistance to students
- To administer and manage the Olympiad of the Arts
- To support programs and services of West Valley and Mission College
- To provide liaison between the Colleges and their communities

The motto is “We Are Here to Help” whether it be a student who needs textbooks or an individual who may wish to endow a memorial scholarship. For information call (408) 741-2164.

West Valley-Mission Community College District
Non-Discrimination Statement
With respect to student rights and responsibilities, the West Valley-Mission Community College District affirms its commitment to maintaining an environment of equal opportunity which prohibits discrimination based on sex, color, religion, age (for individuals 40 years and over), physical or mental or parental status, or sexual orientation in every aspect of its educational programs and activities, as well as its commitment to maintain an environment free from sexual harassment and intimidation.

Sexual Harassment and Sex Discrimination Policy
Members of an academic community -- students, faculty, and staff -- must be able to work in an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust. Students, teachers, and staff must feel personally secure in order for education to take place. As a place of work and study, West Valley-Mission Community College District should be free of sexual harassment, sex discrimination, and all forms of sexual intimidation and exploitation. Any violation of trust, any form of intimidation or exploitation, regardless of gender, damages the institution’s educational process by undermining the essential freedoms of inquiry and expression. All students, staff, and faculty must be assured that the District will take action to prevent misconduct. Anyone who engages in sexual harassment and/or sex discrimination shall be subject to sanctions.

In accordance with approved District policy and Procedure, the following individual is designated as the Responsible Officer for grievances, complaints and questions.

For complaints of sexual harassment or discrimination, see: Associate Vice-Chancellor of Human Resources Personal Office

If you are a student seeking a reasonable accommodation under Section 504 or the ADA Act, see: Coordinator Disability and Educational Support Program (DESP)

Or Vice President of Student Services