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## **NOCCCD Launches Incentive Program for COVID-19 Vaccinated Students**

**Anaheim, Calif.** – The North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) launched an incentive program for COVID-19 vaccinated students on November 8, 2021. The program offers a \$200 bookstore credit to 5,000 students at each NOCCCD campus who have uploaded their COVID-19 vaccination record to the District-wide portal by November 15, 2021 for Cypress College and Fullerton College and December 3, 2021 for North Orange Continuing Education. NOCCCD students with uploaded records will be selected at random to receive the bookstore credit, which can be used at the Cypress College Bookstore or Fullerton College Bookstore by April 30, 2022.

Funding for the incentive program is supported by the federally funded Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF). The US Department of Education awarded \$76.2 billion to higher education institutions across the United States to assist colleges and universities in responding to the pandemic. A portion of these funds were allocated to directly support students with the greatest need via emergency grants.

On August 24, 2021, the NOCCCD Board of Trustees approved a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for employees and students who attend classes on campus. The mandate, which required employees and students who attend classes on campus to be fully vaccinated and upload their vaccination record to the District-wide portal by November 1, 2021, is now in effect.

Unvaccinated employees and students who attend classes on campus are required to complete weekly, on-site testing through the end of the year. Beginning Spring Semester, unvaccinated students will not be allowed to register for on-campus courses, unless they have an approved exemption. Employees and students are encouraged to clear their COVID-19 compliance status at nocccd.edu/vaccineprogram.

## **NOCCCD Background**

Two of the state's premier colleges and most extensive continuing education program combine to provide the quality educational programming of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). Nearly 78,000 students enroll each term at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education. College students are able to shape their futures in programs leading to associate degrees, vocational certificates, and transfer opportunities. Life-long learning also is possible in continuing education programs that range from high school completion and basic skills mastery through an array of vocational training and self-development courses. The NOCCCD campuses serve an area of over one million diverse people – each pursuing their own, unique ambitions.