

California Community Colleges  
Management Information System  
Data Element Dictionary

**Student Success Data Elements**

DED#	DATA ELEMENT NAME	FORMAT
<b>SS01</b>	<b>STUDENT-EDUCATIONAL-GOAL</b>	<b>X</b>
<p>This element describes the student's educational goal while enrolled in the reporting college and should be updated each term if the student notes a change during their academic career. This information is in addition to SB14 and is collected after that element has been recorded. The distinction between the elements is an important one: where SB14 records the <u>initial</u> goal of the student upon application, this element documents and confirms their current goal each term. After a student has reviewed assessment results, received orientation or other services which expand a student's understanding of the requirements necessary to achieve the goal, goal data is collected again and reported in STUDENT-SUCCESS-GOAL (SS01).</p>		
Enter primary goal only.		

Coding	Meaning
A	Obtain an associate degree and transfer to a baccalaureate granting institution
B	Transfer to a baccalaureate granting institution without an associate degree
C	Obtain a two-year associate degree without transfer
E	Earn a career technical certificate without transfer
F	Discover / formulate career interests, plans, goals
G	Prepare for a new career (acquire job skills)
H	Advance in current job / career (update job skills)
I	Maintain certificate or license (e.g. Nursing, Real Estate)
J	Pursue educational development (intellectual, cultural)
K	Improve basic skills in English, reading or math
L	Complete credits for high school diploma or GED
M	Undecided on goal
N	Move from noncredit coursework to credit coursework
O	University/4-year college student taking courses to meet university/4-year college requirements
P	Obtain a California Community College baccalaureate degree
<p>This element should be updated every reporting term to reflect the current status of the student during the reporting term. If there were no changes during the term, the goal does not change from the last reported term.</p>	

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Processing Edits	
FIELD CHECK	'A' thru 'P', except 'D' which is invalid
QUALITY CHECK	<b>Reject the submission</b> if, out of all the <b>credit, non-special admit</b> students:  25% or more have a value of 'M' (undecided on goal).

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Change History
Revised: Summer 2025 added 'P'
Optional for Academic Year 2013-14. Mandatory starting Summer 2014.