

Supporting Students' Basic Needs

Meeting students' immediate food needs

- All 23 campuses have a food pantry or food distribution program
- A majority of campuses offer meals through meal sharing or meal voucher programs
- A majority of campuses make fresh fruit and vegetables available to students
- Six campuses accept Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) with additional campuses in development
- More than 10 campus food retailers are part of the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP), which allows for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) dollars to be used to purchase hot food on campus. Additional retail outlets are working to add this benefit.

Providing students with short-term emergency housing

- More than two-thirds of CSU campuses offer on-campus emergency housing or vouchers for off-campus housing
- Four campuses provide assistance with long-term housing arrangements

Providing financial assistance for students in need

- A majority of campuses offer emergency grants or funds
- 14 campuses raise donations from the community specifically to support students' basic needs

Connecting students with resources

- All 23 campuses offer students CalFresh application assistance
- Nearly all campuses have websites that connect students with on- and off-campus resources
- All 23 campuses have administrators or staff who manage programs and connect students with resources
- 11 campuses have case managers or crisis response teams
- A majority of campuses work hand-in-hand with local food banks and other community organizations

Offering additional support

- 10 campuses provide clothing for students in need, including interview-appropriate attire
- Nine campuses host financial literacy workshops for students
- Seven campuses provide cooking classes and recipes to help students prepare healthy and inexpensive meal options



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