



**SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE
DISTRICT 522**

BOARD POLICY

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Mission, Vision and Values Statement

Our Mission

Southwestern Illinois College's upholds the dignity and worth of students, employees and community, which empowers learning and enhances the quality of life.

Our Vision

To be students' "first choice" by providing innovative and flexible programs designed to enrich our community and foster economic growth in our region.

Our Values

As citizens and as an institution, we will reflect and practice those values integral to higher education and to the well-being of our region:

Student Success

We recognize that student success is the ultimate measure of our effectiveness. We will achieve this end by providing an equitable environment that nurtures inclusive learning and meets all students' needs.

Respect

We will attempt to treat each other with dignity, fairness, and understanding; we value diversity, open discussion; and effective communication; we should respect the ideas and opinions of one another.

Integrity

We will strive to ensure that our actions are in accordance with our standards, that we are honest, follow through on our promises and obligations, and apply standards uniformly.

Excellence

We will do our best to merit recognition as a premier community college and will recognize the excellence that is attained by all.

Workforce Development

We believe that education does not end with degree attainment and that not all learners seek a degree. We will therefore strive to create an inclusive learning community that is open-ended and committed to providing opportunities for employment and continuous learning.

Value of Education

We will provide a high quality, affordable education and will make a collective effort to be value-minded stewards using resources with wisdom and promote appropriate community partnerships that empower

learners to achieve their goals and provide the means of improving economic freedom and quality of life.

Responsibility

We expect fulfillment of obligations and deadlines and we are accountable for our performance. We will establish high standards of academic, institutional, and personal professional practice and will commit ourselves to the formal evaluation of our effectiveness and to a regular program of development and self-improvement