

Guiding Principles: Definitions

EXCELLENCE: Promoting the highest quality of instruction, opportunity, and standards for students.

MERIT: Rewarding high achievement.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Requiring responsibility for actions through measurement and outcomes.

COMPETITION: Providing opportunities for different entities to vie for programs offered to the student.

SEAMLESSNESS: Ensuring that all aspects of the system, including governance, standards, articulation, and accountability, are coordinated vertically and horizontally to meet the needs of the students.

STUDENT-CENTERED: Focusing Primarily on the needs of the student receiving the instruction, and on what enhances learning.

DEVOLUTION: Placing decisions as close as possible to the students.