



Western Nebraska  
Community College

## WCCA Board of Governors' Policy

<b>Title:</b>	Authority to Establish Western Community College Area and Board
<b>Division:</b>	Board of Governors
<b>Category:</b>	Western Community College Areas
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### Purpose

To record and codify the legislative authority under which the Western Community College Area (WCCA) and the WCCA Board of Governors operate.

### Scope

This policy applies to the Western Community College Area and its Board of Governors.

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### Definitions

**Board or Board of Governors** – The Western Community College Area Board of Governors.

**Western Community College Area** – The twelve and one-half counties and five voting districts in the geographical area served by Western Nebraska Community College.

**Western Nebraska Community College** – The educational institution established by its Board of Governors and operating within its jurisdiction in the counties of Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Box Butte, Scotts Bluff, Banner, Kimball, Morrill, Cheyenne, Garden, Deuel, Grant, and voting districts in Merriman, Russell, King, Mother Lake, Cody, Barley, Gillespie, Lackey, and a portion of Wells of Cherry County, and will hereafter be referred to as the College or WNCC as appropriate.

## **Policy**

The Nebraska Legislature, pursuant to the laws of the State of Nebraska, authorizes the establishment of a statewide independent system of locally governed community colleges.

The Legislature has declared a community college to be truly responsible to the people it serves. Primary control of such colleges must be placed in the citizens within its geographical area. The intent and purpose of this Act is to create locally governed and locally supported community college areas with the major educational emphasis on occupational education. Each community college area is intended to be an independent, local, unique, and vital segment of higher education separate from both elementary and secondary school systems and from other institutions of higher education, and not to be converted into four-year baccalaureate degree-granting institutions. The Western Community College Area has been created for such intents and purposes.

## **Revising this Policy**

This Board Policy supersedes any prior WNCC policy, procedure, guideline, or handbook on this subject matter.

If statutory provisions, regulatory guidance, or court interpretations change or conflict with this Board Policy, the Board retains the right to revise accordingly and for the changes to take effect immediately.

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