

2023-25 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

Legislative Districts: 28, 29

Overview

Pierce College Fort Steilacoom is part of the Pierce College District, a community college district serving more than 13,000 students annually. Founded in 1967, the college now offers 26 associate degrees, 52 professional certificates and six applied bachelor’s degrees designed to prepare students for academic transfer and career success.

By offering affordable and accessible programs, Pierce College Fort Steilacoom helps people of every age and background to learn and thrive in today’s economy. Whether students are 16 or 60, just out of high school or working adults, our college prepares them for the next step up in life. As a community college that serves a large number of lower-income students and students of color, our college is key to creating a stronger and more inclusive economy.

Meet Anton Dang



Throughout his time at Pierce, Anton Dang, 23, held a variety of jobs to support his family. With financial support from Pierce College, Dang continued his education without the stress of worrying about paying tuition. He is proud to say he earned his degree and looks forward to transferring to University of Washington to major in electrical and computer engineering.

Our students’ needs are great, and their goals are clear. As our students continue transforming their lives through higher education, we need the ability to retain strong faculty and staff to support them along the way.

Legislative Priority: Expand Opportunity for Students and Employers

Fully funding our budget requests will have real returns for students like Anton Dang and for the communities and employers in our area. Students will learn from competitively-paid experts who choose to work at Pierce College rather than pursue higher paying positions with private employers or K-12 schools. Our students will train for careers in robust workforce programs, with modern equipment and learning spaces that mirror their future work environments. We will be able to expand technology to bring a college education to more people in more ways, which is especially important for working adults. And, all our students will benefit from an inclusive environment where they are valued, supported and equipped to reach their goals. Pierce College will also receive funding to operate and maintain existing facilities.



Our Students*

Total headcount.....	13,008
Total full-time equivalent (FTE).....	6,896
Full-time	53%
Part-time	47%
Students of color	51%

*Data reflects the Pierce College District.

Operating Budget Estimate

If the system’s operating budget request of \$353 million is fully funded, the Pierce College District will receive approximately \$7.7 million in additional funding.

Capital Budget Estimate

If the system’s request is fully funded, the Pierce College District will receive approximately \$7,197,600 for operation, maintenance, infrastructure, repairs and minor improvements of its existing facilities.

