

3.13.4.b. Applicable Policy Statement. If an institution is part of a system or corporate structure, a description of the system operation (or corporate structure) is submitted as part of the Compliance Certification for the decennial review. The description should be designed to help members of the peer review committees understand the mission, governance, and operating procedures of the system and the individual institution's role within that system.

Documentation: The institution should provide a description of the system operation and structure or the corporate structure if this applies.

Compliance Partial Compliance Non-Compliance Not applicable

Narrative:

Chattahoochee Valley Community College (CVCC) is one of 26 separately accredited [colleges](#) in the Alabama Community College System (ACCS). The system consists of 21 comprehensive community college and four technical colleges; Marion Military Institute; and extensive workforce development initiatives, including the Alabama Technology Network.

The Department of Postsecondary Education was established as a separate state agency in May of 1982 by the passage of ACT No. 82-486 by the Alabama Legislature. This Act authorized the State Board of Education to appoint a chancellor for the purposes of: (1) assisting the State Board in carrying out its authority with respect to the management and operation of the community, junior, and technical colleges, and Athens State University; and (2) administering the Office of the Chancellor, including the appointment of personnel as needed to carry out the task and responsibilities of the Department. The Alabama Legislature removed Athens State University from the system in 2012. Code of Alabama 1975 § [16-60-111.6](#) delegates decision making authority from the board to the chancellor concerning "management and operations of the junior and trade schools. The president of each college is responsible to the chancellor for the day-to-day operation of each school."

The Department of Postsecondary Education has direct [responsibility](#) to the State Board of Education for the direction and supervision of education programs and services provided by the Alabama Community College System. The Department provides leadership, service, and regulatory functions for the member institutions of the Alabama Community College System to ensure educational accessibility, excellence, and equity for citizens of Alabama. As the fiscal authority for all 26 colleges, the ACCS manages the state appropriations and allocates an annual budget to each college president.

SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

Alabama Community College System College Listing
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Code of Alabama 1975 § 16-60-111.6
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Alabama Community College System Organizational Chart
