
Student Services

Support Programs

- CalWORKs** — Provides support services to students receiving cash aid from any county welfare agency. CalWORKs offers academic and vocational planning, priority registration, childcare assistance, employment opportunities through work study, and referrals to on and off campus resources. For more information, contact [559.934.2496](tel:559.934.2496).
- CARE** — Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education is a supplemental component of EOPS that provides support services and activities for welfare-dependent, single head of household students. For more information, contact [559.934.2300](tel:559.934.2300) in Coalinga or [559.934.2980](tel:559.934.2980) in Firebaugh Center.
- DSPS** — Disabled Students Programs and Services, WHCC is committed to providing equal access to education for Persons with disabilities. The DSPS office provides services to those persons with physical, learning, and psychological disabilities including: individual, academic and vocational counseling; priority registration; note takers/readers; diagnostic testing; alternative testing services; mobility assistance; liaison with the State Department of Rehabilitation and other agencies; assistive technology; and alternative media. Our learning skills program provides individual and small group instruction for students with learning disabilities in a high-tech lab setting. For more information, please contact [559.934.2344](tel:559.934.2344).
- EOPS** — Extended Opportunity Program & Services is designed to help low income and educationally disadvantaged students gain access to and successfully complete a program of higher education. Services include counseling, priority registration, textbook and financial assistance. For more information, contact [559.934.2762](tel:559.934.2762) in Coalinga or [559.934.2980](tel:559.934.2980) in Firebaugh Center.
- Foster Youth Alliance** — West Hills College Coalinga is committed to helping students from the foster care system with the academic and financial support and resources needed to succeed in college. There is a dedicated counselor and support staff available.
- MESA** — The MESA Center provides multiple levels of support to students who are interested or pursuing Chemistry, Math, Biology, and Health Science majors or careers. The MESA Center serves as a place where student can be tutored and mentored, study, and get information on internships, conferences and opportunities in general. The MESA program provides opportunities for MESA students to attend conferences, field trips, events and professional development workshops. MESA is more than just a program, it is your community. Please stop by room G2 on the Coalinga Campus or contact us at [559.934.2762](tel:559.934.2762).
- SSS (Student Support Services) TRiO** — SSS Program is federally funded and designed to retain and transfer students to four year colleges. Eligibility requirements include low income, first generation college students, and students with disabilities. Include: academic, career, and personal counseling, priority registration, educational planning, college, community, and social service referrals, and much more. Details are available at [559.934.2356](tel:559.934.2356).
- Transfer Center** — Provides resources for students who are interested in learning more about the California State University System (CSU), University of California System (UC), private, and out-of-state colleges and universities. Services include access to college catalogs, articulation agreements, contact with university representatives, applications assistance, transfer planning, workshops, and tours to four year universities. For more information, call [559.934.2300](tel:559.934.2300) for Coalinga or [559.934.2980](tel:559.934.2980) for Firebaugh Center.
- Tutoring** — Located in the Rodney B. Fitch Library/Learning Resource Center, the West Hills College Coalinga Tutorial Center provides individualized and group tutoring for students who need additional academic assistance outside the classroom. Students have the option of receiving help on a walk-in basis or scheduling appointments to fit their needs. The tutoring center encourages students with high grades to apply to become part of our certified tutoring team. For more information or to arrange an appointment, call [559.934.2402](tel:559.934.2402).
- UpGrade** — Is a series of supplemental instruction sessions designed for student success. The material covered in each session is specific to the class and the instructor who teaches it. UpGrade sessions are free to all students and UpGrade leaders tailor each session to fit student needs. These services are available in the Library/Learning Resource Center.
- Upward Bound Program** — Is another TRiO program specifically offered to high school students in Coalinga, Mendota, and Tranquillity. Eligible students include those who are low income, potential first generation college students, demonstrate an academic need, and individuals with disabilities. The focus of Upward Bound is to provide encouragement, preparation and support high school students attending college after high school. For more information, please contact program staff at [559.934.2356](tel:559.934.2356).
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Veterans — Provides certifications of enrollment and progress for eligible veterans, dependents of deceased veterans, and children of disabled veterans under applicable federal and state laws administered by the Veterans' Administration and the State Department of Veterans' Affairs. For more information, contact 559.934.2324.

Library

The Rodney B. Fitch Library/Learning Resource Center provides a variety of resources and support services to the college community. In addition to the growing collection of books, magazines and newspapers, videos, and electronic research databases, the library also includes special collections of ESL materials, children's literature, textbook and graphic novels. The library staff is available to assist with research questions, give class orientations, and help in the location of materials and use of the library. Intra-library loan provides access to material from the Firebaugh Center and Lemoore campus libraries.

During the fall and spring semesters the library is open from:

- 7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday
- 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday

Summer hours may vary. Many library resources are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on the library's Web site at <https://www.westhillscollge.com/coalinga/academics/library/>. For further information check the Web site or call 559.934.2420.

Firebaugh Center Library

The library at the Firebaugh Center offers a full range of academic library service. This branch of the West Hills College library provides an area for students to read, browse, and to check out books, videos, and laptop. Other available services include: tutoring, class orientations and textbook checkout. Intra-library loan provides access to material from the Coalinga and Lemoore campus libraries.

The library at the Firebaugh Center is open Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information call 559.934.2976.

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship programs are organized in cooperation with a joint apprenticeship committee, a unilateral apprenticeship committee, or an individual employer of the respective craft for the training of apprentices approved by the State of California, Division of Apprenticeship Standards. West Hills College Coalinga supports apprenticeship training by offering select committees and employers' apprentice instruction. For more information, contact 559.934.2168.
