California Online Education Initiative and Canvas: Streamlining the World's Largest Education System
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• The Online Education Initiative (OEI) is a collaborative effort among California Community Colleges (CCCs).

• The OEI Steering Committee recommended the adoption of Canvas for the OEI course management system (CMS) for the next four years at no cost to the colleges.

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• OEI Launched in December of 2013
• How is OEI funded?
• California Community Colleges Chancellor’s office
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OEI GOALS

- Increase the number of college associate degree graduates and transfers to four-year colleges
- Improve retention and success
- Increase the underserved and underrepresented, including individuals with disabilities and those with basic skills needs
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Increase ease of use and convenience of the online experience
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Decrease the cost of student education!

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Significantly increase demand for online course delivery

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What is Canvas?

Canvas is a modern educational platform that supports a deep focus on teaching and learning. The robust features of Canvas help to enhance teaching and learning beyond the physical classroom.
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Canvas is:

- **Intuitive** - A clean interface for desktops, laptops, tablets, and smart phones.

- **Flexible** - Allows customization to support a range of pedagogical styles and formats.

- **Dynamic and Cloud-Based** - Continual improvements to features and support documentation.

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Canvas is:

• **Engaging** - Instructors can easily connect with students through rich video, audio, text chatting, and discussion board options.

• **Reliable** – Canvas support by phone, chat, or email is available 24/7/365 for general questions about getting started in Canvas, how to use its features, and for troubleshooting assistance.

• **Efficient** – Provides faster and easier grading capabilities.
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Benefits of Migrating to Canvas

- **Expand student access to quality online courses** by providing support for course improvements aligned with common quality standards and by facilitating cross-college enrollment

- **Increase student success and completion with support and services** such as tutoring, online learning readiness, and basic skills support

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Benefits of Migrating to Canvas (CONTINUED)

• *Encourage faculty and staff involvement* with professional development, instructional design support, networking, and content resources

• *Improved access to courses and services* through an innovative common online learning environment

• *Leverage cost* through system wide licensing

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Benefits of Migrating to Canvas (CONTINUED)

• Participation is *strictly voluntary*

• **All courses** will continue to be provided by colleges and their faculty.

• **All California Community Colleges will have access** to online learning readiness modules and tutoring solutions for free or at reduced cost. By 2016, the common course management system will also be available to all colleges for free.
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Canvas boasts hundreds of features to help make teaching and learning easier.

Canvas Features include:

- **Collaborative**—Wikis, discussion boards, and integrated tools like Google Docs, make group learning more productive.

- **Integrated Media Recorder**— Easily include audio or video comments to personal messages, assignments, course discussions, and even graded work.

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Canvas Features include:

Mobile Capabilities—Lets students engage in learning anytime, anywhere from any computer or mobile device.
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Canvas Features include:

**SpeedGrader**—Facilitates grading in half the time, plus you can preview student submissions and provide video or voice feedback all in one area.

The SpeedGrader allows you to view different types of assignment submissions in one place, make text and audio comments to students, and grade using different methods including a simple point scale or a complex rubric.
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How will OEI impact students?

45% of community college students do not complete their educational goals in a timely fashion.

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How will OEI impact students? (CONTINUED)

• Students frequently cite schedule conflicts or course waitlists as their primary stumbling blocks.

• With OEI, students will have access to a greater selection of quality online courses.

• In addition, OEI will increase their ability to succeed by providing access to up to 24/7 tutoring, online readiness tools, and ways to increase proficiency in basic skills areas.