



PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

1. The basic purpose of Jefferson State Community College will remain essentially unchanged for the foreseeable future.
2. Jefferson State Community College will continue as a part of the Alabama College System, under the control of the State Board of Education.
3. Continued decline in the level of state funding will necessitate development of new sources of revenue in order to maintain and improve quality while extending services.
4. Enrollment growth in postsecondary education will reflect an increase in traditional-aged students while a substantial student population of non-traditional, employed, adult, part-time students will continue participation.
5. Innovative scheduling and the delivery of programs and services "anytime, anywhere" will be necessary in order to meet the educational needs of the student population in the first decade of the twenty-first century.
6. The Birmingham-Hoover Metropolitan Area will continue to be the major population center of the State of Alabama and development of this area will remain essential to the State's efforts to develop the economy.
7. Jefferson State will participate in developing models for effective partnerships among postsecondary educational institutions and with other segments of the educational community.
8. Jefferson State will actively engage in cooperative efforts with businesses and industries for purposes of community and workforce development.
9. The continuing growth of the college as it expands to meet the needs of the underserved counties in its service area and the needs of a growing population with a need for flexibility will create a substantial need for new facilities and personnel.
10. The requirements of our regional accrediting agency (the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) concerning institutional effectiveness and achievement of expected outcomes for educational programs and for administrative and support services are expectations that Jefferson State will attempt to satisfy in exemplary ways.
11. Jefferson State will pursue specialized program accreditations for all applicable programs of the college.