



Looking Ahead to the CCTE SPAN 2026 Conference

The Tenth Annual SPAN Conference

March 23-24

**On site at the Sacramento City Library Galleria
and virtually for those who prefer**

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We are already looking ahead to our 10th Annual SPAN conference in March 2026, and in fact the road to SPAN 2026 began at the Fall 2025 Conference in San Diego. There, on Friday afternoon, we opened the conversation on Talking Points with feedback from SPAN 2025, provided an outline of CCTE's current policy priorities, and sought ideas for what to share with policymakers in March 2026.

If you participated in SPAN 2025, our talking points framed the urgency of staying the course and deepening the state's commitment to educator preparation.

- ◆ Talking Point 1 – We need consistent and reliable funding via a permanent funding source so that future teachers can plan to enter these programs with certainty.
- ◆ Talking Point 2 – We must intensify our focus on retaining teachers through supported opportunities for professional learning (e.g. National Board, Mentor Teachers).
- ◆ Talking Point 3 – The Ethnic Studies requirement and model curriculum have been an important first step, and the state needs to complete the process to fund this graduation requirement.

Talking Points give legislators a clear message from our organization, but they also are a way for CCTE members to discuss important issues and find common ground. We hope you joined the conversations at the Fall Conference, since it was formative and informative as we develop the 2026 Talking Points and build our capacity as advocates.

Policy Committee members will meet regularly as we continue to fine-tune our plans for SPAN 2026. The Policy Committee will welcome your volunteer participation as well as your ideas. Email any of the co-chairs:

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