

Peralta Community College District Timeline

1927	Central Trade School founded (future Laney College) by Oakland Board of Education. First location: 12 th and Jefferson (Oakland High School)
1929	Merritt School of Business founded (future Merritt College)
1938	Central Trade School relocates to 237 East 11 th Street, 221 East 11 th Street and 240 East 10 th Street, sharing space with Merritt Business School at the East 10 th site.
September 1946	Merritt School of Business relocates to 57 th and Grove (University High School)
September 27, 1948	Central Trade School renames Joseph C. Laney Trade and Technical Institute by Oakland Board of Education in honor of Joseph C. Laney. Laney passed away on August 16, 1948. He had served ten years on the school board and was instrumental in the foundation Central Trade School
July 1953	Oakland Board of Education establishes Oakland Junior College, comprised of two campuses: Joseph C. Laney Trade and Technical Institute and Merritt School of Business. Laney campus designated as vocational school and Merritt campus as liberal arts and business school.
1958	Oakland Junior College renamed Oakland City College by Oakland Board of Education
November 1963	Residents of cities of Alameda, Albany, Berkeley, Emeryville and Piedmont vote to join with Oakland to establish separate junior college district
July 1, 1964	Peralta Junior College District established. District named for Sgt. Luis Maria Peralta, the last Spanish governor of the original land grant comprising the six cities of the Peralta district. The two colleges (now separate, autonomous and renamed Laney College and Merritt College) expand to comprehensive college missions, with both liberal arts and occupational offerings.
October 1965	Voters approve \$47 million bond measure to build new

	Peralta campuses.
1968	Plumas Unified School District annexed to Peralta district on July 1, 1968. Feather River College opens September 1968.
June 1970	College of Alameda, a new college in the Peralta district, opens at Webster Street and Atlantic Avenue. In addition, the college operates an aeronautics program on a 2.5 acre site near the Oakland Airport
1970-1971	Laney College opens a new campus at 10 th and Fallon Streets.
1971	Merritt College opens a new campus in East Oakland hills. Merritt's former site in North Oakland rechristened Grove Street College. {Name later changes to North Peralta Community College}
April 1974	Berkeley Learning Pavilion [future Vista College/Berkeley City College] established
October 1974	Name change for Berkeley Learning Pavilion to Peralta College for Non-Traditional Study (PCNS)
1976-1981	Initial application for accreditation for Vista College [name changed approved by PCCD Board of Trustees in 1978]. Vista College fully accredited in 1981.
June 2006	Vista College rechristened Berkeley City College
July 2014	Peralta Community College District celebrates 50 th anniversary

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