

Standards of Student Conduct

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The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures for the imposition of discipline on students in accordance with the requirements for due process of the federal and state law and regulations.

The procedures shall clearly define the conduct that is subject to discipline, and shall identify potential disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the removal, suspension or expulsion of a student.

The Board of Trustees shall consider any recommendation from the Superintendent/President for expulsion. The Board shall consider an expulsion recommendation in closed session unless the student requests that the matter be considered in a public meeting. Final action by the Board on the expulsion shall be taken at a public meeting.

The procedures shall be made widely available to students through the college catalog and other means.

The following conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline, including but not limited to the removal, suspension or expulsion of a student except for conduct that constitutes sexual harassment under Title IX, which shall be addressed under Board Policy 3433 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment Under Title IX, Administrative Procedure 3433 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment under Title IX, and Administrative Procedure 3434 Responding to Sexual Harassment under Title IX.

1. Academic Misconduct, Fraud and Misrepresentation. Acts of dishonesty, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty.

- b. Dishonesty, forgery, alteration or misuse of college documents, records, or identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
 - c. Unauthorized preparation, giving, selling, transfer, distribution, or publication, for any commercial purpose, of any contemporaneous recording of an academic presentation in a classroom or equivalent site of instruction, including but not limited to class notes, except as permitted by any District policy or administrative procedure.
2. Disruptive Behavior. The physical or verbal disruption of instructional or student services activities, administrative procedures, public service functions, authorized curricular or co-curricular activities or prevention of authorized guests from carrying out the purpose for which they are on District Property or attending District sponsored or supervised functions, or through electronic means, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, District personnel.
 - b. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct.
 - c. Engaging in expression which is obscene, libelous or slanderous, or which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on District premises, or the violation of lawful District administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.
 - d. Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or to District personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the District or on District premises.
 3. Unauthorized Recording. Any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video record of any person while on District premises without their prior knowledge, or without their effective consent when such a recording is likely to cause injury or distress. This includes, but is not limited to, surreptitiously taking pictures of another person in a gym, locker room, or restroom.
 4. Assault/Battery. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
 5. Intimidation/Bullying. Engaging in intimidating conduct or bullying against another student through words or actions, including direct physical contact; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; coercion; social isolation or manipulation; and/or cyberbullying.
 6. Discrimination/Harassment. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on ethnic group identification, national origin, immigration status, religion, age, sex, gender identity and expression, race (including natural hair and hairstyles associated with race), color, medical condition, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, military or veteran status, genetic information, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, parenting after pregnancy, or because they are perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or any other status protected by law (Board Policies 3410 and 3430).
 7. Sexual Harassment. Committing acts considered sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.

8. Sexual Assault. Sexual assault or sexual exploitation regardless of the victim's affiliation with the District.
9. Robbery/Extortion. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
10. Theft. Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on District premises, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on District premises.
11. Unauthorized Entry/Use of Facilities. Unauthorized entry into, or use of, District facilities.
12. Destruction of Property. Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or private property on District premises.
13. Unauthorized Use, Theft or Other Abuse of Computer Facilities and Resources. This includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. Unauthorized entry into a file, to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose.
 - b. Unauthorized transfer of a file.
 - c. Use of another individual's identification and/or password.
 - d. Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or District official.
 - e. Use of computing facilities and resources to send obscene or abusive messages.
 - f. Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with normal operation of the District computing system.
 - g. Any violation of the District computer use policy (Administrative Procedure 3720).
14. Weapons. Possession, sale or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object, including but not limited to any facsimile firearm, knife or explosive, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student has obtained written permissions to possess the item from a District employee, which is concurred by the Superintendent/President.
15. Alcohol and Drugs. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or furnishing, or being under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing Section 11053) of Division 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind; or unlawful possession of, or offering, arranging or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5, on District Property or District-sponsored activities such as field trips, athletic events, study abroad programs, conferences, and workshops.
16. Smoking. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or District regulation.
17. Gambling. Gambling on District property.
18. Violation of District Policies and Procedures. Failure to comply with program-specific policies, procedures, and standards and District Board Policies and Administrative Procedures.
19. Failure to Comply. Failure to comply with directions of District officials, faculty, staff, or Community Safety officers who are acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself when requested to do so.

20. Continued Misconduct. Persistent serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
21. Violation of Law. Violation of any statute, regulation, or ordinance or law punishable by incarceration or a fine, other than a vehicular parking violation. Whether a student has committed such a violation shall be determined solely by the District for purposes of any student disciplinary action. Any District disciplinary action is separate and distinct from any other governmental action. The decision of any non-District person or entity, including, but not limited to, a jury, as to whether the violation occurred is not binding on the student disciplinary action, although it may be considered in the student disciplinary action.
22. Abuse of the Student Conduct System. Abuse of the student conduct system, including but not limited to:
 - a. Failure to obey the notice from the Conduct Officer, designee, or Student Conduct Committee to appear for a meeting or hearing as part of the student conduct process.
 - b. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information to the Student Conduct Officer or designee, or before a Student Conduct Committee.
 - c. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a Student Conduct Committee proceeding.
 - d. Attempting to discourage an individual's participation in, or use of, the student conduct process.
 - e. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a Student Conduct Committee prior to, and/or during the course of, the Student Conduct Committee proceeding.
 - f. Harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a Student Conduct Committee prior to, during, and/or after a student conduct code proceeding.
 - g. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under the Student Conduct Code.
 - h. Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the student conduct code/process.
23. Hazing or attempted hazing of a former, current, or prospective student of the District.

See Administrative Procedure 5520.