

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

BP No. 5500

Board Adopted: 12/6/78, 1/10/79, 3/12/80, 3/9/83, 6/9/93, 11/21/07, 1/15/09;
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- I. The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures for the imposition of discipline on students in accordance with the requirements for due process of federal and state laws and regulations.
- II. 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.
- III. 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.
- IV. The procedures shall be made widely available to students.
- V. The following conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline, including but not limited to, the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student:
 - A. Fighting, causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
 - B. 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 permission to possess the item from a District employee, which is concurred with by the College Superintendent/President.
 - C. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, furnishing, or being under the influence of any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, including an alcoholic beverage or an intoxicant of any kind; or unlawful possession, or offering, arranging, or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5.
 - D. Drinking, possessing, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages on campus or at any College sponsored event.
 - E. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
 - F. Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or to private property on campus.
 - G. Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus.

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- H. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the College or the District.
- I. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.
- J. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by law.
- K. 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; social isolation or manipulation; and cyber bullying.

[Note: Language regarding hazing is added here per section 245.6 of the California Penal Code and Education Code Section 32050-32051; this language is included in the College Catalog but is not currently reflected within District policy.]

- L. Hazing, as defined as any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a student organization or student body, whether or not the organization or body is officially recognized by the college, which is likely to cause serious bodily danger, personal degradation, or disgrace, resulting in physical or mental harm.
- M. Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or to College personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the District or on campus.
- N. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, College personnel.
- O. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty.
- P. Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of College documents, records, or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
- Q. Unauthorized entry upon or use of College facilities.
- R. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct on District-owned or controlled property, or at District-sponsored or supervised functions.
- S. Engaging in expression which is obscene, libelous, slanderous, or which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on College premises; the violation of lawful District administrative procedures; or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.

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- T. Persistent, serious misconduct for which other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
 - U. 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, handwritten or typewritten class notes, except as permitted by any District policy or administrative procedure.
 - V. Knowingly accessing and without permission altering, damaging, deleting, destroying, or otherwise using any data, computer system, or computer network in order to either (a) devise or execute any scheme or artifice to defraud, deceive, or extort, or (b) wrongfully control or obtain money, property, or data.
 - W. Knowingly accessing and without permission taking, copying, or making use of any data from a computer, computer system, or computer network; or taking or copying any supporting documentation, whether existing or residing internal or external to a computer, computer system, or computer network.
 - X. Knowingly and without permission using or causing the use of computer services.
 - Y. Knowingly accessing and without permission adding, altering, damaging, deleting, or destroying any data, computer software, or computer programs which reside or exist internal or external to a computer, computer system, or computer network.
 - Z. Knowingly and without permission disrupting or causing the disruption of computer services or denying or causing the denial of computer services to an authorized user of a computer system or computer network.
 - AA. Knowingly and without permission providing or assisting in providing a means of accessing a computer, computer system, or computer network in violation of this section.
 - BB. Knowingly and without permission accessing or causing to be accessed any computer, computer system, or computer network.
 - CC. Knowingly introducing any computer contaminant, commonly called viruses or worms, into any computer, computer system, or computer network.
- VI. Sources/References:
- Education Code Sections 32050, 32051, 66300, 66301
 - ACCJC Accreditation Standards I.C.8 and 10 (formerly II.A.7.b)
 - California Penal Code Section 245.6.

See Administrative Procedure 5500.