

CITRUS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT REGULATION

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STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The District will make reasonable efforts to facilitate the enrollment of students with disabilities and provide that assistance necessary to afford the same access to the programs and services of the college as that enjoyed by other students. This shall include access to educational auxiliary aids and, upon verification of their use as an appropriate accommodation, the right to use these aids as a student. These aids will include Braille and taped materials, sign language interpreters, assistive listening devices, readers, audio recordings, closed circuit television, and other assistive technologies.

The American with Disabilities Act stipulates that efforts to provide reasonable accommodation for students with disabilities will not fundamentally alter the nature of the activities or services offered. Course and programmatic delivery mechanisms should, within reason, reflect the flexibility necessary to afford a quality learning experience to the student with a disability.

While it is the goal of the District to provide accommodation for all students with verified disabilities, there are circumstances in which the District is not required to provide reasonable accommodation. The request may be denied if the accommodation would fundamentally alter the nature of the activities or services offered, would result in "undue hardship" to the District, or if the accommodation poses a "direct threat" to the health or safety of the person or others.

Students with disabilities who wish to receive accommodation are encouraged but not required to be registered with the Citrus College DSPS prior to the request for accommodation. The nature and limitations of their respective disabilities must be defined by appropriate diagnostic tools and will remain confidential information, available to staff only on a "need to know" basis. DSPS staff will confer regarding the appropriate types of accommodation for each prospective student who is requesting accommodation.

Students who request accommodation in a given program or course of study should advise the appropriate party or parties--program directors or course instructors--of their need for accommodation at the beginning of the semester or block term. Failure to provide reasonable advance notice of the need for accommodation may result in a delay in providing appropriate accommodation.

The District will make all reasonable efforts to ensure that the assessment strategies employed in the evaluation of student performance reflect the achievements of the student with a disability rather than the limitations imposed by their disability.

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