

Standards of Student Conduct

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures for the imposition of discipline of students in accordance with the due process requirements of state and federal 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 for a student's expulsion received from the Superintendent/President. 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:

1. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person;
2. 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 prior written permission to possess the item from a District employee with the concurrence of the Superintendent/President;
3. 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, 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;
4. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion;
5. Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or to private property on campus;
6. Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus;
7. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the College or the District;
8. Committing unlawful sexual harassment as defined by pertinent law;
9. Engaging in unlawful harassing or discriminatory behavior based on race, sex, (i.e., gender) religion, age, national origin, disability, or any other protected characteristic or classification, as defined by pertinent law;
10. 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 campus;
11. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, District personnel;
12. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in student publications), or engaging in other academic dishonesty;
13. Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of District documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District;
14. Unauthorized entry upon or use of District facilities;
15. Lewd, indecent or obscene conduct on District-owned or controlled property, or at District-sponsored or supervised functions;
16. 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;
17. Violation of lawful District administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District;
18. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct;
19. 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 hand written or type written class notes, except as permitted by any Board Policy or Administrative Procedure;
20. Violation of College rules or regulations including campus policies concerning the student organizations, the use of College facilities, or the time, place and manner of public expression;
21. Persistent violation of classroom standards of conduct as established by the instructor;
22. Any other cause not listed above which is identified as "Good Cause" by the Education Code.

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