

Board Policy 5500

Standards of Student Conduct

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

The Board shall consider any recommendation from the Chancellor 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 student standards of conduct and discipline due process 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 BP 3433 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment under Title IX:

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 written permission to possess the item from a District employee, which is concurred in by the college president.
3. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or 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 and/or vaping in any area where such activity has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the college or the District.
8. Sexual assault or sexual exploitation regardless of the victim's affiliation with the District.
9. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.
10. 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.
11. 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 cyberbullying.
12. Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or to college personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, damaging or other injury to any real, digital, or personal property owned by the District or on campus.
13. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority, or persistent abuse of, college personnel.
14. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty.

15. Dishonesty, forgery, alteration or misuse of college documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
16. Unauthorized entry upon or use of college facilities.
17. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct on District-owned or controlled property or at District-sponsored or supervised functions.
18. 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 college premises, or the violation of lawful District administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.
19. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
20. 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.

Reference:

Education Code Sections 48900(q); 66300; 66301; 66450; 67361; 67362; 76033; 76120; 78907; 81600, and 87708
ACCJC Accreditation Standards I.C.8 and 10 Government Code Sections 995 et seq.
Business and Professions Code Section 4240
Health and Safety Code Sections 11014.5 and 11053 Penal Code Sections 415, 502, and 626.2
Administrative Procedures 5500, 5520

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