

BP 5500 STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

References:

[Education Code Sections 66300, 66301, and 76030 et seq.;](#)
[Accreditation Standard II.A.7.b](#)

- ❖ **From current Palomar College BP 305 titled Academic Integrity Code of Conduct (92-15739)**

Academic Integrity is a code of conduct for students that requires honest and ethical academic endeavor.

It is an integral part of the spirit embodied in an academic community. Violations of this code of conduct are considered serious and may result in penalties ranging from failing a test or assignment to expulsion from the College District. The Governing Board of the Palomar Community College District supports the principles of the Academic Integrity Code and supports the efforts of faculty and staff to ensure that these principles are upheld.

~~GB 5-25-93~~

- ❖ **From current Palomar College Procedure 305 titled Academic Integrity Code of Conduct**

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Violations

Violations of the Academic Integrity Code include:

- Cheating, plagiarism or false representation of another's work as one's own.
- Forgery, alteration, or misuse of college District documents or records.
- Use of false identification.
- Knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
- Unauthorized use or misuse of District equipment.
- Unauthorized access, use, or alteration of computer hardware, software, or data.
- Obstruction or disruption of the educational process.
- Soliciting or assisting another to do any of the above.

Consequences

Consequences for violating this code may result in any or all of the following:

- A. At the discretion of the instructor the student may receive:
 1. A failing grade for the assignment
 2. A failing grade for the course
 3. Short-term suspension as described in Section IV A of the Rules and Regulations for Student Behavior
- B. Long-term suspension or expulsion may be applied following the procedures described in the Rules and Regulations for Student Behavior.

In the event that District-level sanctions, including suspension or expulsion, are applied, the procedures described in the Rules and Regulations for Student Behavior will be employed. The code of conduct that details the standards is administered by the Director of Student Affairs.

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 Governing Board shall consider any recommendation from the Superintendent/President for expulsion. The Governing 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 Governing Board on the expulsion shall be taken at a public meeting.

This policy shall be made widely available to students through the Palomar College Catalog, class schedule, 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 written permission to possess the item from a District employee, which is concurred by the Superintendent/President or designee
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 in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the District
 8. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures
 9. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on race, sex, (i.e., gender) religion, age, national origin, disability, or any other protected status [that is in violation of established state or federal laws](#)
 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, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, District personnel
 12. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by [the academic code of integrity \(see Procedure 5500 titled Standards of Conduct\)](#)
 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 or the violation of lawful District administrative procedures or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District
 17. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct
 18. 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

Students who engage in any of the above are subject to the procedures outlined in AP 5520 titled Student Discipline Procedures.

❖ **From current Palomar College Policy 420.1 titled General Application**

~~Palomar College students are responsible for regulating their own conduct and for respecting the rights and privileges of others. They are expected to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the function of the College as an educational institution and respect and obey all civil and criminal laws.~~

~~Failure to abide by the standards as set forth by Palomar College is cause for disciplinary action.~~

~~EC 66300, 66017, 87708, 76030 et seq; 5 CAC 41301, 41302; PC 415.5;~~

~~GB 1-12-82~~

[Administration of this policy is defined in AP 5500 titled Standards of Conduct. Also see BP 5030 titled Fees and BP 5130 titled Financial Aid which address consequences of disciplinary action.](#)

NOTE: This policy is **legally required**. The language in **red ink** is recommended from the Community College League and legal counsel (Liebert Cassidy Whitmore). The wording in **blue ink** is additional language to consider including in this policy. The language in **black ink** is current Palomar College Policy 305 titled Academic Integrity Code of Conduct adopted on 5-25-93; Policy 420.1 titled General Application adopted on 1-12-82; Policy 420.2 titled Application of Policy to Conduct of Applicants for Admission or Readmission with no adoption date; Policy 421 titled Confidentiality with no adoption date; Policy 422 titled Delegation with no adoption date; Policy 423 titled Record of Disciplinary Action with no adoption date; Policy 423.1 titled Technical Departures with no adoption date, and Palomar College Procedure 305 titled Academic Integrity Code of Conduct with no date. The language in **green ink** reflects suggested revisions from Student Services. This policy was reviewed at the May 11, 2007 Policy and Procedure Task Force Meeting.

Date Adopted:

(Replaces current Palomar College Policies 305, 420.1, 420.2, 421, 422, 423, 423.1)

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