

STUDENT SERVICES

AP 5500 STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

References:

Education Code Sections 66300 and 66301;
ACCJC Accreditation Standards I.C.8 and 10 (*formerly II.A.7.b*)

The following student conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline (academic, administrative or both) 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 AP 3433 Prohibition of Sexual Harassment under Title IX, and AP 3434 Responding to Harassment Based on Sex under Title IX, and applies to all students.

1. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by the Faculty Senate. Academic sanctions are the sole responsibility of the faculty member involved; further disciplinary sanctions are the prevue of the Office of Student Life and Leadership.
2. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person including but not limited to sexual assault or physical abuse as listed in AP 3540 Sexual Assaults on Campus.
3. 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 Chief of Police. See AP 3530 Weapons on Campus for further details.
4. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or furnishing, or being under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in California Health and Safety Code Sections 11053 et seq., 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.
5. Committing or attempting to commit robbery, burglary or extortion.
6. Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or to private property on campus including but not limited to arson and vandalism.

7. Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus.
8. Willful or persistent smoking or vaping in any area where these have been prohibited by law or by regulation of the college or the District. (Refer to AP 3570 Smoking and/or Other Tobacco Use.)
9. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures. (Refer to AP 3540 Sexual Assaults on Campus.)
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. See AP 3430 Prohibition of Harassment and BP 3410 Nondiscrimination for further details.
11. Engaging in intimidating conduct or bullying on District-owned or controlled property, or at District sponsored or supervised functions through words or actions, including direct physical contact; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; social isolation or manipulation; and cyberbullying. See AP 3430 Prohibition of Harassment and BP 3410 Nondiscrimination for further details.
12. Willful misconduct that results in injury or death or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real 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 of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel.
14. Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of District documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
15. Failure to comply with directions of staff members of the District who are acting within the scope of their employment.
16. Engaging in physical or verbal disruption of administrative procedures, public service functions, authorized curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities or preventing authorized guests from carrying out the purpose for which they are on District property.
17. Unauthorized entry upon or use of District facilities.
18. Lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or expression on District-owned or controlled property, or at District sponsored or supervised functions.
19. 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 regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.

20. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
21. 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.
22. Violations of District policies and regulations, including, but not limited to, regulations and policies related to smoking/vaping on campus, parking or driving on campus, district computers, telecommunications, campus vehicles, and any and all other District equipment and policies and regulations related to student organizations and student and visitor symbolic expression.

Discipline

Students who engage in any of the above are subject to the procedures outlined in AP 5520 titled Student Discipline Procedures. Students should contact the Office of Student Life and Leadership for additional information.

Hearings/Holds

Students failing to meet with the chief administrative officer or designee for a due process hearing will have an administrative disciplinary hold placed on their record until such hearing is conducted.

Loss of Financial Aid

In accordance with Education Code section 69810 a student who disrupts the peaceful conduct of the activities of the campus including but not limited to those listed above may become ineligible for state financial aid if found to be in violation of Standards of Student Conduct.

Students may contact the Office of Student Life and Leadership or Governing Board Office if they wish to obtain a copy of specific Education Code sections.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Student Services