

Reporting of Crimes

Reference: Education Code Sections 212 and 87014
Penal Code Section 245;
Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998;
20 U.S.C. § 1232g;
34 C.F.R. 668.46;
34 C.F.R. 99.31(a)(13), (14) and 668.46
Campus Security Act of 1990

Members of Palo Verde College who are witnesses or victims of a crime should immediately report the crime to campus security personnel and/or local law enforcement.

In the event an employee is assaulted, attacked or menaced by a student, the employee shall notify his or her supervisor as soon as practical after the incident. The supervisor of any employee who is attacked, assaulted or menaced shall assist the employee to promptly report the attack or assault to campus security personnel and/or local law enforcement. The supervisor shall make the report if the employee is unable or unwilling to do so.

The District shall publish warnings to the campus community about crimes that are considered to represent a continuing threat to other students and employees in a manner that is timely and will aid in the prevention of similar crimes. The information shall be disseminated by the District in a manner that aids the prevention of similar crimes.

The District shall annually collect and distribute statistics concerning crimes on campus. All college staff with significant responsibility for student and campus activities shall report crimes about which they receive information. It must also be reported if any of the above listed crimes are further identified as "hate violence."

Hate violence is defined as "any act of intimidation or physical harassment, physical force or physical violence, or the threat of physical force or physical violence, that is directed against any person or group of persons or the property of any person or group of persons because of the ethnicity, race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or political or religious beliefs of that person or group." Section 67380 requires reporting of both occurrences reported to campus police or safety authorities of and arrests for crimes that involve hate violence (Education Code Section 67380(a)(1)(A)) and of "non-criminal acts of hate violence" (Education Code Section 67380(a)(1)(B)).

The District shall publish an Annual Security Report every year by October 1 that contains statistics regarding crimes committed on campus and at affiliated locations for the previous (3) three years. The Annual Security Report shall also include policies pertaining to campus security, alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, victims' assistance program, student discipline, campus resources and other matters. The District shall make the report available to all current students and employees. The District will also provide prospective students and employees with a copy of the Annual Security Report upon request. A

copy of the Annual Security Report can be obtained by contacting the Chief Business Officer or at the Palo Verde College Website.

Crime statistics must be reported annually to the Department of Education.

The District may disclose the final results of a disciplinary proceeding to a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense, regardless of the outcome. The District may also disclose to anyone the final results of disciplinary proceedings in which it concludes that a student violated school policy with respect to a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense. The offenses that apply to this permissible disclosure are:

- Arson;
- Assault offenses;
- Burglary;
- Criminal homicide - manslaughter by negligence;
- Criminal homicide - murder and non-negligent manslaughter;
- Destruction, damage, or vandalism of property;
- Kidnapping or abduction;
- Robbery;
- Forcible sex offenses

The disclosure may only include the final result of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to the alleged criminal offense. The District shall not disclose the name of any other student, including a victim or witness, unless the victim or witness has waived his or her right to confidentiality.