

Standards of Conduct

Reference: Education Code Section 66300; Accreditation Standard II.A.7.b

The following conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline including, but not limited to the removal, suspension or expulsion of a student:

- Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
- 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 with the Superintendent/President (see also BP/AP 3530 - Weapons on Campus).
- 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 Section 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 (see also BP/AP 3550 - Drug Free Environment, and BP/AP 3560 - Alcoholic Beverages).
- Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
- Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or to private property on campus.
- Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus.
- Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the college or the District (see also BP 3570 - Smoking on Campus).
- Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures (see also BP/AP 3430 - Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment).
- Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on race, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability, or any other status protected by law (see also BP/AP 3430 - Prohibition of Discrimination and Harassment).
- Willful misconduct that 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 (see BP/AP 3540 - Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus).
- Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel (see also BP/AP 5550 - Speech: Time, Place and Manner).

- Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by the [Academic Honor Code].
- Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of District documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
- Unauthorized entry upon or use of District facilities.
- Lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or expression on District-owned or controlled property, or at District sponsored or supervised functions.
- 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.
- Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
- 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 procedures.
- Failure to pay just debts, such as fines or loans, and failure to return borrowed property, following reasonable attempts by the college to retrieve same.
- Failure to make good on returned checks cashed by the college (Penal Code Sections 476 and 476a).
- Obstruction or disruption of the college's educational process, administrative process, or other college function (California Code of Regulations Section 41301).
- Failure to comply with directions of college officials acting in the performance of their duties, including disobedience and defiance of the authority of said officials.
- Eating and drinking in classrooms, laboratories, and the library when these facilities are being used for normal instructional purposes (see also BP/AP 4268-PVC).
- Soliciting or assisting another to do any act which would subject a student to expulsion, suspension, probation, or other discipline pursuant to this policy (California Code of Regulations Section 41301).
- Hazing (California Education Code Sections 32050 and 32051).
- Gambling on college property (Penal Code Section 330).
- Reckless driving on college property (Vehicle Code Sections 360, 670, 23103 and 23104).

- False accusations or malicious charges against any other student, staff member or governing board member of the District.
- Violation of other state, federal, or local statutes, or District policies, rules or regulations while on college property, or in defined college activities elsewhere.

Students who engage in any of the above are subject to the procedures outlined in AP 5500-1.

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