



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Board of Trustees Policy

Chapter 5 – Student Services

BP 3100 - STUDENT RIGHTS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUE PROCESS

This policy enumerates the rights and responsibilities of all San Diego Community College District students.

1. STUDENT RIGHTS

All students shall have the right to a safe campus learning environment free from interference and disruption. The District shall ensure to the best of its ability to afford students the rights contained herein.

- a. Students shall have the right to impartial, objective evaluation of their academic performance. Students shall receive in writing, at the beginning of each course, information outlining the method of evaluating student progress including the method by which the final grade is determined.
- b. Students shall have the right to exercise free expression including, but not limited to, the use of bulletin boards, the distribution of printed materials or petitions, and wearing of buttons, badges, or other insignia, so long as the expression is not obscene, libelous or slanderous according to current legal standards. The expression shall not incite students so as to create a clear and present danger of:
 - 1) The commission of unlawful acts on community college premises;
 - 2) The violation of local, state, or federal laws and regulations; or
 - 3) The substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the community college. The District reserves the right to regulate the time, place and manner of all student activities. (Education Code Section 76120).
- c. Students shall have the right to be free from acts or threats of intimidation, harassment, or physical aggression.
- d. Students shall have the right to be free from the imposition of disciplinary sanctions without proper regard for due process.
- e. Students shall have the right to take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study without disrupting the instructional environment and to reserve judgment about matters of opinion. However, this does not preclude the expectation that a student must meet the course requirements.
- f. Students shall have the right to participate in the formation of policy affecting them in accordance with established procedures for Shared Governance.
- g. Students shall have the right to petition to organize interest groups and/or join student associations pursuant to Manual 3200.

- h. Students shall have the right to develop student publications in accordance with standards established by current District and college policies, procedures and guidelines.
- i. Students with verified disabilities shall have the right to receive appropriate accommodations as specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act and District and college policies, procedures and guidelines.

2. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Student behavior must remain in accordance with specific academic and behavior requirements as specified in District policy and which may be outlined by the course syllabus.

- a. Students shall be responsible for defining and making progress toward their educational goal.
- b. Students are responsible for reading and adhering to the policies and procedures as outlined in catalogs, schedules, course syllabi and other official printed and online materials.
- c. Students with verified disabilities who believe they need academic accommodations are encouraged to identify themselves to instructors to discuss the details and timelines necessary to provide appropriate accommodations. Students who request accommodations or auxiliary aids are responsible for contacting the Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) office. Students who make a request directly to the faculty should be referred to DSPS (see Procedure 3105.1).

Students are responsible for providing professional documentation of a qualified disability to DSPS. The DSPS faculty, in consultation with the student, shall recommend appropriate accommodations. The recommendations shall be documented by DSPS and a copy provided to the student.

Students are advised to consult directly with a Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) Counselor Specialist regarding any accommodation. These students will be required to meet timelines and procedural requirements established by the DSPS Office.

3. STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Students are subject to adhering to the policies and procedures of the San Diego Community College District, as well as all federal, state, and local laws. Students are subject to charges of misconduct concerning, but not limited to, the following acts when committed on District-owned or controlled property or at District-sponsored activities.

- a. Academic misconduct or dishonesty as specified in *Procedure 3100.3, Honest Academic Conduct*.
- b. Forgery, alteration, falsification, or misuse of campus/District documents, records, electronic devices, or identification.

- c. All forms of nonacademic dishonesty, including but not limited to fabricating information, any form of bribery or knowingly furnishing false information or reporting a false emergency to officials acting in an official capacity.
- d. Act or threat of damage to, or theft of property belonging to, or located on District-controlled property or facilities.
- e. The physical or verbal disruption of instructional or student services activities, administrative procedures, public service functions, authorized curricular or co-curricular activities, the orderly operation of the campus, or prevention of authorized visitors from carrying out the purpose for which they are on campus.
- f. Physical, verbal, or written intimidation or harassment of such severity or pervasiveness as to have the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with a student's academic performance, or a District employee's work performance, or of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational or work environment.
- g. Any expression which is obscene, libelous or slanderous according to current legal standards, which so incites others as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the college/campus district.
- h. Physical altercation or threats of violence including assault or battery upon a student or district personnel on district premises or at any time or place while under the authority of District personnel.
- i. Unlawful conduct of a sexual nature including but not limited to indecent exposure, prostitution, voyeurism, or loitering for the purpose of soliciting or engaging in any lewd act or conduct.
- j. Any conduct that threatens the health or safety of any person, including oneself.
- k. Participation in hazing (California Education Code Sections 32050 through 32052).
- l. Possession of weapons, explosives, unlicensed dangerous chemicals or objects which may be used as weapons or to threaten bodily harm, as specified in the California Penal Code or other applicable laws.
- m. Conduct which is in violation of federal, state, or local laws or ordinances; while on district premises or at district-sponsored or supervised activities. (Ref. 76020, 76120)
- n. Failure to comply with directions of staff members of the district who are acting within the scope of their employment. Continued and willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of the authority of district personnel providing such conduct is related to district policies, activities or college/campus attendance.
- o. Smoking on District premises, or in vehicles provided by the district used for transporting students; except as permitted by applicable ordinances, laws, college and district guidelines and procedures.
- p. Use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages on campus except as permitted by law.

- q. Use, possession, distribution, manufacture or sale of narcotics or other hallucinogenic drugs or substances or inhaling or breathing the fumes of, or ingesting, any poison classified as such by the California Business and Professions Code Section 4160, Schedule "D," except as provided by law, is prohibited when on district premises.
- r. Violation of Policies & Procedures for Student Organizations as enumerated in Manual 3200.

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