

STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The Governing Board is committed to maintaining a safe and productive learning environment. To promote this commitment, the Governing Board and Chancellor have established standards for student conduct.

Students shall conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the following standards while on campus, when participating in online or hybrid courses, and while attending college-sponsored events or programs. These include, but are not limited to, field trips, student conferences, athletic contests, club-sponsored events, and study abroad programs, regardless of location.

The following conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline, 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 Human Resources Procedure 1040.09 – Prohibition of Sexual Harassment and Responding to Sexual Harassment Under Title IX.

1. Acts of academic dishonesty, including but not limited to:
 - a. Cheating defined as unauthorized copying, collaboration, or use or attempted use of materials on a test or assignment
 - b. Tampering defined as altering or interfering with evaluation instruments or documents
 - c. Fabrication defined as falsifying or inventing data, research, or sources; fabricating or falsifying documentation to alter a course grade
 - d. Plagiarism defined as presenting or copying another person's, group's, or system's words, ideas, or work—whether published or unpublished—as one's own without proper citation.

Examples of plagiarism include the following:

 - Presenting someone else's opinions and theories as one's own
 - Collaborating on a project, submitting it as one's individual work
 - Using Artificial Intelligence (AI)–generated content in assignments or exams without proper citation or attribution. Students must ensure that their use of AI aligns with any acceptable use statements in the syllabus or assignment directions.
 - e. Unauthorized use of course or copyrighted materials
 - f. Assisting others in an act of academic dishonesty, such as taking a test or doing an assignment for someone else, changing someone's grades or academic records
 - g. Inappropriately distributing exams to other students.
2. Other forms of dishonesty, such as lying, misrepresentation, knowingly furnishing false information, or reporting a false emergency to any college official, faculty or staff member or office
3. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, the District's educational processes, administrative process, disciplinary procedures, or other District functions and activities, on or off District property
4. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel

5. Engaging in intimidating conduct, or bullying, against a student or employee through words or actions, including physical contact, verbal abuse (e.g., teasing, name-calling), social isolation, manipulation, coercion, doxing, or the misuse of social media, such as cyberbullying. This includes retaliation against a person who reports or participates in the investigation of a potential violation of these standards.
6. Hazing or attempted hazing of a former, current, or prospective student. Hazing is defined as any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed against another person in connection with initiation, affiliation, or continued membership in a student organization that creates a risk of or causes physical or psychological injury beyond the reasonable risks of normal participation in the District or organization.
7. Stalking, which is defined as engaging in a repeated course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for their or others' safety or to suffer substantial emotional distress. Stalking may occur in person, online, or through electronic means.
8. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on disability, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by law.
9. Causing, or attempting to cause, damage to District property or to private property on campus.
10. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause injury to another person or engaging in behavior that threatens the health, safety, or general welfare of any member of the college community.
11. Stealing, or attempting to steal, District property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus.
12. Violating District or college policies or regulations.
13. Failure to comply with the directions of District, college, or law enforcement officials acting in the performance of their duties.
14. 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., 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.
15. Possession, consumption, use, being under the influence, sale, distribution, or delivery of marijuana or any cannabis products, or any alcoholic beverage on District property in college buildings or on college grounds, or at college-sponsored or supervised activities, regardless of their location, unless authorized by college officials.
16. Possession, sale, or otherwise furnishing of any firearm, knife, explosive, dangerous chemicals, or other dangerous objects, including but not limited to any facsimile firearm, knife, or explosive, on District property or at a campus function, without explicit permission from a college official.
17. Engaging in lewd, indecent, or obscene behavior on District-owned or controlled property or at a District-sponsored or supervised function.

18. Sexual assault or sexual exploitation, regardless of the victim's affiliation with the District.
19. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or Human Resources Procedure 1040.09.
20. Unauthorized entry upon or use of District property.
21. Smoking or vaping on college property.
22. Knowingly assisting, encouraging, or inciting another person to violate the Standards of Student Conduct.
23. Any violation of Business Procedure 10.06 – Acceptable Technology Use, including but not limited to unauthorized account or password use, disruption of operations, bypassing security measures, or violating software agreements.
24. Unauthorized electronic or digital recording without the knowledge or consent of the persons(s) being recorded, except in public spaces or at commonly recognized public events on District property. Recording and live streaming are strictly prohibited in class or on field trips without the prior approval of the instructor or appropriate college employee or authorization from the College DSPS Office.
25. 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.
26. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
27. Any other grounds constituting good cause, including but not limited to any violation of Education Code section 76033, relevant provisions of Penal Code, other applicable laws, or District policies not specified above.