



BP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct

References:

Education Code Sections 66300, 66301, and 76120;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2

This policy sets forth the grounds upon which students in the Santa Clarita Community College District (District) will be subject to disciplinary action.

The District's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) shall establish procedures for the imposition of discipline on students in accordance with the due process requirements under law. Those procedures shall identify potential disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student. The procedures shall be made widely available to students through the District catalog and other means.

The Board of Trustees shall consider any recommendation from the CEO for expulsion. The Board shall consider an expulsion recommendation in closed session unless the student requests that the matter be considered in a public meeting. Final action by the Board on a recommendation for expulsion shall be taken at a public meeting.

Grounds for Disciplinary Action

1. The following conduct constitutes 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 is addressed under AP 3433 (Prohibition of Sexual Harassment under Title IX), and AP 3434 (Responding to Harassment Based on Sex under Title IX).
 - a. Any theft, conversion, damage, or destruction, including, but not limited to, cutting, defacing, vandalizing, or marking with graffiti, any property, real or personal, belonging to the District, a District employee, a student, or a campus visitor, or knowingly receiving stolen property on campus.
 - b. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
 - c. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of District documents, keys, records, or identification, or knowingly furnishing materially false information to the District or one of its employees.

- d. Any fraud committed against the District including, but not limited to, reversing credit card charges to avoid paying fees, or failure to make good on returned checks cashed by the District.
- e. Cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, and other forms of academic dishonesty, or facilitating academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to: having other students or non-students take courses, tests, placement exams, or write papers; unauthorized access to or use of electronic devices during exams; opening internet browsers while taking closed book, closed note proctored exams.
- f. Violation of classroom rules, as announced in each course syllabus or as otherwise reasonably disclosed to students by the instructor, including, but not limited to, the use of cell phones and other unauthorized devices, electronic or otherwise; attendance and punctuality standards; limitations on the use of digital or other sources of information or resources, including, but not limited to books, the internet, or Artificial Intelligence software or platforms; decorum standards; safety standards, including, but not limited to the wearing of specified footwear or safety gear or protective clothing or uniforms; and other standards of conduct, either academic or behavioral in nature, found in the course syllabus or otherwise disclosed by the instructor with reasonable notice.
- g. Assault, battery, or otherwise causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury or death to another person(s).
- h. Engaging in intimidating conduct or bullying against another member of the college community through words or actions, including direct physical contact; verbal assaults; social isolation or manipulation; and cyberbullying.
- i. Sexual assault or sexual exploitation regardless of the victim's affiliation with the District as prohibited by Education Code section 76003.
- j. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.
- k. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior prohibited by Board Policy 3430 or Administrative Procedure 3430.
- l. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression on District-owned or controlled property, or while attending District sponsored or supervised functions.
- m. 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.
- n. Unauthorized entry into, unauthorized use of, possession of, or misuse of, District property, facilities, supplies or equipment, or vehicles, or unauthorized occupancy of any buildings or other facilities owned, rented, leased, or otherwise under the District's control.
- o. Possession, use, threats of use (whether verbal, written (including electronically), or posted online), or sale of any weapons including, but not limited to, firearms, knives, explosives, dangerous chemicals, or other potentially harmful implements, substances, or objects, which could be classified as a weapon, or any

imitation or replica weapons, which may cause alarm to the campus community while on property owned or controlled by the District or while attending a District-sponsored function without prior authorization of the CEO or designee.

- p. Failure to identify oneself to or failure to comply with directions of District employees acting in performance of their duties including, but not limited to, directions given pursuant to the provisions of the Penal Code Sections 626.6 and 626.8.
- q. Obstruction or disruption, on or off campus, of the District's education process, administrative process, or other District functions, such as extracurricular activities, internships, service-learning activities, athletic events, conference travel, field trips, or excursions during all hours the student is under supervision of the District and its employees, or the defiance of authority.
- r. Soliciting or assisting another to undertake any act, which would subject a student to expulsion, suspension, probation, or other discipline pursuant to this policy.
- s. Abusive behavior directed toward a member of the campus community, or any act which injures, degrades, disgraces, or tends to injure, degrade, or disgrace any fellow student or member of the campus community.
- t. Abuse of computing facilities, equipment, network, systems, or computer time, including but not limited to unauthorized entry into a digital file for any purpose; unauthorized transfer of a digital file; unauthorized use of another individual's password or digital credentials; use of computing facilities or equipment to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or District employee; or use of computing facilities or equipment to interfere with a District computing system; violation of the requirements and restrictions outlined in District's BP or AP 3720 (Computer and Network Use) or the College of the Canyons Acceptable Use Agreement.
- u. Engaging in expression which is obscene, defamatory (i.e., the publication of a false statement of material fact which a reasonable person would understand as harming another person's reputation, as more completely defined in California law), 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 policy or procedure, or the disruption of the orderly operation of the District.
- v. Unauthorized preparation, selling, transfer, distribution, or publication, for monetary gain, via a digital medium or otherwise, 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, photographs/images, audio files, or video files.
- w. Unlawful gambling on property owned or controlled by the District.
- x. Willful or persistent smoking of tobacco products, or the use of an electronic cigarette, hookah, vape, pen, pipe, or similar device used to ingest flavored serums, with or without nicotine and which dispense vapors, in any area where smoking or use of vapor emitting electronic cigarettes, vapes, pens, pipes or similar devices has been prohibited by District policy, procedure, or rules.

- y. Failure to follow and comply with established guidelines and regulations of off-site entities while participating in District-sponsored, off-campus activities including, but not limited to, conferences, retreats, field trips, excursions, internships, externships, service-learning or volunteer placements, and athletic events.
 - z. Violation of federal, state, or local criminal statutes or ordinances, or any District policy, rule, or regulation, while on property owned or controlled by the District or when off-campus and subject to District policies and procedures.
 - aa. Violations of the California Vehicle Code, local traffic regulations, or District signage or rules applicable to automobiles or other motorized vehicles, which, by virtue of their nature of frequency, cause a threat to persons or property, or the orderly conduct of District operations.
 - bb. Attempting to perform any actions that are cause for disciplinary action identified in this policy.
 - cc. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
 - dd. Any cause which is identified as good cause pursuant to Education Code section 76033.
 - ee. Hazing or attempted hazing of a former, current, or prospective student of the District.
2. The District may impose discipline on students who engage in any of the above behaviors pursuant to the procedures outlined in AP 5520 (Student Discipline Procedures).

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