

AP 5500 STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

References:

Education Code Sections 66300 and 66301;
Accreditation Standard II.A.7.b

Definitions: 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 and the campus safety administrator/supervisor.
- 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.
- 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.
- Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.
- Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other status protected by law.
- Engaging in intimidating conduct or bullying against another student through words or actions, including direct physical contact; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; social isolation or manipulation; and cyberbullying.
- 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.

- Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel.
- Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by college faculty.
- 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 procedure.

Students who engage in any of the above are subject to the procedures outlined in AP 5520 titled Student Discipline Procedures.

All complaints of alleged misconduct made against a student by any person should be submitted to the Vice President of Student Services or designee, with a copy to the area administrator. These complaints must be made in writing, specifying the time, place, and nature of the alleged misconduct. Identifying information for the complainant is also required. If the Dean or the Vice President of Student Services determines the complaint to be capricious, the complaint may be dismissed.

The Vice President of Student Services or designee (VPSS/Designee) shall conduct an investigation of the reported incident as is appropriate. The VPSS/Designee will confer with the accused student for the purposes of advising the student of the report and of the student's rights under college rules and regulations. The VPSS/Designee may also procure information relating to the report from the accused student and other persons, including an assessment of damage to property or injury to persons. Such investigations shall be treated as confidential and shall not be placed in the student's file unless a charge is upheld and a decision is rendered by the VPSS/Designee against the student.

Following investigation, the VPSS/Designee will render a decision in writing to the student as well as the person filing the complaint against the student (if appropriate) within five (5) working days. The VPSS/Designee

may find that the complaint lacks merit; or deliver a written statement to the accused student formally charging that student with misconduct.

This statement will specify one of the following actions that will be taken in the case:

1. Place on record a verbal or written reprimand.
2. Place the student on probation, temporary exclusion or suspension.
3. Recommend expulsion to the District Board of Trustees via the President of the College and the District Chancellor.
4. Assign the case for further review to a formal Hearing Committee.

The student may do one of the following:

1. Accept the VPSS/Designee decision.
2. Notify the Vice President of Student Services or designee in writing within two (2) working days to initiate a formal hearing.

Policy Definitions

1. The term (District) means Chabot-Las Positas Community College District.
2. The term (College) means Chabot College or Las Positas College.
3. The term "student" includes all persons taking courses at the College, both full time and part-time studies. Persons who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a continuing relationship with the (College) are considered "students".
4. The term "faculty member" means any persons hired by the (College/District) to conduct classroom activities.
5. The term "manager" includes any person employed by the (College/District) performing assigned administrative, professional, or staff responsibilities.
6. The term "agent of the college" includes any person who is a student, faculty member, (College/District) official or any other person employed by the (College).
7. The term "(College) premises" includes all land, buildings, facilities, and other property in the possession of or owned, used or controlled by the (College) including adjacent streets and sidewalks.
8. The term "college community" includes any person who is a student, faculty member, staff, (College/District) official or any other person employed by the (College).

9. The term "organization" means any number of persons who have complied with the formal requirements for (College) enrollment/registration.

10. The term "behavior" includes conduct and expression.

11. The term "hazing" means any method of initiation into a student organization or any pastime or amusement engaged in with regard to such an organization or causes, or is likely to cause bodily danger, or physical or emotional harm, to any member of the college community.

12. The term "deadly weapons" includes any instrument or weapon of the kind commonly known as a blackjack, sling shot, billy club, sand club, sandbag, metal knuckles, any dirk, dagger, switchblade knife, or any knife having a blade longer than five inches, pistol, revolver, or any other firearm, any razor with an unguarded blade, any metal pipe or bar used or intended to be used as a club.

13. The term "shall" is used in the imperative sense.

14. The term "may" is used in the permissive sense.

15. The term "Policy" is defined as the written regulations of the (College/District) as found in, but not limited to, the Student Code, and College Catalog.

16. The term "cheating" includes, but is not limited to: fraud deceit, or dishonesty in an academic assignment or using or attempting to use materials, or assisting others in using materials which are prohibited or inappropriate in the context of the academic assignment in questions, such as: copying or attempting to copy from others during an exam or on an assignment, communicating answers with another person during an exam, preprogramming a calculator to contain answers or other unauthorized information for exams, using unauthorized materials, prepared answers, written notes, or concealed information during an exam, or allowing others to do an assignment or portion of an assignment for you, including the use of a commercial term-paper service.

17. The term "plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the use, by paraphrase or direct quotation, of the published or unpublished work or another person without full and clear acknowledgement. It also includes the unacknowledged use of materials prepared; by another person or agency engaged in the selling of term papers or other academic materials.

18. The term "designee" is the person(s) designated by the college or District. The Vice President of Student Services or college President may name a designee for Vice President of Student Services. The campus safety administrator or President may name a designee for campus safety administrator. The Chancellor may name the college President or another designee for Chancellor.

19. The term “day” means a day during fall and spring semesters when the College is in session and regular classes are held, excluding Saturdays and Sundays. For the summer session, days—for purposes of notice and response under this Administrative Procedure-- may be reasonably extended to ensure the responsible parties are able to appropriately attend to the issue. Notice of extension will be provided to the student.

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