

## **ARTICLE FOUR—PROFESSIONAL EXPECTATIONS**

(All sections of this article apply to all faculty, unless otherwise noted.)

A. **Academic Freedom**: The District, the Colleges and unit members will adhere to the following in regard to academic freedom:

1. Education in a democracy depends upon earnest and unceasing pursuit of truth and upon free and unrestricted communication of truth.
2. Faculty members shall be free to exercise academic freedom, including freedom of investigation, freedom of discussion in the classroom, freedom to select texts and other instructional materials, freedom of assignment of instructional exercises, and freedom of evaluation of student efforts.
3. Faculty members acknowledge that in the exercise of academic freedom they have a responsibility to be accurate and comprehensive in making reports, to be fair-minded in making interpretations and judgments, to respect the freedoms of other persons, to exclude irrelevant matters from classroom discussions and instructional exercises, and to make appropriate distinctions between statements of fact made as faculty subject matter specialists and opinions made as private citizens.
4. The District recognizes the fundamental right of the faculty member to be free from any censorship or restraint which might interfere with the faculty member's obligation to pursue truth and maintain his/her intellectual integrity in the performance of his/her teaching functions.

B. **Personal Freedom**

1. The personal life of a faculty member is not an appropriate concern of the District for the purposes of evaluation or disciplinary action unless it prevents the faculty member from performing his/her assigned duties or it calls for discipline under the provisions of the Education Code.
2. A faculty member shall be entitled to the full rights of citizenship and no religious or political activities, or lack thereof, of any unit member shall be used for purposes of disciplinary action.

C. **The Faculty Member Shall**

1. Provide instructional and/or non-instructional services specified by the faculty member's contract and/or staff assignment sheet.
2. Maintain currency in subject matter and/or service area.

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3. Instruct courses in a manner consistent with curriculum committee approved course outlines. Provide non-instructional services in a manner consistent with approved position description.
4. Provide current course orientation materials to each student on the first day of class, and discuss orally the course content. These materials will minimally include the following: approximate dates of outside activities; an approximate weekly assignment plan; an approximate examination schedule; grading criteria; contact information; availability of accommodations and policies for students with disabilities; and general rules that will affect student grades (such as, drop/add deadlines, withdrawal deadlines, tardiness, student class participation).  
  
A copy of the orientation materials shall be provided to the supervising administrator upon request.
5. Secure written permission to print copyrighted material in faculty handouts or syllabi.
6. Provide instructional or non-instructional activities with due regard to the level and purpose of the course or service area.
7. Use media aids, the library, and other resources as appropriate to enhance student learning.
8. As appropriate, utilize alternative instructional delivery approaches to enhance student access.
9. Not, except in the case of emergency, leave a class, program, or activity unattended. An appropriately qualified KCCD academic employee must always be responsible and present.
10. Provide for supervision of students throughout assigned activities, events or field trips.
11. Not combine, cancel, or change meeting times or places of classes or activities without permission of the College President or designee.
12. Reasonably assist in the maintenance of facilities and equipment.
13. When reasonably possible, report absences in sufficient time to provide proper substitution.
14. File an injury report with the College President or designee if a personal or student injury occurs while on duty.
15. Provide and maintain a current mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number with Human Resources.
16. Communicate with others in a professional manner.
17. Participate in the college community. Adjunct faculty are encouraged but not required to

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participate. Participation includes the following, as appropriate;

- a. College, divisional, or departmental meetings. (Attendance is mandatory for all full-time faculty.)
  - b. Serve on committees and/or participate in other faculty governance activities.
  - c. Participate in retention and institutional research activities and recruiting/articulation with schools and colleges.
  - d. Participate with chair and educational administrator to develop and implement a plan to improve retention if class size at the end of a semester is unreasonably low as a pattern.
  - e. Participate in promotional activities, job placement activities, student follow-up activities and advisory committees.
  - f. Develop or participate in the development of curriculum, services, and/or activities. Review curriculum and/or services periodically, revising as necessary.
18. Not conduct personal business which interferes with contract responsibilities nor use District or College personnel, facilities, or equipment for personal business.
19. Adhere to College and District policies and procedures.

**D. District Rights**

1. Except as limited specifically by the express terms of this Agreement, or in adopted Board Policy of the Board of Trustees, the District retains all of the rights and authority conferred upon it by the laws of the State of California to direct, manage, and control the affairs of the District.