

College regulations, and applicable provisions of civil law.

**4F8B** The District expects students to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the educational purposes of the College. Student conduct should reflect consideration for the rights of others, and students are expected to cooperate with all members of the College community. (For specific guidelines regarding conduct, see **Policy 4F8D** of this Manual.)

**4F8C** College personnel are responsible for communicating appropriate student conduct and for reporting any violations thereof, and the College President or designee shall have the right to administer suitable and proper corrective measures for misconduct.

**4F8D** The Board of Trustees, the College President or designee may suspend a student for good cause or when the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others. The Board of Trustees may exclude from attendance in regular classes any student whose physical or mental disability is such as to cause his or her attendance to be inimical to the welfare of other students. (Education Code Sections 76020 and 76030)

As used in this section, *good cause* includes, but is not limited to, the following offenses that may result in the imposition of sanction(s) (See **Policy 4F8E** of this Manual):

“Good cause” may be established by using appropriate investigation standards, such as:

- Interview of witnesses
- Review of Campus Security Report, if applicable
- Review of written statements, if applicable
- Review of pertinent documents, if applicable
- Review of any other evidence, if applicable

1. Persistent or gross acts of willful disobedience and/or defiance toward College personnel.
2. Assault, battery, or any other form of physical abuse of a student or College employee.
3. Verbal abuse of a student or College employee. This includes, but is not limited to: defamation, obscenity, or “fighting words.” (Education Code Section 66301)
4. Any conduct that threatens the health or safety of the individual, or another, including any such action that takes

place at an event sponsored or supervised by the College.

5. Theft of or damage to the property of the College, another student, or staff.
6. Interference with the normal operations of the College (e.g., disruption of teaching and administrative functions, disciplinary procedures, pedestrian or vehicular traffic, or other College activities, including its public service functions).
7. Use of personal portable sound amplification equipment and other electronic devices (radios, cell telephones, pagers, and tape players, etc.) in a manner that disturbs the privacy of other individuals and/or the instructional program of the College.
8. Unauthorized entry into, or use of, College facilities, equipment, materials, or supplies.
9. Abuse of and/or tampering with the registration process.
10. Forgery, falsification, alteration, or misuse of College documents, records, or identification.
11. Dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarizing, or knowingly furnishing false information to the College and its officials.

See [Appendix 4F8D](#) of this Manual for Student Conduct Definitions of Plagiarism and Cheating.

12. Disorderly, lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct.
13. Extortion.
14. Breach of the peace on College property or at any College-sponsored or supervised function.
15. The use, sale, possession, or being under the influence of alcohol or any other controlled substance prohibited by law, on campus or at any function sponsored or supervised by the College.
16. Illegal possession or use of firearms, explosives, dangerous chemicals, or other weapons on College property or at College-sponsored activities.
17. Smoking and/or the use of tobacco products inside all campus buildings and other unauthorized campus areas.

18. Failure to comply with directions of College officials, faculty, staff, or campus security officers who are acting in performance of their duties.
19. Failure to identify oneself when on College property or at a College-sponsored or supervised event, upon the request of a College official acting in the performance of his/her duties.
20. Gambling.
21. Harassment (verbal or physical or sexual) of any student or member of the College community. (Harassment is defined as an activity which causes substantial emotional distress and serves no legitimate purpose.) (See **Policy 11C2** of this Manual for a definition of sexual harassment.)
22. Abuse of computer resources. (See **Policy 3E** of this Manual regarding Information Technology policies)
23. Abuse of or disruption to the student conduct and/or complaint process, including but not limited to:
  - a. Failure to obey the summons of a College official or appropriate committee.
  - b. Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information before a College official or appropriate committee.
  - c. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of an official College proceeding.
  - d. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of an official committee prior to and/or during the course of, an official College proceeding.
  - e. Harassment and/or intimidation of any person involved in the conduct and/or complaint process, prior to, during, and/or after the proceeding.
  - f. Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed under the Student Conduct Code.
  - g. Influencing or attempting to influence another person to commit an abuse of the conduct or complaint process system.
  - h. Repeated filing of frivolous and/or capricious complaints against College personnel.

24. Hazing. (See Education Code Sections 32050 and 32051)
25. Violation of other applicable Federal, State, and local laws (e.g., hate crimes) and College rules and regulations.
26. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper behavior.
27. Assisting another person, or soliciting another person, in any of the offences listed in numbers 1 through 26 of this policy.

[See **Procedure 4F10(a)** of this Manual for Student Complaint Procedures]

**4F8E** Sanctions--In accordance with the provisions of Education Code Sections 76031 and 76037, the Board of Trustees provides for the following sanctions for violations of the Code of Student Conduct, and more than one (1) of the sanctions listed below may be imposed for any single violation:

1. **WARNING:** Verbal notification of the student by a faculty member or administrator that continuation of the conduct may be cause for further disciplinary action;
2. **CENSURE:** A written reprimand or warning to the student by a faculty member or administrator; written referral of the student to a College office or community agency for counseling or rehabilitative treatment;
3. **PROBATION:** Prohibition of the student by the Administration from participating in designated privileges of College activities for a period of up to one (1) semester or other stipulated requirements to conform to specified standards or conduct;
4. **RESTITUTION:** Reimbursement to the College, as directed by the Administration, for repair or replacement of District property misused, misappropriated, or damaged by the student;
5. **TEMPORARY REMOVAL:** A faculty member may remove a student from his or her class for the day of the removal and the next class meeting. The faculty member shall immediately report the removal to the College President or designee for appropriate action. During the period of removal, a student shall not be returned to the class from which he or she was removed without the concurrence of the faculty member of the class. (Education Code Section 76032).

**4F10** Student Complaint Policy--The Vice President, Student Services, or designee shall be responsible for the administration of the student complaint policy. See **Procedures 4F10(a and b)** of this Manual for the Student Complaint and Hearing Panel procedures. *(Revised March 16, 1995)*

**4F10A** This student complaint policy is designed to consider an alleged wrong against a student. Efforts will be made to resolve a complaint in a timely and fair manner. *(Added January 7, 1993)*