

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT?

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Student Success &
Support Programs



STUDENT SUCCESS RESOLUTION AND RESOURCES

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CUESTA COLLEGE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Board Policy/Administrative
Procedure 5500

STANDARDS OF THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Failure to comply with directions of District officials acting in the performance of their duties; disrupting, obstructing, or interfering with instructional, administrative, disciplinary, or other functions or activities of the District.
2. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication); unauthorized use of AI-generated or AI-modified material, including writing assignments, projects, and any other forms of academic work; or engaging in other academic dishonesty.
3. Unauthorized use of a personal electronic device in an instructional or testing environment. 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.
4. 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, which is concurred in by the college Superintendent/President.
5. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell or purchase, or furnishing, or being under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, 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.
6. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
7. Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or to private property on campus.
8. Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus.
9. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the college or the District.
10. Sexual assault or sexual exploitation regardless of the victim's affiliation with the District.
11. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of, or persistent abuse of, District personnel.
15. Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or to college personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the District or on campus.
16. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct on District-owned or controlled property or at District-sponsored or supervised functions.
17. 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 college premises, or the violation of lawful District administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.
18. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
19. Unauthorized entry upon or use of District facilities.
20. Violation of Board policies, administrative procedures, or regulations. Including violation of parking rules and traffic regulations on District property.
21. Any act which is defined as a felony, misdemeanor or infraction under the laws of the State of California.

DISCIPLINE DUE PROCESS

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CONDUCT REPORTING OUTCOMES

1. **Administrative Process** - When a Student Code of Conduct Report is filed against a student, they will be contacted through the Office of the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Student Success and Support Programs (SSSP). This notice will include the specific Code of Conduct the student allegedly violated, statement of the facts supporting the accusation and the ability to meet with the Vice President of SSSP
2. **Disciplinary Conference Meeting** - The student will have the ability to respond to the allegations made by the Complainant when meeting with the Vice President of SSSP or a designee. Failure to respond to the allegations as requested, the respondent forfeits the right to due process
3. **Determination and Sanction** - The Vice President of SSSP or designee will issue a written notice of the decision to the student after the meeting has occurred. This decision could include one or more sanctions, which can range from warning, suspension, and/or expulsion (with the Board of Trustees approval). If student declines/ignores the meeting, this could impact the decision-making regarding sanction(s) issued and a notice will still be sent to the student.
4. **Appeal Procedures** - The student has the ability to appeal suspension or expulsion sanctions only.