1. CALL TO ORDER

Denise Allen, Chair

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 5, 2019 (p4)

3. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Bruce Baron, Chancellor

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Items
   i. Student Registration Balance Under Existing Policy – J. Torres
   ii. Committee Evaluation (p10)
   iii. Elections – Membership Nominations (p12,14)

B. Non-Academic & Professional Policies & Procedures (1st reading)
   iv. AP 2712 (no BP) Conflict of Interest Code (p15)
   v. BP & AP 3590 Energy Conservation (p18,19)
   v. BP & AP 6150 Designation of Authorized Signatures (p22,23)
   ii. BP & AP 6300 Fiscal Management (p24,25)
   iii. AP 6315 (no BP) Warrants (p34)
   iv. BP & AP 6340 Bids and Contracts (p35,36)
   v. BP & AP 6925 Refreshments or Meals Served at Meetings and District Events (p40,41)
   i. AP 7126 (no BP) Applicant Background Investigations and Reference Checks (p43)
   ii. AP 7145 (no BP) Personnel Files (p44)
   vi. BP & AP 7150 Manager Evaluations (p45,46)
   vii. AP 7337 (no BP) Fingerprinting (NEW REQUIRED) (p51)
   viii. AP 7343 (no BP) Industrial Accident and Illness Leave (NEW REQUIRED) (p54)
   ix. AP 7344 (no BP) Notifying District of Illness (NEW ADVISED) (p57)
   x. AP 7346 (no BP) Employees Called to Military Duty (NEW ADVISED) (p59)
   xi. BP & AP 7350 Resignations (p61,62)
   xii. BP & AP 7365 Discipline and Dismissal – Classified Employees (NEW REQUIRED) (p65,67)
   xiii. BP & AP 7370 Political Activity (NEW ADVISED) (p75,76)
   xiv. AP 7371 (no BP) Personal Use of Public Resources (NEW REQUIRED) (p77)
   xv. BP & AP 7400 Travel (p78,79)

C. Academic & Professional Policies & Procedures (1st reading)
   i. AP 4104 (no BP) Contract Education (p87)
   ii. AP 4222 (no BP) Remedial Coursework (legal update #33) (p88)
   iii. BP & AP 5530 Student Rights and Grievances (p90,91)
D. Chapter 2 Policies & Procedures (review & feedback only, prior to placing on board agenda)
   i. None

5. OLD BUSINESS (Action)

A. Non-Academic & Professional Policies & Procedures (2nd reading)
   i. BP & AP 2410 Board Policies & Administrative Procedures (p105,106)
   ii. BP & AP 3570 Smoking on Campus (p110,111)
   iii. AP 6350 (no BP) Contracts – Construction (p113)
   xvi. BP & AP 7120 Recruitment & Hiring (p117,118)
   xvii. BP & AP 7160 Professional Development (p123,124)
   xviii. AP 7232 (no BP) Classification Review (NEW ADVISED) (p125)
   iv. BP & AP 7234 (no BP) Overtime (NEW REQUIRED) (p126)
   v. AP 6345 (no BP) Bids and Contracts – UPCCAA (NEW REQUIRED)
   vi. BP & AP 3100 Organizational Structure (NEW ADVISED)
   vii. AP 3435 (no BP) Discrimination and Harassment Complaints and Investigations
       (legal update #33)
   v. BP & AP 3440 Service Animals (NEW REQUIRED)
   vi. BP & AP 3540 Sexual Assaults on Campus (legal update #33)
   vii. BP & AP 3550 Drug Free Environment and Drug Prevention Program (legal
       update #33)
   viii. BP & AP 3710 Securing Copyright
   ix. AP 3750 (no BP) Use of Copyrighted Material (New Advised) (Andy)
   x. BP & AP 3810 Claims Against the District (legal update #33)
   xi. BP & AP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner (legal update #33)
   xii. BP & AP 4103 Work Experience
   xiii. BP & AP 5150 Extended Opportunity Programs and Services
   xiv. AP 6345 (no BP) Bids and Contracts – UPCCAA (NEW REQUIRED)
   xiv. AP 6365 (no BP) Contracts – Accessibility of IT (NEW ADVISED)
   xvi. AP 6370 (no BP) Contracts – Personal Services (NEW ADVISED)
   xvii. BP & AP 6540 Insurance (NEW REQUIRED)
   xviii. BP & AP 6700 Civic Center and Other Facilities Use (NEW REQUIRED)
   xix. BP & AP 6750 Parking (legal update #33 to be reviewed with 6751)
   xx. BP & AP 6751 Parking Citation Payment Plan (review with 6750)
   xxii. AP 6950 (no BP) Drug and Alcohol Testing (US DOT) (NEW REQUIRED)
   xxiii. AP 7212 (no BP) Temporary Faculty (NEW ADVISED)
   xxiv. AP 7215 (no BP) Academic Employees: Probationary Contract Faculty (NEW
       ADVISED)
   vii. BP & AP 7240 Confidential Employees
xxv. BP & AP 7250 Educational Administrators (HR to complete from 11/6/18) (Hold until other individual APs are approved and will be referenced in this AP). Item 7.B on page 30 – we should keep red text and strike the green text until DA is able to review the handbook. Faculty work - Where did the language come from? Further research on the history of changes is needed. CTA contract is not up for negotiation and DA should not be involved in contract negotiations.

xxvi. BP & AP 7260 Classified Supervisors and Managers (HR to complete from 11/6/18). Red text to stay until the handbook is reviewed by DA.

xxvii. AP 7348 (no BP) Accommodations (NEW ADVISED)

B. Reports

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any member of the public who wishes to address the Committee on any matter is limited to five minutes. The total time for members of the public to speak on the same or a similar issue shall be limited to 20 minutes. Anyone who requires a disability-related modification or accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should contact the Chancellor’s Office at (909) 382-4091 as far in advance of the meeting as possible.

8. FUTURE TOPICS

A. Membership Update & Election of Officers (May 2019)
B. Campus Program Review and Educational Master Plan Update (May 2019)
C. Brand Identity Update (May 2019)
D. Calendar Committee Update (September 2019)
E. Annual approval of AP/BP review schedule (September 2019)
F. 1st Read Staffing Plan per timeline (September 2019)
G. District Program Review & District Strategic Plan Update (October 2019)
H. Police Department Written Report (October 2019)
I. Human Resources Written Report (November 2019)
J. 2nd Read Staffing Plan per timeline (November 2019)
K. TESS Written Report (November 2019)
L. Budget Update (December 2019/February 2020)
M. Membership Election (February 2020)
N. AB 104: Adult Education Block Grant Update (February 2020)
O. Webadvisor Update (February 2020)
P. Emergency Management Committee (March 2020)
Q. Draft Staffing Plan (March 2020)
R. Calendar Committee Update (March 2020)
S. Committee Evaluation (April 2020)
T. Elections – Membership (April 2020)

9. ADJOURN

Next meeting: May 7, 2019
1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Allen called the meeting to order at 3:02pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 5, 2019 (p4)
J. Torres moved approval of the 2/5/19 minutes. C. Thomas seconded the motion. L. Green abstained. All others in attendance approved.

3. CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

No report

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion Items
   i. SBCCD Promise Kick-Off – J. Torres reported the kick-off begins on stage at 10:30am in the district parking lot on March 8. The chancellor continues to work with the State Chancellor and Senator Leyva’s office on financial aid for our students. There were concerns about companies we contract with (what is our obligation), students would like the financial aid option and we need to communicate the ramifications to students, and what are we doing for students under the existing policy (balance less than $200 students can continue registering, $201-$2000 students have to make payments). Discussion of students paying fees to be agendized for a future meeting.
   ii. Draft Staffing Plan Timeline – K. Hannon distributed a draft timeline. DA will have 1st and 2nd read.
   iii. Calendar Committee Update (p8) – we are currently on a flex calendar, 177 days, 4 flex days, 3 in-service (includes commencement). If the ratification passes, version 2 will be the 2020-2021 calendar. Faculty does not meet until May.
      V1 – using existing calendar. Rollover of 18-19 calendar
      V2 - 175 days, 7 in-service (includes commencement), 2 flex days, and Thanksgiving recess.
      TL Brink moved approval of the calendar versions as presented. L. Green seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

B. Legal Update #33 - Information
   i. BP 2315 (no AP) Closed Sessions (p15)
   ii. BP & AP 2330 Quorum and Voting (p17,18)
   iii. BP 2720 (no AP) Communications Among Board Members (p19)
   iv. BP & AP 3810 Claims Against the District (p20,22)

C. Non-Academic & Professional Policies & Procedures (1st reading)
   i. BP & AP 2410 Board Policies & Administrative Procedures (p23,27)
   ii. BP & AP 7150 Manager Evaluations (p28,32) revise and bring back to DA first read in April
D. Academic & Professional Policies & Procedures (1st reading)
   i. BP & AP 3570 Smoking on Campus (p33,35)
   iii. BP & AP 5150 Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (p36,43) revise and bring back to DA first read in April
   ii. AP 5520 (no BP) Student Discipline Procedures (p45)
   iii. BP & AP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct (p74,85)

E. Chapter 2 Policies & Procedures (review & feedback only, prior to placing on board agenda)
   i. None

5. OLD BUSINESS (Action)

A. Non-Academic & Professional Policies & Procedures (2nd reading)
   i. BP & AP 6320 Investments (p83,85) ok to
   ii. AP 6350 (no BP) Contracts – Construction (p88)
   iii. AP 6365 (no BP) Contracts – Accessibility of IT (NEW ADVISED) (p92)
   iv. AP 6370 (no BP) Contracts – Personal Services (NEW REQUIRED) (p93)
   v. AP 7212 (no BP) Temporary Faculty (NEW ADVISED) (p96)
   vi. AP 7232 (no BP) Classification Review (NEW ADVISED) (p97)
   vii. AP 7234 (no BP) Overtime (NEW REQUIRED) (p98)
   viii. BP & AP 7240 Confidential Employees (p100,106)
   ix. AP 7336 (no BP) Certification of Freedom from TB (NEW REQUIRED) (p108)

TL Brink moved approval of 5Ai with the title of the position to Executive VP. M. McConnell seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Items 5Aii-ix to be revised and bring back to DA for 2nd read in April.

B. Academic & Professional Policies & Procedures (for Information)
   i. BP & AP 5110 Counseling (p110,111)
   ii. BP & AP 5120 Transfer Center (p112,114)
   iii. BP & AP 5300 Student Equity (p115,119)

TL Brink moved approval of 5Bi-iii as presented. L. Green seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

6. UPDATES

A. Policies & Procedures (continued/hold from previous months)
   i. AP 3435 (no BP) Discrimination and Harassment Complaints and Investigations (legal update #33)
   ii. BP & AP 3540 Sexual Assaults on Campus (legal update #33)
   iii. BP & AP 3550 Drug Free Environment and Drug Prevention Program (legal update #33)
   iv. BP & AP 3710 Securing Copyright
   v. BP & AP 3800 Personal Data Protection (NEW ADVISED) (legal update #33) not recommended.
   vi. BP & AP 3810 Claims Against the District (legal update #33)
   vii. BP & AP 3900 Speech: Time, Place, and Manner (legal update #33)
   viii. AP 4222 (no BP) Remedial Coursework (legal update #33)
   ix. BP & AP 4230 Grading and Academic Record Symbols (legal update #33)
x. AP 6345 (no BP) Bids and Contracts – UPCCAA (NEW REQUIRED)
xii. BP & AP 6540 Insurance (NEW REQUIRED)
xii. BP & AP 6700 Civic Center and Other Facilities Use (NEW REQUIRED)
xxi. AP 7145 (no BP) Personnel Files (HR to complete)
xvii. AP 7215 (no BP) Academic Employees: Probationary Contract Faculty (NEW ADVISED) (HR to complete)
xx. BP & AP 7310 Nepotism (LEGALLY ADVISED)
xxi. AP 7337 (no BP) Fingerprinting (NEW REQUIRED)
xxii. AP 7343 (no BP) Industrial Accident and Illness Leave (NEW REQUIRED)
xxiii. AP 7344 (no BP) Notifying District of Illness (NEW ADVISED)
xxiv. AP 7346 (no BP) Employees Called to Military Duty (NEW ADVISED)
xxv. AP 7347 (no BP) Paid Family Leave (NEW ADVISED)
xxvi. AP 7348 (no BP) Accommodations (NEW ADVISED)

B. Reports

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

M. McConnell

8. FUTURE TOPICS

A. Committee Evaluation (April 2019)
B. Elections – Membership, President, & Vice President (April 2019)
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M. Webadvisor Update (February 2020)
N. Emergency Management Committee (March 2020)
9. ADJOURN

Next meeting: April 2, 2019
D. Allen adjourned the meeting at 4:23pm
### District Assembly Sign-In Sheet

**Date:** 3/5/19

**President:** Denise Allen  
**Vice President:** Mark McConnell  
**Recorder:** Stacey Nikac

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**Guests:**

- Kristina Hannon
- Jeremiah Gilbert
Staffing Plan Outline

Vision

- Prepare a staffing plan that is useful for all, including program review

Data

- Data by department, then by division, then by site
- Data will include faculty, classified, and management by department with demographics
- Data to include student demographics by college
- Data to include FTES by department

Purpose of Data

- To help us find:
  - Needs by department/division for full-time faculty, classified, and management
  - Diversity discrepancies by college

Staffing Plan Timeline

- February – March
  - Data Collection from various departments
    - Institutional Effectiveness
    - Fiscal Services
    - Human Resources
  - Combination of Data
    - Prepare department reports with data from step 1
    - Prepare division reports with data from step 1
    - Prepare college reports with data from step 1

- April – July
  - Prepare the staffing plan

- August
  - Submit for September District Assembly

- September – October
  - Collect feedback and make changes as necessary

- November
  - Resubmit for final review to District Assembly

- December
  - Board approval
Name of Committee: District Assembly

Please think about the internal processes, external interactions, and work products or outcomes of this committee, and answer each of the following questions objectively.

How long have you served continuously on this committee?  
- 1st year
- 2 years
- 3 years
- 4 or more years

On how many other committees did you serve this year?  
- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 or more

Did you serve as chair or convener of this committee this year?  
- Yes
- No

Do you expect to serve on this committee again next year?  
- Yes
- No
- I don't know

What is your primary function at SBCCD?  
- FT Faculty
- PT Faculty
- Classified
- Confidential
- Manager
- Student

Collaborative: Sharing, inclusive, open to input, respectful of diverse opinions, characterized by meaningful dialogue

Transparent: Open, easy to understand, clearly defined, characterized by effective and meaningful communication with the District community

Evidence-Based: Reliant upon relevant, accurate, complete, timely qualitative and/or quantitative information; not based solely on assertion, speculation, or anecdote

Effective: Working properly and productively toward the committee’s intended results

Efficient: Performing well with the least waste of time and effort; characterized by serving the committee’s specified purposes in the best possible manner
Please indicate extent to which you agree/disagree with the following statements about your service on this committee overall this year.

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Please rate the following aspects of the committee’s work overall this year.

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Please enter this committee’s most significant accomplishment this year:

Please enter the improvement most needed by this committee in its processes, interactions, outcomes, or other aspect of its work:
District Assembly Membership

Two-Year Terms Ending Spring 2019 and Spring 2020  
(as of 3/18/19)

Elections are held annually in the Spring. Service in the Assembly commences with the first official faculty meeting following elections.

President: Denise Allen (2019)  
Vice President: Mark McConnell (2019)

Recorder: Stacey Nikac

FACULTY

Crafton Hills College (2)
T.L. Brink (2020)
Laurie Green (2019)

San Bernardino Valley College (3)
Amy Avelar (2019)
Bethany Tasaka (2020)
Ginny Evans-Perry (2020)

CLASSIFIED STAFF¹

¹To satisfy Education Code section 70901.2, one Classified representative from the General Membership is to be appointed by CSEA.

District (1)
Rhiannon Lares (2020)
Crafton Hills College (1)
Ruby Zuniga (2020)
San Bernardino Valley College (1)
Cassandra Thomas¹ (2019)

MANAGEMENT STAFF

District (1)
Jose Torres (2020)
Crafton Hills College (1)
Keith Wurtz (2019)
San Bernardino Valley College (1)
Stephanie Lewis-Briggs (2020)

STUDENTS

Crafton Hills College (2)
Valerie Johnson (2020)
(alternate) Luis Susunaga (2020)
San Bernardino Valley College (2)
Adrian Rios (2020)
(Alternate) TBD (2020)
District Assembly Membership
Two-Year Terms Ending Spring 2019 and Spring 2020 (continued)

**EX-OFFICIO**

1. Chancellor of the District                                  Bruce Baron
2. President of Crafton Hills College                         Kevin Horan
3. President of San Bernardino Valley College                 Diana Rodriguez
4. President of the CHC Academic Senate                       Mark McConnell
5. President of the SBVC Academic Senate                      Celia Huston
6. President of the CHC Classified Senate                     Brandi Mello
7. President of the SBVC Classified Senate                    Judy Rodriguez
8. President of the CHC Student Body Association              Valerie Johnson
9. President of the SBVC Student Body Association             Adrian Rios

**VESTED**

Black Faculty and Staff Association                           Keynasia Buffong
Latino Faculty and Staff Association                           Gabby Padilla
CTA President (or designee)                                    Meridyth McLaren
CSEA President (or designee)                                   Kevin Palkki
District Assembly Nomination Form

DUE NO LATER THAN 4pm April 2, 2019 to snikac@sbccd.org

The following positions are open for nomination. The membership shall be elected from the recognized constituent groups as defined below (and in the Constitution):

Crafton Hills College
One (1) Faculty
One (1) Classified
One (1) Management

San Bernardino Valley College
One (1) Faculty
One (1) Classified

The District Assembly of the San Bernardino Community College District is seeking nominees for the Assembly. The purpose of the Assembly will be to provide a forum for sharing responsibilities of governance in the San Bernardino Community College District hereafter known as the District, to make recommendations to the Chancellor regarding policy and procedure and to ensure that each appropriate constituent group participates in the decision-making process. Any full time (50% or more) employee of the District can be nominated for General Membership by the written application of three peers. Each nominated candidate must agree to serve before being placed on the ballot for election. The term of office for the elected members shall be two (2) years, commencing the first official faculty meeting following elections.

For more information in District Assembly, see our webpage at http://www.sbccd.org/District_Faculty_-_a_-_Staff_Information-Forms/District_Committee_Minutes/District_Assembly

Name of candidate ________________________________

Candidate signature ________________________________

Candidate Site ________________________________

Three signatures from candidate’s constituency:

1. Name ________________________________
   Signature ________________________________

2. Name ________________________________
   Signature ________________________________

3. Name ________________________________
   Signature ________________________________
AP 2712 Conflict of Interest Code

(Replaces current SBCCD AP 2260)

The Political Reform Act (Government Code Section 81000, et seq.) requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate conflict of interest codes. The Fair Political Practices Commission has adopted a regulation (2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730) which contains the terms of a standard conflict of interest code, which can be incorporated by reference in an agency’s code. After public notice and hearing it may be amended by the Fair Political Practices Commission to conform to amendments in the Political Reform Act. Therefore, the terms of 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18730 and any amendments to it duly adopted by the Fair Political Practices Commission are hereby incorporated by reference. This regulation and the attached Appendices designating officials and employees and establishing disclosure categories, shall constitute the conflict of interest code of the San Bernardino Community College District (District).

Individuals holding designated positions shall file their statements of economic interests with the District, which will make the statements available for public inspection and reproduction. (Gov. Code Sec. 81008.) All statements will be retained by the District.

APPENDIX A

DESIGNATED POSITIONS

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*Consultants/new positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure requirements in this conflict of interest code subject to the following limitation:

The Chancellor may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a “designated position,” is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to comply fully with the disclosure requirements described in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant’s or new position’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Chancellor’s determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code.

The following positions are NOT covered by the code because they must file under Government Code Section 87200 and, therefore, are listed for informational purposes only:

- **Retirement Board Authority**
- **Investment Advisors**

An individual holding one of the above listed positions may contact the Fair Political Practices Commission for assistance or written advice regarding their filing obligations if they believe that their position has been incorrectly categorized. The Fair Political Practices Commission makes the final determination whether a position is covered by Government Code Section 87200.
APPENDIX B

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES

Category 1. Designated positions assigned to this category must report:

A. Interests in real property within the boundaries of the District that are used by the District or are of the type that could be acquired by the District as well as real property within two miles of the property used or the potential site.

B. Investments and business positions in business entities and income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments) from sources of the type that engage in the acquisition or disposal of real property or are engaged in building construction or design for school districts.

Category 2. Designated positions assigned to this category must report:

Investments and business positions in business entities and income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments) from sources that are contractors engaged in the performance of work, training, consulting or services, or are sources that manufacture or sell supplies, instructional materials, machinery, equipment, or vehicles of the type utilized by the District.

Category 3. Designated positions assigned to this category must report:

Investments and business positions in business entities and income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments) from sources that are contractors engaged in the performance of work, training, consulting or services, or are sources that manufacture or sell supplies, instructional materials, machinery, equipment, or vehicles of the type utilized by the designated position’s department.

References:

Government Code Sections 87103(e), 87300-87302, 89501, 89502, and 89503; Title 2 Section 18730

Any changes to this AP requires approval of the FPPC prior to board approval.

Attachments:

- AP 2712 Conflict of Interest Code - Comments
- AP 2712 Conflict of Interest Code - Legal Citations
- FPPC Approval of AP 2712 Conflict of Interest Code.pdf
- SBCCD - Overview for Legal Update 31 Final Version.docx
BP 3590 Energy Conservation

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 3590)

• From current SBCCD BP 3590 titled Energy Conservation

The Board embraces energy conservation and believes it to be our responsibility to ensure that every reasonable effort is made to conserve energy and natural resources while exercising sound financial management.

The Board recognizes the importance of adopting an energy conservation policy. The Board also affirms the implementation of this policy will be the joint responsibility of the Board, District administration, faculty, staff, students, and support personnel. Success is based on cooperation amid all groups.

To ensure the overall success of our behavior-based energy conservation program, the following areas will be emphasized:

• A designated campus/site administrator will be accountable for energy conservation on his/her campus/site along with the Energy Education Administrator, conducting energy audits and providing timely feedback.
• All personnel at each campus/site are expected to make a positive contribution to maximize energy conservation and produce real energy savings.
• The District will implement its energy conservation program primarily through an energy management team led by the Energy Education Administrator in accordance with Administrative Procedure 3590.
• Accurate records of energy consumption and cost will be maintained by the Energy Education Administrator for each campus/site to provide verifiable performance results on the goals and progress of the energy conservation program.

Further, to promote a safe, healthy learning environment and to complement the energy conservation program, each campus/site shall review and adhere to the preventive maintenance and monitoring plan administered by the campus/site physical plant for its facilities and systems, including heating, ventilation and air conditioning, building envelope, and moisture management.

Reference:

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BP 3590 Energy Conservation - Comments
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# AP 3590 Energy Conservation

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The District is committed to and responsible for a safe and healthy learning environment. Every person is encouraged to become an "energy saver" as well as an "energy consumer."

- Faculty and staff members are encouraged to implement these guidelines during the times that they are present in the instruction room/office.
- The custodial staff is responsible for control of common areas, i.e. lights in hallways, dining areas, etc.
- Security personnel are responsible for verification of the nighttime shutdown.
- The Energy Education Administrator provides regular (at least semiannually) program update reports to District and college administration.
- The Energy Education Administrator has the authority to enter all District facilities, without prior notice, in order to perform routine audits. Audit results will be communicated to the appropriate personnel.
- The Energy Education Administrator is responsible for either directly or indirectly making adjustments to the organization's energy management system (EMS), including temperature settings and run times for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC), and other controlled equipment.
- The Energy Education Administrator provides monthly energy savings reports to facilities management detailing performance results.
- Administration will regularly communicate the importance and impact of the energy conservation program to its internal and external constituents.
- To complement the organization's behavioral-based energy conservation program, the District shall strive to develop and implement a preventive maintenance and monitoring plan for its facilities and systems, including HVAC, building envelope, and moisture control.

## General

1. Instruction room doors shall remain closed when HVAC is operating. Ensure doors between conditioned space and non-conditioned space remain closed at all times (i.e. between hallways and gym or pool area).
2. Proper and thorough utilization of data loggers will be initiated and maintained to monitor relative humidity, temperature, and light levels throughout campus buildings to ensure compliance with guidelines.
3. All exhaust fans should be turned off daily.
4. All office machines (printers, copy machines, laminating equipment, etc.) should be switched off each

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- AP 3590 Energy Conservation

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night and during unoccupied times. Fax machines may remain on.

5. All computers should be turned off each night. This includes the monitor, local printer, and speakers. Network (i.e. LAN) equipment is excluded.

6. All capable personal computers should be programmed for the "energy saver" mode using the power management feature. If network constraints restrict this, ensure the monitor "sleeps" after 10-minutes of inactivity.

**Air Conditioning Equipment**

Cooling Season Set Points: Occupied–74-78°F, Unoccupied–85°F

1. Occupied temperature settings shall NOT be set below 74°F.

2. During unoccupied times, the air conditioning equipment shall be off. The unoccupied period begins when the students leave the area. It is anticipated that the temperature of the instruction room will be maintained long enough to afford comfort for the period the faculty remains in the instruction room after the students have left.

3. Air conditioning start times may be adjusted (depending on weather) to ensure instruction room comfort when instruction begins.

4. Ensure outside air dampers are closed during unoccupied times.

5. Ceiling fans should be operated in all areas that have them.

6. Relative humidity levels shall not exceed 60% for any 24 hour period.

7. Where cross-ventilation is available during periods of mild weather, shut down HVAC equipment and adjust the temperature with windows and doors. Cross-ventilation is defined as having windows and/or doors to the outside on each side of a room.

**Heating Equipment**

Heating Season Set Points: Occupied–68-72°F, Unoccupied–55°F

1. Occupied temperature settings shall NOT be above 72°F.

2. The unoccupied temperature setting shall be 55°F (i.e. setback). This may be adjusted to a 60°F setting during extreme weather.

3. The unoccupied time shall begin when the students leave an area.

4. During the spring and fall when there is no threat of freezing, all steam and forced air heating systems should be switched off during unoccupied times. Hot water heating systems should be switched off using the appropriate loop pumps.

5. Ensure all domestic hot water systems are set no higher than 120°F or 140°F for cafeteria service (with dishwasher booster).

6. Ensure all domestic hot water re-circulating pumps are switched off during unoccupied times.

7. For heat pumps, ensure a 6°F dead-band between heating and cooling modes.

**Lighting**

1. All unnecessary lighting in unoccupied areas will be turned off. Faculty and staff members should make
certain that lights are turned off when leaving the instruction room or office when empty. Utilize natural lighting where appropriate.

2. All outside lighting shall be off during daylight hours.

3. Gymnasium lights should not be left on unless the gymnasium is being utilized.

4. All lights will be turned off when students and staff leave for the day. Custodial staff will turn on lights only in the areas in which they are working.

5. Refrain from turning lights on unless definitely needed. Remember that lights not only consume electricity but also give off heat that places an additional load on the air conditioning equipment and thereby increases the use of electricity necessary to cool the room.

**Water**

1. Ensure all plumbing and/or intrusion (i.e. roof) leaks are reported and repaired immediately.

2. Ground watering should only be done between 4am-10am. Do not water during the heat of the day, typically between 10am – 8pm.

3. When spray irrigating, ensure the water does not directly hit the facility.

4. Consider installing water sub-meters on irrigation and cooling tower supply lines to eliminate sewer charges.

The organization encourages the adoption, observation and implementation of these guidelines as provided. However, these guidelines are not intended to be all-inclusive, and they may be modified for local conditions. These guidelines supersede all previous instructions related to energy conservation or facility management.

**Reference:**

No references

**Attachments:**

AP 3590 Energy Conservation - Comments
AP 3590 Energy Conservation - Legal Citations
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BP 6150 Designation of Authorized Signatures

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 2180)

The Board President and Clerk of the Board of Trustees are authorized to sign documents that have been authorized by action on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

In accordance with the provisions of the legal codes of the State of California, the Board of Trustees may delegate its authority to named agents. Those agents are designated annually by Board action. Only the Board and/or those agents are authorized to commit the District to contracts, expenditure of funds, issuance of warrants, employment of personnel, and other legal actions. Such delegation of authority shall be accomplished by Board approval of an authorized signature list at least once each fiscal year. Proper documentation regarding signing District documents shall be filed with the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, if applicable.

In accordance with Public Contract Code Section 17605 and Section 22034(c), the Board of Trustees shall annually delegate purchasing and contracting authority to named agents on the authorized signature list. These designated District Officers shall have authority to approve purchase requests, award, sign, and execute contracts, and authorized payments that are under the formal bid limits set by Public Contract Code on behalf of the Board. Such purchase and or contract requests shall be approved or ratified by the Board every 60 days.

References:

Education Code Sections 70902(d), 72400, 85232, and 85233
Public Contract Code Sections 17605 and 22034(c)

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References:

Education Code Sections 85232 and 85233
Public Contract Code Sections 17605 and 22034(c)

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AP 6150 Designation of Authorized Signatures-Comments
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BP 6300 Fiscal Management

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 6300)

The Chancellor shall establish procedures to assure that the District's fiscal management is in accordance with the principles contained in Title 5 Section 58311, including:

- Adequate internal controls exist.
- Fiscal objectives, procedures, and constraints are communicated to the Board and employees.
- Adjustments to the budget are made in a timely manner, when necessary.
- The management information system provides timely, accurate, and reliable fiscal information.
- Responsibility and accountability for fiscal management are clearly delineated.

The Chancellor shall also establish procedures that satisfy the U.S. Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) Second Edition for any federal funds received by the District.

The books and records of the District shall be maintained pursuant to the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual.

As required by law, the Board shall be presented with a quarterly report showing the financial and budgetary conditions of the District.

As required by the California Community Colleges Budget and Accounting Manual, expenditures shall be recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, and shall be limited to the amount budgeted for each major classification of accounts and to the total amount of the budget for each fund.

References:

Education Code Section 84040(c); Title 5 Section 58311;

Attachments:

BP 6300 Fiscal Management - Comments
BP 6300 Fiscal Management - Legal Citations
GENERAL ACCOUNTING

A. Functions

The Accounting staff, under the direction of the Vice Chancellor/Director of Fiscal Services, shall provide the following functions:

1. Central accounting functions for all District funds.
2. Preparation of documents for transmittal to the County Treasurer's Office for payroll and commercial warrants, if needed.
3. Preparation of payroll reports.
4. Processing of payments to vendors.
5. Preparation of warrants.
6. Disbursement of scholarship, financial aid and loan funds.
7. Accounting services for sponsored programs, student financial aid, auxiliary enterprises, and student body funds.
8. Maintenance of accounting data on the District's data processing system.

B. Internal Controls

To provide adequate internal controls, it is necessary for certain procedures to be followed at the operating level designed to prevent errors from occurring. The work of an employee is verified by the work of another, each working separately and independently. One employee should not have control of a complete financial transaction that includes authorizing the transaction, receiving, disbursing, recording and/or posting the transaction. Instead, different employees should participate at various stages in the transaction so that each will arrive at the same result independently and, without unnecessary duplication of work, verify the accuracy of the work of others. Such a division of duties provides a procedure whereby errors of omission or commission, whether intentional or unintentional, will be minimized.
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

A. Types of Accounts Receivable:
   1. Receivables from students
   2. Sponsored third party receivables
   3. Receivables from other District funds
   4. Employee receivables

B. Controls
   1. Access to the accounts receivable ledger is controlled by a security code.
   2. Each entry to the accounts receivable ledger file is supported by documentary evidence.
   3. All invoices are pre-numbered and all numbers are accounted for.
   4. Subsidiary ledgers are balanced monthly regularly.
   5. Postings are made by someone other than those having access to incoming receipts.
   6. Statements are mailed in a timely manner by someone other than the bookkeeper or cashier.
   7. All non-cash credits such as credit memos, allowances, or bad debts are properly authorized.
   8. Holds are placed on student records for students who have a financial obligation to the District.
   9. An SBCCD invoice will be prepared for all transactions where an obligation to the District is incurred.
   10. A copy of the invoice is kept on file in the Fiscal Services Department in the outstanding invoices file until the remittance is received.
   11. All accounts receivable remittances will be sent to the Campus Business Office on campus or to the Fiscal Services Department in the District Office.
   12. Accounting staff must be notified of any collection so that the invoice can be applied against the outstanding invoice can be removed from the "outstanding" file.
   13. The collection of cash receivables should be handled as an ordinary cash transaction according to cash receipting procedures.

C. Student Loans
   1. All student loan transactions will be accounted for through subsidiary ledgers.
   2. Billing functions should be separated from collection functions and general ledger postings.
   3. Upon receipt of a duly authorized promissory note, a loan receivable record will be initiated by Fiscal Services/Financial Aid Section. The file of these records becomes the subsidiary ledger.
   4. The record must contain the student's social security number, loan number, address, telephone number, loan amount, interest rate, payments received, and current balance due.
   5. Upon receipt of payment, a cash receipt will be prepared. A copy of the payment will be sent to Fiscal Services/Financial Aid Section for posting to the subsidiary ledger.
   6. The receipt will be posted to the general ledger. The subsidiary balance will be reconciled to the general ledger balance on a monthly regular basis.
   7. The Student file and general ledger may be posted simultaneously, but a District receipt should be prepared as a secondary source document.
D. Grant and Sponsored Program Accounting

In addition to the District procedures listed here, state and federal grants require special accounting procedures. General directions are provided in the board policy on Grants and Sponsored Programs. Recipients of grant awards are also cautioned to study specific requirements of the grant that may vary from traditional procedures.

CASH DISBURSEMENT

A. Disbursement Procedures

1. Disbursements must be properly authorized and supported by adequate documentation.
2. All disbursements shall be made by check or electronic payment.
3. All checks shall be pre-numbered.
4. All disbursements shall be substantiated by supporting documents including evidence of purchase, receipt, and approval.
5. All supporting documents shall be canceled in such a manner as to preclude their reuse.
6. Bulk check stock shall be adequately controlled and accounted for.
7. Daily use check stock shall be issued to the check-preparer on an adequate transfer/control document.
8. There shall be adequate separation of duties to reduce the risk of collusion and fraud.
9. The drawing of a warrant to "cash" or "bearer" is prohibited.
10. Electronic signature plates shall be secured and issued only to authorized individuals.
11. For payments from federal awards, the District minimizes the time between transfer of funds and disbursement.

B. Documentation

Documentation shall include:

1. A purchase order authorizing the commitment of funds by an appropriate approving authority.
2. An original invoice.
3. An original receiving report, or other appropriate method, of an employee acknowledging receipt of goods or services.

C. Authorization

All checks must bear a Board authorized signature.

D. Controls

1. All invoices and/or supporting documents will be marked with the check number in ink, or by another appropriate method, to prevent their reuse.
2. Checks will be recorded in the check registers as of the date written and the register closed promptly at the end of each month.
3. Unused checks shall be adequately controlled through sign-out logs, listing where bulk stock is
located and by warrant number.
4. Voided checks shall be mutilated or spoiled to prevent reuse.
5. Checks shall be signed only after comparing them with authorizations and supporting documents.

Requirements for County Controlled Funds

1. **Payments** shall be released electronically through the County Superintendent's system only by authorized agents.
2. If a payment batch is chosen for audit, one copy of the District Prelist with an original invoice and other documentation required above shall be submitted to School Claims in one package.
3. Upon receipt of the warrant and warrant listing from the County Superintendent's office, the County Postlist shall be reconciled to the copy of the District Prelist.
4. An employee other than the payment batch preparer shall mail the warrant to the appropriate vendor for payment.

E. Records

1. All original invoices and supporting documents shall be stamped, or otherwise appropriately canceled, to prevent duplicate payments.
2. All voucher documents shall be attached to the documentation and filed in the vendor file in alphabetical order.

CASH RECEIPTS

A. General Provisions

1. Persons who receive cash shall have no access to post payments to the general ledger. All cash received must be recorded by cash register receipt, pre-numbered cash receipt, or terminal receipt. These documents provide the accounting controls and are prepared by the employee first receiving checks or cash. An independent audit trail must be maintained for all cash receipts. The receipt must be given or mailed to the client.

   All cash received must be adequately safeguarded and promptly deposited. All cash shall be deposited in the Campus Business Office within 24 hours of receipt.

2. All checks must be made or endorsed payable to the San Bernardino Community College District, San Bernardino Valley College, or Crafton Hills College.

3. All checks shall be stamped "For Deposit Only" upon receipt with the appropriate endorsement stamp.

4. Payments received in the mail shall be logged and routed to a party who can write receipts and make deposits.

5. Cash registers/drawers/terminals shall be cleared daily even if no receipts are recorded. Tape totals, including those with zero receipts, shall be signed by the individual responsible for the cash drawer and submitted to the Campus Business Office.

6. Cash receipts shall be reconciled against cash register tapes, log-outs and/or handwritten receipts and signed by the individual responsible for the cash drawer.

7. Cash, checks, credit card slips and deposit slips from one register shall not be commingled with receipts from another register. Cash, checks, credit card slips and deposit slips from one receiving
date shall not be commingled with receipts from another date.

B. **Deposit of Cash Receipts**

1. All cash receipts shall be received through the Central Cashier in the Campus Business Office except those received authorized by the Vice Chancellor/Director of Fiscal Services to receive cash. Cash receipts received in locations other than the Campus Business Office shall be deposited intact in the Campus Business Office as prescribed above. When the deposit is made in the Campus Business Office, the deposit must be verified in the presence of the depositor or the depositor’s supervisor.

2. Cash inadvertently received by offices not authorized to accept cash shall promptly be routed to the Campus Business Office for deposit.

3. Deposits of money into any account other than an authorized Campus Business Office account are prohibited. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

C. **Pre-numbered Receipts**

Any area/department that receives cash and does not have a cash register shall use three-part pre-numbered receipts provided by the Vice Chancellor/Director of Fiscal Services. Part one goes to the individual/group who makes the payment, part two goes to the Campus Business Office with the cash deposit, and part three stays with the office which accepts the cash.

D. **Registration Fees**

1. During periods of registration terminal receipts are required except in those instances where source identification is necessary and/or where the office receiving the fees does not have access to a computer terminal (off-campus, etc.).

2. The operator log-out report will be used as the primary source document. The operator’s cash drawer should reconcile to the operator log-out report.

3. Receipts shall be conveyed to the Campus Business Office daily. The Campus Business Office shall prepare a deposit ticket for each day's deposit.

4. Admissions and Records receipting clerks shall reconcile the drawer(s) against the daily log-outs, sign the log-outs verifying the reconciliation, and submit receipts and signed log-outs to the Director of Admissions and Records, Registrar or designee.

5. The Director of Admissions and Records, Registrar, or designee shall verify the receipts and log-outs, prepare and sign the reconciliation form attesting to its accuracy, and prepare the daily receipts for transmission to the Campus Business Office.

6. The Director of Admissions and Records, Registrar, or designee, with college police escort, shall transmit receipts daily to the Campus Business Office.
   a. When hand-carries are impractical, the receipts are to be transported by the campus via locked bank bag to the Campus Business Office.
   b. The locked bank bag should be placed in the locked trunk of the police vehicle for transport. Receipts, when transported in this manner, must have been verified by two independent sources prior to giving them to the college police for transport.
   c. The college police should receive a dated receipt for the locked bank bag from the Campus Business Office.
d. The Campus Business Office shall verify the daily receipts, provide a receipt to the original source of receipts, and prepare a deposit slip by the close of the next business day following receipting. Any exception requires notification of the Vice Chancellor or Director of Fiscal Services.

PETTY CASH

A. Authorization

A petty cash fund may be approved by the Vice Chancellor or Director of Fiscal Services to pay for small emergency purchases of supplies or services. The Vice Chancellor or Director of Fiscal Services will review each request for the establishment of a petty cash fund and set the dollar amount of the fund if it is approved. Approval for expenditures from the fund must be granted by the appropriate Responsibility Center Manager or the fund custodian.

B. Establishment of a Petty Cash Fund

A Responsibility Center Manager may request a petty cash fund from the Vice Chancellor or Director of Fiscal Services. The request must identify the fund custodian and a requested dollar amount. Upon approval, a check will be forwarded to the requesting party payable to the designated fund custodian.

C. Petty Cash Custodian's Responsibility

1. The petty cash custodian will sign for and assume responsibility for the safeguarding and proper utilization of the petty cash fund. The petty cash custodian is the only individual who may make cash transactions. If an authorized change in custodian occurs, the status of the fund should be verified before any transactions are completed by the new custodian. A status memo signed by both the outgoing and incoming custodians must be sent to the Vice Chancellor or Director of Fiscal Services.

2. The petty cash fund will be maintained at the approved amount, and will at times be kept in balance with cash, petty cash vouchers, and receipts.

3. A copy of the Petty Cash Reconciliation Form will be retained by the custodian for a minimum of two years.

4. All cash, sales receipts, and other related documents shall be kept in a locked metal box. When unattended, the box shall be placed in a safe, desk or cabinet that is also to be kept locked.

D. Purchase Authorizations and Procedures

1. Single disbursements from petty cash may not exceed 50.00.

2. The petty cash custodian must approve all expenditures from the fund. The custodian must sign a Petty Cash Disbursement Voucher for each expenditure.

3. The purchaser may request a cash advance or be reimbursed for authorized purchases. If a cash advance is made, the purchaser must provide a sales receipt and change, if any, to the custodian and sign a petty cash voucher indicating reimbursement.

4. A sales receipt must be kept with each Petty Cash Disbursement Voucher.

E. Replenishment Procedure

1. The petty cash fund will be replenished when substantially depleted. On June 30 at the end of each fiscal year the account must be fully replenished or closed in order for expenditures to be recorded in the proper fiscal year.

2. A request for replenishment will be made on a purchase requisition signed by the Responsibility
3. An itemized list of expenditures is to be recorded on the Petty Cash Reconciliation Form. A separate Petty Cash Disbursement Voucher with a sales receipt attached shall be presented for each expenditure.

4. Reimbursements of petty cash are to be the only deposits into the fund.

F. Accounting/Audit

1. Any shortage must be adequately documented and explained by the fund custodian. Replenishment requests for shortages in excess of $5 must be approved by the Vice Chancellor/Director of Fiscal Services. Overage must be deposited with the revolving cash accountant.

2. The Vice Chancellor/Director of Fiscal Services or designee will periodically make unannounced audit reviews of the petty cash fund. The independent auditors will also make test counts and review the petty cash fund. The fund custodian and the responsible manager should ensure the fund is balanced and available for audit at any time.

3. The internal control checklist is to be completed by each petty cash fund custodian at least once a year. The Vice Chancellor/Director of Fiscal Services or designee will periodically review the petty cash operation and determine if the operation of the fund is in compliance with the checklist.

CHANGE FUNDS

A. Change Funds

A change fund may be approved by the Vice Chancellor/Director of Fiscal Services for the sole purpose of making change in the conduct of business. The funds shall not be used for cash advances, purchases, reimbursements, or other activities appropriate to a petty cash fund.

B. Establishment of a Change Fund

A Responsibility Center Manager may request a change fund from the Vice Chancellor/Director of Fiscal Services. The request must identify the fund custodian and a requested dollar amount. Upon approval a check will be forwarded to the requesting party payable to the designated fund custodian.

C. Change Fund Custodian’s Responsibility

The custodian will sign a receipt for the change fund and assume responsibility for its security and proper use. The Director of Fiscal Services must be notified in writing if there is a change in the custodianship of a change fund. The change fund will be maintained at the approved amount and will at all times be kept in balance.

D. Accounting/Audit

The Accounting Department will retain records and documentation for all change funds. Change funds must be available for audit at any time.

REVOLVING CASH

A. Revolving Cash

The revolving cash fund shall be used only when goods, services, or payroll are required prior to the date
available within the normal purchasing process. Disbursements shall be supported by proper documentation and authorization as prescribed in the Cash Disbursement Policy. There shall be adequate separation of duties to reduce the risk of collusion and fraud.

B. Procedures

1. The fund shall be managed so that accountability for the fund, including proper identification of fund resources, can be readily established.
2. Cash funds are maintained with the same standards of developing documentary evidence as for other disbursements.
3. Disbursements from the fund shall be limited to transactions that cannot be paid through the regular disbursement process in a timely manner.
4. The Accounting Department will review, and the Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Services must approve, requests for payment through the Revolving Cash Fund.
5. Employees shall not authorize revolving fund checks payable to cash or to themselves.
6. Check stock shall be kept in a secure place.
7. The Revolving Cash Fund shall be replenished in a timely manner through the normal purchasing procedure.
8. Daily balances will be maintained on the check stub; the fund shall be reconciled monthly.

Allowability of Costs for Federal Awards

The District assumes responsibility for administering federal funds in a manner consistent with underlying agreements, program objectives, and the terms and conditions of federal awards. The accounting practices of the District support the accumulation of costs and provide for adequate documentation to support costs charged to federal awards. The District does earn or keep any profit resulting from federal financial assistance, unless expressly authorized by the terms and conditions of a federal award.

For federal awards, costs:

1. Are necessary, reasonable for the performance of the federal award, and allocable,
2. Conform to any limitations or exclusions set forth in the federal award,
3. Are consistent with policies and procedures that apply to both federally financed and other activities of the District,
4. Are accorded consistent treatment,
5. Are determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles,
6. Are not included as a cost or used to meet cost sharing or matching requirements of any other federally financed program,
7. Are adequately documented.

In determining reasonableness of a given cost, the District assesses:

1. Whether the cost is of a type generally recognized as ordinary and necessary for the operation of the District or the proper and efficient performance of the federal award,
2. The restraints or requirements imposed by such factors as: sound business practices; arm’s-length bargaining; federal, state and other laws and regulations; and terms and conditions of the federal award,

3. Market prices for comparable goods or services,

4. Whether the individuals concerned acted with prudence in the circumstances considering their responsibilities to the District, its employees, its students, the public, and the federal government.

The District does not charge any cost allocable to a particular federal award to other federal awards to overcome fund deficiencies, to avoid restrictions imposed by federal statutes, regulations, or terms and conditions of the federal awards, or for other reasons. However, this prohibition does not preclude the District from shifting costs that are allowable under two or more federal awards in accordance with existing federal statutes, regulations, or the terms and conditions of the federal awards.

**References:**

Education Code Section 84040(c);
Title 5 Section 58311;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.D.9 (formerly III.D.2)

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, 200.302(b)(6)-(7), 200.305, 200.400 et seq. and Subpart E

**Attachments:**

AP 6300 Fiscal Management- Comments
AP 6300 Fiscal Management- Legal Citations
Changes to be Reloaded After Approval of Federal Language Change
AP 6315 Warrants

All payments from the funds of SBCCD shall be made by written order of the Board of Trustees as prescribed by the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools. The Board of Trustees shall delegate authority to sign orders in its name to the Vice Chancellor for Business & Fiscal Services, Director of Fiscal Services, and other SBCCD officials as deemed appropriate. Such delegation of authority shall be accomplished by Board approval of an authorized signature list at least once each fiscal year. Refer to BP 6150 titled Designation of Authorized Signatures. No person other than an officer or employee of SBCCD designated by the Board shall be authorized to sign orders.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures to sign and issue commercial and payroll orders to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with sound fiscal management practices.

Each order drawn against the funds of SBCCD shall be numbered and shall state: (a) the particular fund or funds against which it is drawn, (b) the amount of the payment to be made from each fund, and (c) the rate of salary and the period of service of any SBCCD employee for whom an order is issued for payment of salary or wages. If drawn for any purpose other than the payment of salaries or wages, the order shall be accompanied by an invoice or an itemized receipt showing the separate items and the price of each.

The Executive Vice Chancellor for Business Services and the Director of Fiscal Services will withhold approval of orders when:

- Disbursements of the funds will result in the total amounts expended in any major account classification to exceed the amount budgeted.

- Established procedures have not been followed to permit verification of authenticity of the expenditure.

Only authorized personnel may sign orders, as identified in AP 6150 titled Designation of Authorized Signatures.

Each signed order shall be transmitted to the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools for approval. Both commercial and payroll orders are subject to audit by the County Auditor-Controller. Warrants are subject to audit by the County Auditor-Controller, warrants will be drawn on the San Bernardino County Treasurer and transmitted to SBCCD for issuance to the payee.

References:

Education Code Sections 85230 et seq.

Attachments: No Attachments
BP 6340 Bids and Contracts

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 6340)

The authority to sign and execute contracts on behalf of the San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) is vested in the Board of Trustees (the Board). This authority can only be delegated by Board action.

The Chancellor shall establish administrative procedures for bids and contracts, subject to the following:

- The Board of Governors sets the formal bid limit for procurement of goods and or services on an annual basis. The formal bid limit for the current year shall be published on the Business Services webpage. Any contract to procure goods and or services (excluding construction and public works) which meets or exceeds the formal bid limit shall require pre-approval by the Board of Trustees to constitute an enforceable agreement.

- In accordance with PCC Section 17605, Section 22034(c) and Section 81656, the Board of Trustees delegates authority to sign, execute, and legally bind contracts less than the formal bid limits mentioned above, to the named agents on the authorized signature list. Such contracts shall not require Board approval, but shall be sent to the Board as an information item every 60 days.

- When bids are required according to PCC Section 20651, SBCCD shall award each such contract to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the specifications published by SBCCD and who shall give such security as SBCCD requires, or reject all bids. SBCCD may award a contract to the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of best value as specified by the type of bid.

- The Board has adopted the Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Procedures under PCC Section 22000 et seq. for the bidding of public works projects. In addition, pursuant to PCC Sections 20101 et seq., the Board has adopted a district-wide Pre-Qualification Program that when applicable provides for the pre-qualification of bidders based on a uniform system of rating. See AP 6345 titled Bids and Contracts – Construction.

- If the best interests of SBCCD will be served by a contract, lease, or purchase order through any other public corporation or agency in accordance with PCC Section 20652, the Chancellor is authorized to proceed with a contract.

Board members, employees and consultants of the District must not participate or attempt to influence decisions to procure or contract for goods or services if he or she has a financial interest in the decision. See BP 2710 titled Conflict of Interest.

References:

Education Code Sections 81641, et seq.
Public Contract s Code Sections 20650, et seq.
AP 6340 Bids and Contracts

GENERAL CONTRACT PROCEDURES

General contract procedures (parts A through G) are applicable to all types of contracts and agreements – including contracts for goods and non-professional services, professional services, and construction and public works projects.

A. Authority to Contract
   The authority to sign and execute contracts on behalf of the District is vested in the Board of Trustees. The Board delegates authority to sign and execute contracts less than the formal bid limits set in Public Contract Code, to the named agents on the authorized signature list. The authority to contract includes the amendments, extensions or addendums. Contracts and/or agreements signed by any individual other than those authorized by the Board are not valid or binding on SBCCD. All contracts are between the San Bernardino Community College District and the contracting agency. Individual colleges, programs or departments may not directly enter into a contract or agreement.

B. Board Approval
   The following contracts require approval by the Board of Trustees to constitute an enforceable agreement:
   - Any contract to procure goods or services (excluding construction and public works) which meets or exceeds the formal bid limit set annually by the Board of Governors. The formal bid limit for the current year is published on the Business Services webpage.
   - Any contract for construction or public works project which is over the formal bid limit for public works projects.
   Contracts under the formal bid limits require approval by one of the authorized district officers, and does not require approval by the Board to be legally enforceable.

C. Contract Review
   All contracts are reviewed and processed by Business Services. All contracts are subject to the requirements of federal and state codes and regulations. Contracts may require additional legal review. Review procedures must be completed before any contract is executed by an authorized signatory. Any unauthorized individual who signs a contract or agreement will be personally responsible for the value of the contract.

D. Supporting Documentation
   Contracts submitted for consideration should be accompanied by a purchase requisition if appropriate. Contracts for construction, transportation, or large scale maintenance may require a certificate of liability insurance, certificate of Workers’ Compensation coverage, permits, licenses, or bonds.
E. Contract Format/Negotiations

Business Services can provide assistance in developing a contract. Contracts must be prepared with great care and protect SBCCD in its dealings. Some contracts require negotiations as to the terms and conditions of the contract between SBCCD and the contracting agency. Many vendors use their own contract format that is always subject to review and/or modification by either party prior to execution.

F. Subsequent Changes to Contracts

Any change or alteration of a contract will be done in writing and the cost agreed upon between SBCCD and the contractor. SBCCD may authorize the contractor to proceed with performance of the change or alteration without the formality of securing bids, if the cost so agreed upon does not exceed the greater of the amount specified in Public Contract Code Section 20651 or 20655, whichever is applicable to the original contract, or ten percent (10%) of the original contract price.

G. Duration of Continuing Contracts for Services and Supplies

Continuing contracts for work or services furnished to SBCCD are not to exceed five (5) years. Contracts for materials and supplies are not to exceed three (3) years.

BID REQUIREMENTS – GOODS & NON-PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

I. Applicable Contracts

The bidding requirements in Section I to IX of this Administrative Procedure are only applicable to contracts for goods and non-professional services. This includes:

(i.) Equipment, materials, or supplies to be furnished, sold, or leased to SBCCD;

(ii.) Services (excluding construction services, professional services, insurance services, and work done by day labor or by force account pursuant to PCC Section 20655); and

(iii.) Repairs, including maintenance as defined in PCC Section 20656, that are not public projects as defined in PCC Section 22002(c).

II. Bid Limits

If a contemplated expenditure is less than the formal bid limit set annually by the Board of Governors, please refer the purchasing procedures in AP 6330 titled Purchasing.

If a contemplated expenditure meets or exceeds the formal bid limit set annually by the Board of Governors, a formal bid, request for proposal, or other formal solicitation process must be utilized.

NOTE: The formal bid limit is annually adjusted by the Board of Governors as required by PCC Section 20651(d);

III. Bid Specifications

Bid specifications shall include a definite, complete statement of what is required and, insofar as practical, shall include pertinent details of size, composition, construction, and/or texture of what is specified, and minimum standards of efficiency, durability, and/or utility required of what is specified.

IV. Notice Calling for Formal Advertised Bids

Pursuant to PCC Section 20112, SBCCD shall publish at least once a week for two weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published within SBCCD or if there is no such paper, then in some newspaper of general circulation, circulated in the county, and may post on SBCCD's web site or through an electronic portal, a notice calling for bids or proposals, stating the work to be done or materials or supplies to be furnished and the time and place when bids will be opened. Whether or not bids are opened exactly at the time fixed in the public notice for opening bids, a bid shall not be received after that time. SBCCD may accept a bid that was submitted either electronically or on paper.

Bid and contract forms shall be prepared and maintained by Business Services. All applicable statutory provisions and board policies shall be observed in preparation of the forms.
Business Services shall be responsible for insuring that the bid specifications are sufficiently broad to encourage and promote open competitive bidding. All bid notices for work to be done shall contain an affirmative statement requiring compliance with Labor Code Sections 1775 and 1776 governing payment of prevailing wages and Labor Code Section 1777.5 governing employment of apprentices. All bid submissions shall contain all documents necessary to assure compliance with these California Labor Code Sections. Failure to provide such documentation shall cause any such bid to be deemed incomplete.

When required or determined to be appropriate, bids shall be accompanied by a certified or cashier's check, or bid bond, in the amount specified in the bid form, as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into contract and furnish the required contract bonds. When no longer required for the protection of SBCCD, any certified or cashier's check received shall be returned to the respective bidder.

Business Services shall make available to the prospective bidders bid forms with sets of specifications and drawings and shall provide a convenient place where bidders, subcontractors, and material personnel may examine the specifications and drawings. Business Services shall provide an electronic copy of the plans and specifications and other contract documents to a contractor plan room service at no charge upon request from that contractor plan room. When permitted, a deposit for sets of plans and specifications may be required and may be refunded when such documents are returned.

V. Awarding of Bids and Contracts

The awarding of bids and contracts shall be subject to the following conditions:
- Any and all bids and contract proposals may be rejected by SBCCD.
- All bids shall be opened publicly and bidder shall be given the opportunity to make record of the bids received.
- Solicitations using a Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Qualifications (RFQ), and Request for Information (RFI) are based on best value and not based solely on lowest priced proposal.
- When formal bidding is required, the award of bid shall be presented to the Board along with a tabulation of the bids received in reasonable detail.
- Bid and contract awards shall be made to the lowest responsible bidder substantially meeting the requirements of the specifications. SBCCD reserves the right to make its selection of materials or services purchased based on its best judgment as to which bid substantially complies with the quality required by the specifications.
- For the purposes of bid evaluation and selection when the District determines that it can expect long-term savings through the use of life-cycle cost methodology, the use of more sustainable goods and materials, and reduced administrative costs, the District may provide for the selection of the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of best value pursuant to policies and procedures adopted by the governing board in accordance with this section.
- "Best value" means the most advantageous balance of price, quality, service, performance, and other elements, as defined by the Board of Trustees, achieved through methods in accordance with this section and determined by objective performance criteria that may include price, features, long-term functionality, life-cycle costs, overall sustainability, and required services.
- Conflict of Interest. Board members and employees of SBCCD are prohibited from participating in the bid evaluation and selection process if he or she has a relationship with or financial interest in any of the bidders. When a Bid Evaluation & Selection Committee is established, all members of the committee will be required to complete a disclosure form prior to participation in the bid evaluation and selection process. The Business Manager will collect and review all disclosure forms for potential conflicts of interest.
VI. Purchase without Advertising for Bids
The Business Manager is authorized to make purchases from firms holding public agency contracts without calling for bids where it appears advantageous to do so. The Business Manager may, without advertising for bids, purchase or lease from other public agencies materials or services by authorization of contract or purchase order. The Business Manager may make purchases through the State of California Cooperative Purchasing Program operated by the Department of General Services, California Multiple Award Schedule (CMAS), Western States Contracting Alliance (WSCA) with California endorsement, Foundation for California Community Colleges (FCCC) and other approved purchasing cooperatives, for goods and services as listed in the approved agreements.

VII. Emergency Repair Contracts without Bid
When emergency repairs or alterations are necessary to continue existing classes or to avoid danger of life or property, the Business Manager may make a contract on behalf of SBCCD for labor, materials and supplies without advertising for or inviting bids, subject to ratification by the Board.

VIII. Unlawful to Split Bids
Pursuant to PCC Section 20657, it shall be unlawful to split or separate into smaller work orders, purchase orders, contracts, or projects any work, project, service, or purchase for the purpose of evading the provisions of the Public Contract Code requiring work to be done by contract after competitive bidding.

IX. Employees as Independent Contractors
An individual cannot be both an SBCCD employee and an independent contractor with SBCCD at the same time unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the work being performed as an independent contractor has no relationship to work being performed as an employee of SBCCD and such work cannot be construed as falling within the broad definition of the individual's job description or classification as an employee. Any SBCCD employee engaged as an independent contractor is considered an "employee" for payroll purposes and payment for services is subject to appropriate tax withholding.

References:
Education Code Sections 88003.1, 81641 et seq.;
Government Code Section 53060;
Public Contract Code Sections 20103.7, 20112, 20650 et seq., and 22000 et seq.;
Labor Code Sections 1770 et seq.
ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.D.16

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BP 6925 Refreshments or Meals Served at Meetings and District Events

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 3750)

The Board of Trustees authorizes the Chancellor to develop administrative procedures allowing for a limited expenditure of funds for refreshments and/or meals served while conducting District business and District-approved Associated Student Club business.

References:
None

Attachments:
BP 6925 Refreshments or Meals Served at Meetings and District Events - Comments
BP 6925 Refreshments or Meals Served at Meetings and District Events - Legal Citations
(Replaces current SBCCD AP 3750)

A. Refreshments and/or Meals

The Board of Trustees authorizes the expenditure of funds for refreshments and/or meals served at District or approved Associated Students meetings and trainings in order to conduct District business or Associated Student Clubs business under the conditions set forth in sections A.1 and A.2.

1. Attended by Employees and/or Students
   For meetings or trainings attended only by employees and/or currently enrolled students are authorized for up to a total $500 for that meeting or training. Expenditures in excess of $500 require Board approval prior to the meeting or training. Bottled water for individual use is exempt from the conditions below.

2. Attended by Employees and/or Students as well as Non-employees or Non-Students
   For meetings or training attended by employees, currently enrolled students, and by one or more non-employees and/or non-students of the District, are authorized for up to $100. Expenditures in excess of a total $100 for that meeting or training require Board approval prior to the meeting or training.

B. Refreshments or Meals for events

Events are defined as activities in which non-employees and/or non-students will be or can be attending and/or participating (e.g. job fair, holiday event, recruitment event); or is on a large enough scale to be considered neither a meeting nor training. Any refreshments and/or meals for an event require Board approval prior to the event.

C. Refreshments or Meals Charged to Grant Funds

Any expenditure for refreshments or meals charged to grant funds must meet the requirements set forth in paragraphs A and B above. In addition, such expenditures must be specifically authorized by the terms and conditions set forth in the grant agreement.

D. Purchase Order and/or Requisition

Expenditures for refreshments and/or meals must specify on the District purchase order, trust account requisition, or submitted with Cal Card statement reconciliation:

1. The name(s) of the individuals or group name, or general description of the parties, for which the refreshments or meals are to be served.
2. The agenda or purpose of the meeting, training, or event.
3. The location and date of the meeting, training or event.
4. If required by Section A.1, A.2, or B, the Board approval date for the expenditure.

Expenditures for Associated Student accounts must be made in accordance with Board Policy (BP) 5420 titled Associated Students Finance and approved by appropriate person listed within BP 5420.

References:
None

Attachments:

AP 6925 Refreshments or Meals Served at Mtgs & District Events- Comments
AP 6925 Refreshments or Meals Served at Mtgs & District Events- Legal Citations
Applicants for positions may be subject to background or reference checks.

Where a background investigation is performed by a third party, the Executive Director of Human Resources or designee shall make a clear and conspicuous disclosure to the applicant on a separate form before the report is procured. The applicant shall be provided an option to receive or not receive the report. If the applicant is not hired, or the District takes other action that adversely effects any applicant based in whole or in part upon the third-party report, Executive Director of Human Resources or designee shall provide oral, written, or electronic notice of:

- the adverse action to the applicant;
- the name, address, and telephone number of the third party agency that furnished the report;
- the applicant's right to obtain a free copy of the report; and
- the applicant's right to dispute the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in the report.

References:

Civil Code Sections 47, 1785.16, 1785.20, and 1786.16 et seq.;

Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act

Attachments: No Attachments
Personnel records are private, accurate, complete, and permanent. *(Insert local procedures that meet this standard.)*

Every employee has the right to inspect personnel records pursuant to the Labor Code.

Information of a derogatory nature shall not be entered into an employee's personnel records unless and until the employee is given notice and an opportunity to review and comment on that information. The employee shall have the right to enter, and have his/her own comments attached to any derogatory statement. The review shall take place during normal business hours and the employee shall be released from duty for this purpose without salary reduction.

The employee shall not have the right to inspect personnel records at a time when the employee is actually required to render services to the District.

Nothing in this procedure shall entitle an employee to review ratings, reports, or records that were:

a. obtained prior to the employment of the person involved,

b. prepared by identifiable examination committee members,

c. obtained in connection with a promotional examination or interview.

**References:**

Education Code Section 87031;

Labor Code Section 1198.5

**Attachments:** No Attachments
**BP 7150 Evaluation**

*(Replaces current SBCCD BP 7251)*

All employees will periodically undergo a performance evaluation, at prescribed intervals. The Chancellor shall assure periodic and systematic evaluations of faculty, managers, confidential employees, and classified members.

The criteria for management and confidential employee evaluations shall be based on board policy, the job descriptions, and performance goals and objectives developed mutually by the manager and the supervisor.

Refer to the collective bargaining agreements regarding evaluation processes for applicable collective bargaining groups.

**Reference:**

WASC/ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.A.1.b

**Attachments:**

- BP 7150 Evaluation- Comments
- BP 7150 Evaluation- Legal Citations

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AP 7150 Evaluation as of 2/4/19

(Replaces current SBCCD AP 7251)

Employees represented by CSEA and CTA should refer to their respective bargaining unit agreements for information specific to their unit.

Frequency of Evaluation

Each manager will be evaluated once per year for the first two years of employment and every three years thereafter. Evaluations may be held on a more frequent basis as appropriate.

For managers within the first year of evaluation, the supervising manager and employee being evaluated will establish goals and objectives to be accomplished. The supervising manager will be solely responsible for providing an evaluation within the first six months of hire. In the subsequent year, evaluation. In the subsequent and each year and each year thereafter, the evaluation committee process will be instituted.

Interim Managers assignments will be evaluated during the first year-sixth month of interim appointment and annually thereafter if the assignment is greater than one semester in length. The supervising manager will be solely responsible for providing the evaluation. A survey will be sent campus/district wide for all interims when appropriate. Evaluations may be held on a more frequent basis as appropriate.

Evaluation Timeline

No later than October 30 1 of each calendar year the supervising manager and employee-manager will meet to initiate the evaluation process. This meeting will entail the review of prior goals, if applicable, and the establishment of new goals for the current year.

By November 30 1 of each year, the evaluation committee shall be formed. The committee will meet and convene and provide a written evaluation report to the immediate supervising manager no later than January-December 30 1 of each calendar year.

The final evaluation report shall be provided to the evaluatee-manager no later than March 1 January 30 1 of each calendar year.

Goals/Objectives

Each manager will meet with his/her supervising manager at the beginning of each academic year to review the goals and objectives set for the prior year and to discuss the extent to which the goals and objectives were met. They will review the job description and, by mutual agreement, revise, update, or set new short- and long-range goals and objectives.

In an effort to ensure that employee evaluations are completed in a timely manner, the following process will be followed by Human Resources: supervisor

1. The supervising manager of the manager to be evaluated will receive an email from Human Resources notifying him or her that an evaluation of the manager is due.
2. The **person to whom the evaluating supervisor**'s manager reports will also receive the email and will be responsible for ensuring the evaluation is completed and forwarded to **HR Human Resources** within the required timeframe.

3. The President of the College and the appropriate Vice President will be copied on the email.

**Evaluation Committee**

In the case of campus-level managers **Directors, Deans and Vice Presidents**, the committee shall include the **immediate supervisor** as chairperson, one manager appointed by the President, one faculty member appointed by the Academic Senate, and one classified employee appointed by in collaboration with CSEA. In each case, the manager will nominate three individuals from each category, (management, faculty and classified), from which the appointments shall be made, and hiring manager. **Surveys will be sent district wide for input.**

In the case of the College Presidents, the committee shall include the **immediate supervisor** as chairperson, one manager appointed by the Chancellor, two faculty members appointed by the Academic Senate, and one classified employee appointed by in collaboration with CSEA, as appropriate to the campus. In each case, the President will nominate three individuals from each category, (management, faculty and classified), from which the appointments shall be made.

In the case of the district-level **Directors, Executive Directors, Associate Vice Chancellor(s), Vice Chancellor(s) and Executive Vice Chancellor(s)**, the committee shall include the supervising manager as chairperson, one manager appointed by the Chancellor, one faculty member appointed by the Academic Senate at San Bernardino Valley College, one faculty member appointed by the Academic Senate at Crafton Hills College, and one classified employee appointed by CSEA.

All supervisors and managers, the committee shall include the **immediate supervisor** as chairperson, one will be evaluated by the will be evaluated by the **hiring supervisor** manager, appointed by the Chancellor, one faculty member appointed by the Academic Senate at San Bernardino Valley College, one faculty member appointed by the Academic Senate at Crafton Hills College, and one classified employee appointed by CSEA. In each case, the manager **Surveys will** nominate three individuals from each category, (management, faculty and classified), from which the appointments shall be made.

In the event a committee member is unable to participate, an alternate can be appointed if selected prior to the first evaluation committee meeting. **Once the committee has met, no new members may be added.**

**At the discretion of the supervising manager, committee meetings may take place using teleconferencing and/or video conferencing.**

**Campus/District Survey**

As appropriate to the assignment, the **committee supervising manager** shall seek written feedback from the campus and/or district community. In obtaining this feedback, the **committee supervising manager** shall use an **approved** evaluation form approved by the Board of Trustees. Using the approved form, the **committee supervising manager** shall seek input from applicable
managers, faculty, classified staff and any others who are in a position to know how effectively
the manager is performing assigned responsibilities. To assist in this task, the manager will
provide the committee with a preliminary list of those with whom he/she interacts with on a
regular basis. Responses on the approved form shall be signed, and the committeesupervising
manager shall prepare a consolidated summary of the ratings and comments. Original survey
documents will be destroyed once the consolidated summary is prepared. A copy of the
consolidated summary will be made available to the managercommittee at the conclusion of the
evaluation procedure.

**Evaluation Committee Meeting**

Prior to the evaluation conference, the person-manager being evaluated will submit to the their
supervisorsupervising manager a written self-evaluation of his/her performance, which shall be
based on the approved job description and previously established, mutually agreed upon goals
and objectives. The employee-manager may submit a portfolio of representative work, or any
other items he/she considers appropriate.

The supervisor and the evaluation committee will meet to consider the self-evaluation, the
campus/district survey, and any additional material submitted by the manager. The committee
may consider any other documents or information sources which they agree are appropriate.

**Evaluation Report**

The committeesupervising manager will produce a written evaluation report within two months
following the start of the evaluation processby January 3031. The report shall include:

1. A summary of duties from the job description, which shall serve as a basis for the
evaluation.
2. A summary list of the goals and objectives from the prior year that have been mutually
agree upon by the manager and his/her supervising manager.
3. An assessment of the extent to which the manager meets his/her stated goals and
objectives.
4. An assessment of the management and leadership strengths of the manager.
5. The identification of any areas in which the manager can improve his/her performance or
management skills.
6. A copy of the consolidated summary of the ratings and comments.

The written report shall specify one of the following:

1. Commendation for superior performance;
2. Confirmation of satisfactory performance;
3. Recommendation for improvement and/or further evaluation as indicated by unsatisfactory
performance.

The evaluation record shall be read and signed by the manager, the immediate supervisor, and
the responsible evaluatorsupervising manager and the manager before being placed in
his/her manager's file. The manager shall receive a copy of the evaluation report, and will
have an opportunity to attach a written response within fifteen working days. The response
may offer clarification, additional information, or a rebuttal, as the person being evaluated may
wish.
An official file of evaluation reports shall be maintained in the District Human Resources Office. Evaluation reports shall not be retained in the file beyond a four-year period if the manager requests that they be expunged.

There will be only two copies of a completed evaluation. One copy will remain in the possession of the manager being evaluated and the original will become a part of the official file in the Human Resources Office.

Procedures in the Case of Unsatisfactory Performance of Responsibilities

When a manager's performance is judged unsatisfactory, corrective measures will be initiated. The manager shall develop a work plan with measurable goals, objectives and a timetable to correct the areas judged unsatisfactory. This work plan shall be reviewed and approved by the immediate supervisorsupervising manager (or Board of Trustees, in the case of the Chancellor) who shall be responsible for monitoring and assisting the manager with the corrective measures. If desired, the immediate supervisorsupervising manager will work with the manager to identify a mentor to provide guidance and advice.

In order to ascertain the extent to which corrective measures have succeeded, the re-evaluation of the manager shall be undertaken as soon as deemed appropriate by the supervising manager, but in no case later than six months after the initial findings of the evaluation committee. The re-evaluation process shall include the submission of new goals and objectives to the immediate supervisorsupervising manager, the formation of a new evaluation committee, the collection of new survey data, and the preparation of an updated evaluation report that assesses the progress (or lack of progress) made since the last evaluation.

Nonrenewal of Contract, Dismissal, or Penalty of Limited Duration

In the case of unsatisfactory progress following re-evaluation, managers shall be notified of contract non-renewal, dismissal, or penalty of limited duration by action of the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Education Code.

Non-management Employees

Classified employee evaluations will be conducted in accordance with the Agreement between the District and the Chapter of the California School Employees' Association.

Confidential employee evaluations will be conducted every three months for the first nine twelve months of service, then every two years thereafter.

Faculty evaluations (both full and part-time) evaluations will be conducted in accordance with the Agreement between the District and Chapter of CCA/CTA/NEA. Refer to the collective bargaining agreements regarding evaluation processes for applicable collective bargaining groups.

The criteria for confidential employee evaluations shall be based on board policy, the job descriptions, and performance goals and objectives developed mutually by the manager and the supervisor.
Additional documents related to evaluation can be reviewed on the Human Resources webpage.

Also see BP/AP 2435 titled Evaluation of the Chancellor.

Reference:

Accreditation Standard III.A.5 (formerly III.A.1.b)
NOTE: This procedure is legally required for classified employees and optional for academic employees. Local practice may be inserted. It is legally advised to make fingerprinting mandatory as to all employees.

Where Live Scan is not available regionally, Districts should continue to use the language of Education Code Sections 87013 and 88024. Districts should note that Live Scan is the Department of Justice's preferred method for the submission of fingerprints.

The following is excerpted from statute. **This format is not legally required.** It is provided for the convenience of Districts that want to use it.

The Chief Human Resources Officer will designate one or more employees to receive, store, disseminate and destroy criminal records furnished by the California Department of Justice and to serve as the contact for the California Department of Justice for related issues. Any such employee must be confirmed by the California Department of Justice as required by law and pursuant to California Department of Justice procedures. The Chief Human Resources Officer will notify the California Department of Justice by March 1 of each year beginning on March 1, 2012, of the individuals designated.

The Chief Human Resources Officer will ensure that criminal history record information is destroyed once the District's business need for the information is fulfilled.

### Classified Employees

The District, within 10 working days of date of employment, shall require each person to be employed, or employed in, a nonacademic position to have two 8X8 fingerprint cards bearing the legible rolled and flat impressions of that person's fingerprints together with a personal description of the applicant or employee, as the case may be, prepared by [a local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area of the District].

Identification cards are completed as follows [insert local practice]. The cards shall be prepared by a [local public law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area of the District].

The fee for the service is [as determined by the state Department of Justice to be sufficient to reimburse the department for the costs incurred in processing the application].

The fee is forwarded to the Department of Justice with two copies of applicant's or employee's fingerprint cards. The District shall collect an additional fee not to exceed two dollars ($2) payable to the [local public law enforcement agency]. The additional fees are be transmitted to the [city or county treasury].

The fee [is/is not] reimbursed to an applicant who submits fingerprints in accordance with these procedures and who is subsequently hired by the District within 30 days of the application. Funds not reimbursed to
applicants are credited to the general fund of the District.

If the fingerprint cards forwarded to the Department of Justice are those of a person already in the employ of the Governing Board, the District pays the fee required by this section. The fee shall be a proper charge against the general fund of the District, and no fee shall be charged the employee.

Substitute and temporary employees employed for less than a school year [are/are not] exempted from these procedures.

**Academic Employees**

**NOTE:** Insert local practice; the following is an illustrative example:

Whenever the District employs a person in an academic position and that person has not previously been employed by a school or community college district in this state, the District, within 10 working days of the person's date of employment, requires the individual to have duplicate personal identification cards upon which shall appear the legible fingerprints and a personal description of the employee prepared by [a local law enforcement agency having jurisdiction in the area of the District]. The [law enforcement agency] transmits the cards, together with any applicable fee, to the Department of Justice.

The [local law enforcement agency], upon receipt of information from the Department of Justice, excerpts from the history all information regarding any convictions of the employee and shall forward that information to the District.

The District may provide the means whereby the identification cards may be completed and may charge a fee determined by the Department of Justice to be sufficient to reimburse the Department for the costs incurred in processing the application. The amount of the fee shall be forwarded to the Department of Justice, with two copies of applicant's or employee's fingerprint cards. The District shall collect an additional fee not to exceed two dollars ($2) payable to the [local public law enforcement agency] taking the fingerprints and completing the data on the fingerprint cards.

All managers shall be required to provide fingerprint cards at the time of hire. The cost of the fingerprinting shall be borne by the employee.

Substitute and temporary employees employed for less than a school year are exempted from the provisions of this policy.

All candidates for academic, classified, and contract positions shall be required to have fingerprints taken via Live Scan ten working days prior to the date of employment. The electronic fingerprints and applicable fees will be forwarded to the Department of Justice. The Department of Justice will forward any findings to the Human Resources Office. Human Resources will evaluate findings to ensure all criminal activity was reported, that no offense would disqualify the applicant from employment, and that no conviction would render the candidate unfit for the position. The costs of Live Scan fingerprinting are the sole responsibility of the candidate.

Substitute, temporary employees and professional experts shall be required to have fingerprints taken via Live Scan ten working days prior to the date of employment.

Student worked may be exempt from this procedure. All workers or volunteers in the Child Development Center and in other programs requiring fingerprinting must submit to Live Scan fingerprinting.

The Chief Human Resources Officer shall ensure that criminal history record information is destroyed once the District's business need for the information is fulfilled. Applicants may file an appeal to have their criminal record reviewed according to Ed Code 87405.

### References:

*Also see AP 7126 titled Applicant Background Checks*

- Education Code Sections 87013 and 88024; [87405](#)
- Penal Code Sections 11102.2 and 11077.1

### Attachments:

No Attachments
Industrial Accident and Illness Leave

An employee must have been with the district a minimum of nine months.

1. Evidence must support the fact that the illness or accident arose out of employment. The Board of Trustees may require a physician's report on probable causes.

2. An employee absent from his/her duties due to an accepted industrial accident or illness leave shall receive his/her full pay from the district. The employee is required to endorse temporary disability indemnity checks received from Workers' Compensation to the district. Arrangements may be made with Workers' Compensation to have the checks mailed directly to the district.

3. Industrial accident or illness leave of absence shall not exceed sixty days in any one fiscal year for the same accident or illness.

4. At such time as the employee has used his full entitlement of sixty days industrial leave, he/she may use his/her accumulated sick leave. Sick leave will be used at a rate equal to the pay received from the district less any contribution from Workers' Compensation. For example: An employee's daily rate is $20.00; the district receives $10.00 per day from Workers' Compensation. The employee receives his/her full pay but is charged only one-half sick leave.

5. Industrial leave is not accumulative.

6. When accident or illness overlaps into the next fiscal year, the employee is entitled only to the balance of the sixty days not used.

7. The employee may not leave the state during the leave period unless authorized by the Board of Trustees.

8. When all industrial leave and sick leave benefits have been exhausted, the employee must be placed on the reemployment list for a period of 39 months.

Academic Employees

Academic employees shall be entitled to not less than 60 days leave on account of an industrial accident or illness in any one fiscal year for the same accident.

Allowable leave shall not be accumulated from year to year.
Industrial accident or illness leave shall commence on the first day of absence.

When an academic employee is absent from his/her duties on account of an industrial accident or illness, the employee shall be paid the portion of the salary due him/her for any month in which the absence occurs as, when added to his/her temporary disability indemnity under the Labor Code, will result in a payment to the employee of not more than his/her full salary. "Full salary," shall be computed so that it shall not be less than the employee's "average weekly earnings" as that phrase is used in Labor Code Section 4453. For purposes of this section, however, the maximum and minimum average weekly earnings set forth in Labor Code Section 4453 shall otherwise not be deemed applicable.

Industrial accident or illness leave shall be reduced by one day for each day of authorized absence regardless of a temporary disability indemnity award.

When an industrial accident or illness leave overlaps into the next fiscal year, the employee shall be entitled to only the amount of unused leave due him/her for the same illness or injury.

Upon termination of the industrial accident or illness leave, the employee shall be entitled to the benefits provided in Education Code Sections 87780, 87781 and 87786, and, for the purposes of each of these sections, his/her absence shall be deemed to have commenced on the date of termination of the industrial accident or illness leave. However, if the employee continues to receive temporary disability indemnity, he/she may elect to take as much of his or her accumulated sick leave which, when added to his/her temporary disability indemnity, will result in a payment to the employee of not more than his/her full salary.

During any paid leave of absence, the employee may endorse to the District the temporary disability indemnity checks received on account of his/her industrial accident or illness. The District shall issue the employee appropriate salary warrants for payment of the employee's salary and shall deduct normal retirement, other authorized contributions, and the temporary disability indemnity, if any, actually paid to and retained by the employee for periods covered by the salary warrants.

**Classified Employees**

Classified employees shall be entitled to not less than 60 days leave on account of an industrial accident or illness, in any one fiscal year for the same accident.

Allowable leave shall not be accumulative from year to year.

Industrial accident or illness leave of absence will commence on the first day of absence.

Payment for wages lost on any day shall not, when added to an award granted the employee under the workers' compensation laws of this state, exceed the normal wage for the day.

Industrial accident leave will be reduced by one day for each day of authorized absence regardless of a compensation award made under workers' compensation.

When an industrial accident or illness occurs at a time when the full 60 days will overlap into the next fiscal year, the employee shall be entitled to only that amount remaining at the end of the fiscal year in which the injury or illness occurred, for the same illness or injury.

The industrial accident or illness leave of absence is to be used in lieu of entitlement acquired under Education Code Section 88191. When entitlement to industrial accident or illness leave has been exhausted, entitlement to other sick leave will then be used; but if an employee is receiving workers' compensation, the person shall
be entitled to use only so much of the person's accumulated or available sick leave, accumulated compensating time, vacation or other available leave which, when added to the workers' compensation award, provide for a full day's wage or salary.

Periods of leave of absence, paid or unpaid, shall not be considered to be a break in service of the employee.

During all paid leaves of absence, whether industrial accident leave as provided in this procedure, sick leave, vacation, compensated time off or other available leave provided by law or the action of the District, the employee shall endorse to the District wage loss benefit checks received under the workers' compensation laws of this state. The District, in turn, shall issue the employee appropriate warrants for payment of wages or salary and shall deduct normal retirement and other authorized contributions. Reduction of entitlement to leave shall be made only in accordance with this procedure.

When all available leaves of absence, paid or unpaid, have been exhausted and if the employee is not medically able to assume the duties of the person's position, the person, if not placed in another position, shall be placed on a reemployment list for a period of 39 months. When available, during the 39 month period, the person shall be employed in a vacant position in the class of the person's previous assignment over all other available candidates except for a reemployment list established because of lack of work or lack of funds, in which case the person shall be listed in accordance with appropriate seniority regulations.

The [designate authority] may require that an employee serve, or have served continuously, [specify time limit, not more than three years] before the benefits provided by this section are made available to the person. All service of an employee prior to the effective date of any such requirement shall be credited in determining compliance with the requirement.

Any employee receiving benefits as a result of this section shall, during periods of injury or illness, remain within the State of California unless the [designate authority] authorizes travel outside the state.

An employee who has been placed on a reemployment list, as provided above, who has been medically released for return to duty and who fails to accept an appropriate assignment, shall be dismissed.

**References:**

References:

Education Code Sections 87787 and 88192

**Attachments:**

AP 7343 Industrial Accident & Illness Leave Rev. 4-3-17.docx
AP 7343 Update #30.pdf
NOTE: While there is no law or regulation requiring this procedure, it is legally advised to establish written procedures requiring employees to notify the District when ill, either here or through collective bargaining. Local practice may be inserted.

Sample from another District

Procedures are outlined in respective Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBAs) between units and the District.

Individual departments are responsible for establishing protocols for absence notification.

Employees must follow department call-in procedures to notify the department of the reason for lateness and expected arrival time.

Unless the collective bargaining agreement provides otherwise, employees are required to complete absence forms upon return from absence as follows:

- Submit completed absence report forms to Human Resources.
- Incomplete or incorrect absence reports will be returned to the employee’s supervisor for correction.

Full-time classified employee:

- Use Classified Employee Absence Report form – obtain from supervisor.

Full-time academic faculty:

- For Absence from regular class load: Use Academic Absence form – obtain from department.
- For Absence from overload class: Use the Hourly/Overload Absence form.

Part-time associate faculty or full-time academic-overload:

- Use the Hourly / Overload Absence form.

Complete Hourly/Overload Absence form and retain a copy for employee records.

Sample from another District

If it is not possible for an employee to report for work, the employee shall notify his/her supervisor or the designated alternate as soon as possible, but not later than thirty (30) minutes after the reporting time. All employees absent because of illness shall inform their supervisor in a timely manner as to when they expect to
Sample from another District

While each department should develop and maintain procedures regarding the specific steps to be taken by an employee when notifying the department of an absence, it is the general policy of the District that any employee who will be absent from work due to unexpected illness or other reasons, must report the absence to their immediate supervisor daily, by telephone, at the beginning of the work period.

Other than for leaves that are requested and approved in advance, supervisor's shall notify Human Resources immediately anytime a regular employee is absent for three or more consecutive work days. This includes absences for employees who follow the established notification of absence procedures as determined by the department and are absent for three consecutive work days.

Reference:

No specific reference

Attachments: No Attachments
NOTE: This procedure is legally advised. Some aspects of it may be subject to collective bargaining. The following illustrative example incorporates the minimum requirements of applicable law.

The following applies to any District employee, academic or classified, who enters the active military service of the United States of America or of the State of California, including active service in any uniformed auxiliary of any branch of the military service, during any period of national emergency declared by the President of the United States or during any war in which the United States of America is engaged.

Leave

Upon presentation of a copy of orders for active duty in the Armed Forces, the National Guard, or the Naval Militia, the District shall grant a military leave of absence for the period of active duty specified in the orders, but not to exceed five years for a permanent, probationary, or exempt employee, or for the remainder of a limited-term employee's appointment or a temporary employee's appointment.

Salary

Any District employee called to active duty who has been in the service of the District for at least one year will continue to receive his or her salary for the first 30 calendar days of ordered military service. Employees who are members of the National Guard will continue to receive salary for the first 30 calendar days of active service regardless of length of service with the District.

In addition, the District may provide for not more than 180 calendar days as part of the employee's compensation all of the following:

- The difference between the amount of his/her military pay and allowances and the amount the employee would have received as an employee, including any merit raises that would otherwise have been granted during the time the individual was on active military duty.
- All benefits that he/she would have received had he/she not been called to active military duty unless the benefits are prohibited or limited by vendor contracts.
- Employees returning from military leave shall have their salary adjusted to reflect salary increases that are not based on merit.

Health Benefits

An employee on military leave for less than 31 days shall continue to receive health insurance benefits.
Employees on leave for longer than 30 days may elect to continue health care coverage for themselves and their eligible dependents for a maximum period of 18 months.

Returning veteran employees whose coverage was terminated because of military leave will not be subject to any exclusion or waiting period prior to reinstatement of health coverage.

**Vacation and Sick Leave**

Employees on military leave accrue any benefits the District provides to other employees, e.g. if employees on other approved leaves are permitted to accrue vacation or sick leave, employees on military leave will do so as well.

Employees on military leave shall accrue any benefits afforded by any collective bargaining agreement negotiated during their absence.

Any employee on temporary military leave for training who has worked for the District for at least one year shall continue to accrue vacation, sick leave and holiday privileges up to a maximum period of 180 days.

**Reinstatement**

An employee on active duty military leave shall be entitled to return to the position held by him/her at the time of his/her entrance into the service within six months after the employee honorably leaves the service or is placed on inactive duty.

In the case of a contract academic employee, absence on military leave shall not count as part of the service required for the acquisition of tenure, but the absence shall not be construed as a break in the continuity of service. If the employee was employed by the district for more than one year, but had not yet become a regular academic employee of the district, he/she is entitled to return to the position for the period of time his/her contract of employment had to run at the time he or she entered military service.

In the case of an academic employee, absence on military leave shall not be construed as a break in the continuity of service.

In the case of a classified employee, absence on military leave shall not be construed as a break in the continuity of service.

**References:**

Education Code Sections 87018, 87700, 87832 and 88116;

Military and Veteran's Code Sections 389 et seg;

38 U.S. Code Sections 4301 et seq.

**Attachments:** No Attachments
BP 7350 Resignations

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 7350)

The Board of Trustees shall accept the resignation of any employee and shall fix the time when the resignation takes effect, which shall not be later than the close of the academic year during which the Board has received the resignation.

**NOTE:** Although not legally required, the following language is:

The Board of Trustees hereby delegates to the Chancellor the authority to accept resignations on its behalf at any time. Resignations shall be deemed accepted by the Board when accepted in writing by the Chancellor. When accepted by the Chancellor, the resignation is final and may not be rescinded. All such resignations shall be forwarded to the Board for ratification.

The Board of Trustees hereby delegates to the Chancellor the authority to accept resignations on its behalf at any time. Resignations shall be deemed accepted by the Board when accepted in writing by the Chancellor. When accepted by the Chancellor, the resignation is final and may not be rescinded.

The Chancellor or designee is authorized by the Board of Trustees to accept officially the resignation of any employee.

Acceptance of the resignation shall be effective at the time of receipt and approval by the Chancellor or designee, except the Board of Trustees retains the authority to rescind the Chancellor's approval of resignations under this policy.

**References:**

**References:**

Education Code Sections 87730; and 88201

**Attachments:**

BP 7350 Resignations - Comments
BP 7350 Resignations - Legal Citations
BP7350 -OLD.pdf
NOTE: BP 7350 titled Resignations spells out the minimum requirements for acceptance of resignation, and delegates the authority to the Superintendent-President to accept a resignation. If there are additional local practices, they can be inserted here.

Sample from another District

Resigning Employees

It is customary to give a minimum of two weeks’ notice for classified and confidential staff; a minimum of 30 days’ notice for management; a minimum of one semester's notice for faculty, OR, at the earliest feasible moment. All notifications must be submitted in writing to the appropriate manager with a copy to Human Resources, who will inform the Superintendent-President. It is customary to give a minimum of two weeks’ notice for classified and confidential staff; a minimum of 30 days' notice for management; a minimum of one semester's notice for faculty, OR, at the earliest feasible moment. All notifications must be submitted in writing to the appropriate manager with a copy to Human Resources, who will inform the Chancellor.

Sample from another District

Normally, a resignation is made in writing to the Chancellor:

- stating the employee's desire to resign, and
- giving the employee's intended last day of service.

The Chancellor will normally accept the resignation and may countersign, denoting his/her acceptance.

The Board of Trustees will be informed of resignations at the next earliest meeting of the Trustees.

Once accepted, a resignation may not be withdrawn. The last day of service will be as indicated by the employee in his/her letter of resignation, subject to the approval of the Chancellor.

Sample from another District

Employees who resign or retire from the District are expected to provide written advance notice. Advance notice of two weeks is appreciated. One month's notice is preferred in the event of a retirement. When notice is given, it should be directed to the employee's department and to Human Resources.

Individuals who leave employment with the District are expected to return District property, and satisfy outstanding financial or other obligations before the last workday. Administrators are responsible for ensuring
that all District property is obtained from all terminating employees and that financial obligations are satisfied.

Upon termination of employment, the supervisor must make appropriate arrangements to discontinue an employee’s password and/or access to all District information systems. This may include, but is not limited to, financial, employee, departmental local area network, and student information systems and e-mail accounts. It also includes building and petty-cash security system codes and combinations to which the employee may have had access.

All employees whether they are resigning or retiring must submit a letter of resignation or complete an Employee Separation Form (available on the District website) and submit a copy to his/her department supervisor and send the original to Human Resources.

The date the resignation will become effective as determined by Human Resources which shall not be later than the last paid day of paid service in the employee’s regular assignment. For employees who retire from the District, the resignation date must be prior to the retirement date. The retirement date should be discussed with a PERS/STRS representative.

All voluntary letters of resignation in lieu of the Employee Separation Form are subject to the approval of the Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources. Letters may not include “intention” to resign or retire and may not include “any special conditions of resignation or retirement” outside those already provided in the employee handbooks and/or collective bargaining agreements. Unacceptable letters or resignation forms not complying with policy or these administrative procedures will be returned to the employee with an explanation.

The District retains the right to negotiate employee resignations when it is determined to be in the best interest of the District and/or the employee. The employee may have a union representative present at these negotiations.

Once Human Resources receives the resignation document, he/she will date stamp the document as received and prepare an agenda item for subsequent Board of Trustees acceptance. The resignation becomes official when it is accepted by the Board.

Once the resignation is received by Human Resources, it cannot be rescinded unless approved by the Superintendent President. Such approval must be in writing on the resignation document and forwarded to Human Resources for action.

Human Resources will forward a confirmation email or letter to the employee after Board of Trustees action to confirm resignation acceptance and the effective date. Human Resources will include in this letter information on completing the Exit Interview Checklist, submission of all absence report forms, and the Voluntary Exit Interview Questionnaire. The checklist and questionnaire forms are available on the District website.

Human Resources is responsible for providing appropriate documents to the Payroll Office for terminating employees and providing information to the Benefits Specialist for retiring employees.

**Retiring Employees**

Retiring employees must submit a letter or separation form to document resignation for the purpose of retiring. If submitting a personal letter, the details must include the specific date of resignation. The retirement date may be noted in the letter but is not required.
The retirement date is between the employee and the retirement system. The following information is provided for retiring employees.

**CalPERS**

- Employee must contact CalPERS at 1-888-CalPERS or 1-888-225-7377 to obtain a Service Retirement Election Application and schedule an appointment with a CalPERS counselor.
- Before submitting completed application to CalPERS, the employee must contact the Specialist at least 30 days prior to retirement regarding sick leave hours.
- For additional information you may visit the CalPERS website at [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov)

**CalSTRS**

- Employee must contact CalSTRS at 1-800 228 5453 to obtain a retirement packet.
- Employee must contact Specialist to obtain an Express Benefits Report to submit with a completed retirement packet to CalSTRS no sooner than the Quarter prior to retirements.
- Retirement workshops for academic employees are conducted by STRS.
- For additional information you may visit the CalSTRS website at [www.calstrs.com](http://www.calstrs.com)

**References:**

- Education Code Sections 87730 and 88201

**Attachments:**

No Attachments
BP 7365 Discipline & Dismissal - Classified Employees

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 7365)

**NOTE:** Current SBCCD BP 7365 parallels the language recommended by the Policy and Procedure Service.

- From current SBCCD BP 7365 titled Discipline and Dismissal, Classified Employees

The Chancellor shall enact procedures for the disciplinary proceedings applicable to all permanent classified employees of the District. Such procedures shall conform to the requirements of the Education Code.

The Board’s of Trustees' determination of the sufficiency of the cause for disciplinary action of a classified employee shall be conclusive.

No disciplinary action shall be taken for any cause that arose prior to the employee becoming permanent, or for any cause that arise more than two years preceding the date of the filing of any charge against the employee, unless the cause was concealed or not disclosed by the employee when it could be reasonably assumed that the employee should have disclosed the facts to the District.

A permanent member of the classified service shall be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, oral reprimand, written reprimand, reduction in pay, demotion, suspension, or discharge, for any of the following grounds:

- Fraud in securing employment or making a false statement on an application for employment.
- Incompetence, i.e., inability to comply with the minimum standard of an employee's position for a significant period of time.
- Inefficiency or inexcusable neglect of duty, i.e., failure to perform duties required of an employee in the position.
- Willful disobedience and insubordination, a willful failure to submit to duly appointed and acting supervision, conform to duly established orders or directions of, or insulting or demeaning the authority of a supervisor or manager.
- Dishonesty involving employment.
- Being impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs or narcotics while on duty, which could impact the ability to do the job.
- Excessive absenteeism.
- Unexcused absence without leave.
- Abuse or misuse of sick leave.
- The conviction of either a misdemeanor or a felony involving moral turpitude shall constitute grounds for
dismissal of any employee. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. A plea or verdict of guilty, or a conviction showing a plea of nolo contendere made to charge a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude, is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this Section.

- Discourteous treatment of the public or other employees.
- Improper or unauthorized use of District property.
- Refusal to subscribe to any oath or affirmation which is required by law in connection with District employment.
- Any willful act of conduct undertaken in bad faith, either during or outside of duty hours which is of such a nature that it causes discredit to the District, the employee's department, or division.
- Inattention to duty, tardiness, indolence, carelessness, or negligence in the care and handling of District property.
- Mental or physical impairment which renders the employee unable to perform the essential functions of the job without reasonable accommodation or without presenting a direct threat to the health and safety of self or others.
- Acceptance from any source of a reward, gift, or other form of remuneration in addition to regular compensation to an employee for the performance of his/her official duties.
- The refusal of any officer or employee of the District to testify under oath before any court, grand jury, or administrative officer having jurisdiction over any then pending cause of inquiry in which the District is involved. Violation of this provision may constitute of itself sufficient ground for the immediate discharge of such officer or employee.
- Willful violation of policies, procedures, and other rules which may be prescribed by the District, college(s) or departments.
- Working overtime without authorization.

References:

Education Code Section 88013;
Government Code Sections 3300 et seq.

Attachments:

BP 7365 Discipline & Dismissal - Classified Employees - Comments
BP 7365 Discipline & Dismissal - Classified Employees - Legal Citations
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Discipline and Dismissal – Classified Employees

No disciplinary action shall be taken for any cause that arose prior to the employee's becoming permanent, or for any cause that arose more than two years preceding the date of the filing of the notice of cause, unless the cause was concealed or not disclosed by the employee when it could have been reasonably assumed that the employee should have disclosed the facts to the District. Ed Code 88013

A permanent member of the classified unit shall be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to, informal/verbal warning, written warning, letter of reprimand, and/or further action for any of the following grounds:

Conduct Which is Subject to Disciplinary Action

1. Work Performance

A. Any classified employee who fails to maintain satisfactory work performance standards can constitute good cause for disciplinary action, up to and including termination. Work performance includes all aspects of a classified employee's work.

B. Work performance is judged by the immediate supervisor's evaluation of the quality and quantity of work performed by each employee. When the work performance does not meet satisfactory standards and/or does not comply with the immediate supervisor's instructions will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

C. The following are examples of work performance subject to disciplinary action. This list is not exhaustive.

   I. Incompetence, i.e., inability to comply with the minimum standard of an employee's position for a significant period of time.

   II. Inefficiency or inexcusable neglect of duty, i.e., failure to perform duties required of an employee within his/her position.
1. Conduct
A. All classified employees are expected to maintain standards of conduct suitable and acceptable to the work environment. Disciplinary action, up to and including termination may be imposed for unacceptable conduct.

B. The following are examples of conduct subject to disciplinary action. This list is not exhaustive.

I. Intentionally falsifying any information supplied to the District, including, but not limited to, information supplied on application forms, employment records, or any other District records.

II. Insubordination including the refusal to perform assigned duties or the refusal to obey a lawful directive from a supervisor.

III. Dishonesty.

IV. Drinking alcoholic beverages on the job, or reporting to work while intoxicated.

V. Use of narcotics on the job or reporting to work under the influence. The use of drugs under and consistent with the directions of a physician which does not impair the performance of a classified employee is not prohibited.

VI. Repeated unexcused absence or tardiness.

VII. Unexcused absence without leave.

VIII. Abuse or misuse of leaves.

IX. The conviction of either a misdemeanor or a felony involving moral turpitude shall constitute grounds for dismissal of any employee. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The Office of Human Resources may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline, or the determination if such conviction is an offense involving moral turpitude. A plea or verdict of guilty, or a conviction showing a plea of nolo contendere made to charge a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude, is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The conviction of either a misdemeanor or a felony involving moral turpitude shall constitute grounds for dismissal of any employee. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. The Office of Human Resources may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline, or the determination if such conviction is an offense involving moral turpitude. A plea or verdict of guilty, or a conviction showing a plea of nolo contendere made to charge a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude, is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section.

X. Discourteous treatment of the public or other employees.

XI. Improper or unauthorized use of District property.

Carelessness or negligence in the care and/or use of District property.

XII. Refusal to subscribe to any oath or affirmation that is required by law in connection with District employment.

XIII. Any willful act of conduct undertaken in bad faith, either during or outside of duty hours which is of such a nature that it causes discredit to the District, the employee’s department or division.

XIV. Violation of the rules and regulations published in any department.

XV. Offering of anything of value or offering any service in exchange for special treatment in connection with the classified employee's assigned duties, or the accepting of value or any service in exchange for granting any special treatment to another employee or to any member of the public.

XVI. The refusal of any officer or employee of the District to testify under oath before any court, grand jury, or administrative officer having jurisdiction over any then pending cause of inquiry in which the District is involved. Violation of this provision may constitute of itself sufficient ground for the immediate discharge of such officer or employee.

XVII. Negligent or intentional violation of any law concerning the District.

XVIII. Engaging during required work time in political activity not authorized by law. Example: Those campaigning for or espousing the election or non election of any candidate in national, state, county or municipal elections while on duty and/or during working hours or the dissemination of political material of any kind while on duty and/or during working hours.

XIX. Working overtime without authorization.

XX. The refusal of any officer and or employee of the District to participate and/or fully cooperate in any investigation. Violation of this provision may constitute insubordination and may be grounds for discipline action, up to and including termination.

XXI. Persistent violation of, or refusal to obey, the school laws of the state or reasonable regulations prescribed for the government of the District by the board of governors or by the governing board of the District employing him or her.

XXII. Discourteous offensive, or abusive conduct or language toward other employees, students, or the public.

XXIII. Advocacy of overthrow of federal, state or local government by force, violence or other unlawful means.

XXIV. Personal conduct of an unlawful nature or other conduct which a reasonable person would know may have adverse impact on the District.
Disciplinary Actions

Disciplinary action taken by the District against a permanent member of the classified unit may include, but not be limited to informal/verbal warning, written warning, letter of reprimand, and the following:

- Reduction in pay or demotion
- Suspension
- Reduction hours
- Transfer/reassignment without the unit member's voluntary consent
- Termination

Prior to imposing formal disciplinary action upon a classified unit member, the District shall follow the principles of progressive discipline. Exceptions to progressive discipline include serious cases of misconduct, or cause as defined in Article 17.11 or clauses as defined in this Board Policy. Discipline includes, but is not limited to, oral warning, written warning, written reprimand, suspension without pay, and may lead to termination.

Step 1 – Informal Conference. Prior to any formal discipline action, the member's immediate supervisor shall notify the classified employee of the deficiencies in his or her job performance that has been observed. The supervisor shall identify improvements needed and how the classified employee may improve his or her performance. The supervisor shall provide a written improvement plan including coaching and training, as needed, to address the identified deficiencies. The unit member's performance must be reviewed within sixty (6) days to document the unit member's progress, including any recommendations for continued success. Documentation of the coaching shall not be placed in the unit member's personnel file, but may be used as supporting documentation in later steps.

Step 2 – Verbal Warning. If the deficiencies identified in Step 1 have not been improved, the unit member may receive a verbal warning. The verbal warning shall consist of the unit member's specific deficient performance and further direction for improvement(s). The verbal warning shall not include incidents or deficiencies that were not discussed in the Step 1 level. Documentation of the verbal warning shall be acknowledged by the member and supervisor with copies to both and shall not be placed in the unit member's personnel file, but may be used as supporting documentation in later steps.

Step 3 – Written Warning. If deficiencies identified in Step 2 have not improved, the unit member may receive a written warning. The supervisor shall prepare and send a written warning letter to the bargaining unit member and the CSEA Chapter President or designee. The letter shall consist of the unit member's specific deficient performance and further direction for improvements. The written warning shall not include incidents or deficiencies that were not discussed in the Step 2 level. Documentation of the written warning shall be placed in the unit member's personnel file.

Step 4 – Letter of Reprimand. If deficiencies identified in Step 3 have not improved, the unit member's immediate supervisor may prepare a written letter of reprimand and send the letter to the unit member and the CSEA Chapter President or designee. The letter of reprimand shall outline those specific areas or incidents of the unit member's deficient performance and a written improvement plan where appropriate for deficiencies of job performances. The letter of reprimand shall not include any incidents or deficiencies that were not included in the Step 3 level. The Letter of Reprimand shall not be placed in the unit member's personnel file until he or she has been given thirty (30) working days to respond.
Step 5 – Suspension. If deficiencies identified in Step 4 have not improved, the immediate supervisor may make a recommendation to the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources or designee that the unit member's deficient performance may warrant a suspension without pay for a period not to exceed five (5) days, as deemed appropriate. Copies of the recommendation shall be sent to the unit member and the CSEA Chapter President and placed in the unit members' personnel file. A notice of the suspension shall be prepared and subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined below in Procedures for Disciplinary Action and Appeal.

Step 6 – Further Action. If deficiencies identified in Step 5 have not improved after the above procedures have been followed, the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources or designee may recommend further disciplinary action be taken against the unit member. Additional discipline may include: demotion, suspension, reduction in hours, transfer or reassignment without the unit member's voluntary consent, written reprimand, or termination. Copies of the recommendation shall be sent to the unit member and the CSEA Chapter President. A notice of the recommendation for further action shall be prepared and subject to the disciplinary procedures outlined below in Procedures for Disciplinary Action and Appeal and placed in the unit members' personnel file.

Additional discipline may include: demotion, suspension, reduction in hours, transfer or reassignment without the unit member's voluntary consent, written reprimand, or termination.

Procedure for Disciplinary Action and Appeal

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The District may, for disciplinary purposes, may demote, suspend, reduce hours, transfer or reassign without the unit member's voluntary consent, or terminate employee holding a position in the classified unit. Demotion shall include reduction in pay from a step within the class to one or more lower steps.

For classified employees demoted, suspended, reduction in hours, transfer or reassign, or terminated the District shall follow a pre-disciplinary procedure as follows:

Due Process

Due Process

Whenever disciplinary action is being proposed against a unit member, the District must comply with the procedural due process requirements. A unit member shall be given a written notice of discipline, which sets forth the following:

- Notice of the proposed action,
- Cause for the action,
- A statement of the charges signed by the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources or designee setting forth in clear and understandable language the specific act(s), error(s), or omission(s) giving rise to the charges,
- A copy of all materials including statements on which the district relied upon preparing the notice of intent to discipline,
- Copies of any sections of this contract, rules, regulations, or laws which are alleged to have been violated,
- Notice of the right to respond to the charges either verbally or in writing prior to imposed discipline,
- The right to representation at all phases of the disciplinary process, and
- Statement of the employee's right to hearing(s).
Appeal and Request for Hearing

Right to a Pre-Disciplinary Meeting (Skelly Conference). The "notice of proposed discipline" shall inform the unit member of his/her right to request a pre-disciplinary meeting (Skelly Conference) prior to the imposition of the discipline. In the event of the unit member's timely request of a pre-disciplinary meeting (Skelly Conference), such a meeting shall be held no sooner than (5) days but within a reasonable period of time of upon the unit member's request. At such a meeting the unit member shall be granted a reasonable opportunity, either in person or in writing, to make any representations the unit member believes are relevant to the case and put forth any information as to why the intended action should not proceed.

If a pre-disciplinary hearing is held, the District shall provide the CSEA President or designee and unit member with a written notification of the Skelly Officer's recommendation to either continue, amend, reduce, or dismiss the proposed discipline within ten (10) days.

Subject to the outcome of the pre-disciplinary hearing (Skelly) referenced above, the discipline will commence following the outcome of that pre-disciplinary hearing (Skelly) or, if no pre-disciplinary hearing (Skelly) is requested, on the sixth calendar day following receipt of this notice. If unit member timely request an evidentiary hearing, as addressed above, such a hearing would occur following the commencement of discipline.

Right to an Evidentiary Hearing. The "Notice of Proposed Discipline" shall inform the unit member of his/her right to request an evidentiary hearing after a decision is provided resulting from the pre-disciplinary meeting (Skelly Conference). Unit members' have the right, upon request, to an evidentiary hearing before the disciplinary action is final.

Such request for an evidentiary hearing must be made in writing within five (5) days from receipt of the "Notice of Proposed Discipline" and must be actually received by the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources or designee no later than five (5) days after notice is delivered. If the unit member requests an evidentiary hearing within the five (5) day period, at such hearing the unit member will be provided an opportunity to present oral and/or documentary evidence, confront and cross examine witnesses and to represented by a representative of his/her choice. No evidentiary hearing shall be held unless written notice is delivered to the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources or designee within five (5) days of the date this notice is served on the unit member.

Failure to file a timely request for an evidentiary hearing waives the unity members' right to an evidentiary hearing.
Evidentiary Hearing: All evidentiary hearings shall be conducted by a neutral hearing officer who shall be mutually agreed upon within twenty (20) days by the District and CSEA Association. In the event the parties are unable to reach an agreement on the hearing officer within twenty (20) days from the date of the request for the hearing, a request for a list of five (5) qualified hearing officers will be submitted to the California Mediation and Conciliation Service by the District. The Hearing Officer will be selected from the aforementioned list by alternate strike off. The first strike off will be determined by chance then each party will strike one name from the list until only one name remains. The remaining hearing officer will conduct the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted under rules of procedure established by the hearing officer which are consistent with the law. Both the District and CSEA Association shall have the right to call witnesses, introduce evidence, cross examine witnesses and to represented by a representative of his/her choice. No evidentiary hearing shall be held unless written notice is delivered to the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources or designee within five (5) days of the date this notice is served on the unit member. Failure to file a timely request for an evidentiary hearing waives the unity members’ right to an evidentiary hearing and no hearing will be held.

Member’s Right During an Evidentiary Hearing:

- Evidentiary Hearing: All evidentiary hearings shall be conducted by a neutral hearing officer who shall be mutually agreed upon within twenty (20) days by the District and CSEA Association. In the event the parties are unable to reach an agreement on the hearing officer within twenty (20) days from the date of the request for the hearing, a request for a list of five (5) qualified hearing officers will be submitted to the California Mediation and Conciliation Service by the District. The Hearing Officer will be selected from the aforementioned list by alternate strike off. The first strike off will be determined by chance then each party will strike one name from the list until only one name remains. The remaining hearing officer will conduct the hearing. The hearing shall be conducted under rules of procedure established by the hearing officer which are consistent with the law. Both the District and CSEA Association shall have the right to call witnesses, introduce evidence, cross examine any witness, and make motions or objections to the proceedings. All hearings shall be closed to the public unless the affected unit member specifically requests that the hearing be open to the public.
- Witnesses and Evidence: The hearing officer shall have the authority to compel the production of such witnesses and evidence as may be necessary to ensure that the bargaining unit member’s due process rights are protected. The technical rules of evidence shall not apply. Hearsay evidence may be submitted to support direct evidence, but may not be sufficient standing alone to support a finding.
- Following the Evidentiary Hearing, the Hearing Officer shall render his or her findings, and decision, which shall be served on both parties. The Hearing Officer’s decision is a recommendation only and is not binding.
- Unit member have the right to an evidentiary hearing before a neutral hearing officer; however, the Governing Board’s determination of the sufficiency of the cause of disciplinary action shall be conclusive.

Decision of the Board to be Final

The decision of the Board of Trustees in all cases shall be final. The Board may sustain or reject any or all of the charges filed against the employee. The Board may sustain, reject or modify the disciplinary action invoked against the employee. In those cases where the Board has received a proposed decision from a hearing officer or Administrative Law Judge, the Board may adopt the proposed decision, modify the proposed decision or render a new decision. If the Board recommends reinstatement of the terminated employee, the employee is only entitled to back pay minus the sum the employee has earned during the period of absence.
Record Filed

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When final action is taken, the documents shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.

References:

Education Code Section 88013; Government Code Sections 3300 et seq.

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Attachments: No Attachments
BP 7370 Political Activity

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 7370)

**NOTE:** Current SBCCD BP 7370 parallels the language recommended by the Policy and Procedure Service.

- From current SBCCD BP 7370 titled Political Activity

Employees shall not use District funds, services, supplies, or equipment to urge the passage or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including, but not limited to, any candidate for election to the governing board Board of Trustees.

This policy prohibits political activity during an employee's working hours, but shall not be construed to prohibit an employee from urging the support or defeat of a ballot measure or candidate during nonworking time.

**References:**

- Education Code Sections 7054, and 7056;
- Government Code Section 8314

**Attachments:**

- BP 2716 Political Activity.docx
- BP 7370 Political Activity - Comments
- BP 7370 Political Activity - Legal Citations
- BP7370 -OLD.pdf
AP 7370 Political Activity

NOTE: This procedure is legally advised. Local procedure may be inserted, but should comply with these minimum requirements as excerpted from statute.

No restriction shall be placed on the political activities of any employee of the District except as provided in Board policy and these procedures.

No District funds, services, supplies, or equipment may be used to urge the support or defeat of any ballot measure or candidate, including but not limited to any candidate for election to the Board of Trustees.

District resources may be used to provide information to the public about the possible effects of a bond issue or other ballot measure if both the following conditions are met:

- The informational activities are otherwise authorized by the Constitution or laws of the State of California;
- The information provided constitutes a fair and impartial presentation of relevant facts to aid the electorate in reaching an informed judgment regarding the bond issue or ballot measure.

Any administrator or Board member may appear before a citizens' group that requests the appearance to discuss the reasons why the Board called an election to submit to the voters a proposition for the issuance of bonds, and to respond to inquiries from the citizens' group.

An officer or employee of the District may solicit or receive political funds or contributions to promote the support or defeat of a ballot measure that would affect the rate of pay, hours of work, retirement, civil service, or other working conditions of officers or employees of the District. Such activities are prohibited during working hours, and entry into buildings and grounds of the District during working hours is prohibited. Such activities are permitted during nonworking time. "Nonworking time" means time outside an employees' working hours, whether before or after the work day or during the employees' lunch period or other breaks during the day.

References:

Education Code Sections 7050 et seq.
NOTE: This procedure is legally required.

No employee or consultant shall use or permit others to use public resources, except that which is incidental and minimal, for personal purposes or any other purpose not authorized by law.

Also see BP 2717 titled Personal Use of Public Resources

References:

Government Code Section 8314; Penal Code Section 424

Attachments: No Attachments
BP 7400 Travel

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 7400)

The Chancellor is authorized to attend conferences, meetings and other activities that are appropriate to the functions of the District.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures regarding the attendance of other employees at conferences, meetings, or activities. The procedures shall include authorized expenses, advance of funds, and reimbursement.

All travel outside the state of California and with expenses over $1,000 must be approved in advance by the Board.

If total estimated travel expenses exceed $5,000 per person, or travel is outside the contiguous United States, travel must have prior Board approval.

Reference:

Education Code Section 87032; Government Code Section 11139.8

Attachments:

BP 2735 Board Member Travel.docx
BP 7400 Travel- Comments
BP 7400 Travel- Legal Citations
SBCCD - Overview for Legal Update 31 Final Version.docx
AP 7400 Travel

(Replaces current SBCCD AP 7400)

A. Definition

Travel includes:

1. Attendance at workshops, seminars, conventions, conferences, or other meetings of interest to the District; and/or

2. The required use of a personal vehicle in the performance of an employee's duty.

B. Approval

1. Any travel, which involves reimbursable expenses in excess of $1,000 and all travel outside of California shall be approved by the Board of Trustees prior to the onset of the travel.

2. Travel within the state with reimbursable expenses of $1,000 or less must be approved by the College President or designee for campus employees, or the Chancellor or designee for District site employees. Travel for the Chancellor must be approved by the Board President or other designated Board member subject to the above conditions.

3. Any exception must be approved by the Chancellor or designee for employees and the Board President or designee for the Chancellor.

C. Request for Conference Attendances

If travel involves costs to the District other than mileage or the employee's salary while absent from work, a "Request for Conference Attendance" Form shall be prepared by the employee and shall include a detailed cost estimate. Upon approval of conference attendance request, a purchase requisition must be prepared at 100% of estimated travel expenses. Travel costs must be fully funded at time of request.

D. Travel Advances

1. A travel advance must be requested on the Travel Form (AC-10) and requires approval by the Chancellor or designee. A travel advance shall not exceed 80% of the anticipated expenses unless conference literature, travel registrations, and hotel brochures indicate actual cost, in which case a request for 100% will be considered, upon written request.

2. If travel requires Board approval, advance request will not be processed until approval by Board of Trustees.

3. All advances must be followed by a resubmission of the Travel Form (AC-10) within thirty (30) days.
from completion of travel whether or not the claim exceeds the advance. If an advance exceeds actual cost, the claimant shall reimburse the District for the excess within thirty (30) days. Claims submitted to accounts payable after 30 calendar days from completion of travel may be denied.

4. No advance may be allowed if the Travel Form for a previous advance was not filed within the allotted thirty (30) days or if a prior advance has not been resolved.

E. Travel Claims

1. Whenever travel is properly authorized and costs are incurred, a claim may be filed using a Travel Form (AC-10) which shows in detail all expenditures incurred. Itemized receipts for eligible expenses must be attached to the claim form.

2. The claimant shall certify by signing the Travel Form (AC-10) that all amounts claimed were actual and necessary, that the expenses were for the benefit of the claimant only and only allowable expenses are included. Claims shall be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after return from travel. Claims submitted to accounts payable after 30 calendar days may be denied.

3. A receipt may be one of the following:
   - An itemized invoice or bill stamped PAID by the vendor;
   - A photocopy of a canceled check showing both front and back may be used provided itemization is attached;
   - An itemized receipt or invoice prepared by the party furnishing the material or service, showing the amount of money received.

F. Mileage

Please refer to AP 7450 for mileage rate and calculation.

G. Meals

Maximum reimbursement shall be based upon flat-rate daily per diem rates for the Los Angeles-Orange County area as established by the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov/perdiem). The applicable GSA daily per diem rates shall apply for full days of travel. For first and last days of travel, 75% of the applicable GSA daily per diem rates will apply. The rates shall be updated in accordance with GSA per diem adjustments, which normally occur annually. Reimbursement shall be based upon actual and necessary meal costs, including tax and gratuity. A maximum acceptable gratuity is 20% of allowable meal expenses and taxes. Itemized receipts are required.

H. Lodging

Lodging shall be reimbursed for authorized overnight travel. Reimbursement shall not exceed the rate for single occupancy lodging. Itemized bills, showing all charges with proof of payment is required. Reimbursable lodging expense include room rental charges, fees and taxes; internet access fees; fax fees and business related phone usage.

I. Transportation

Private or other mode of transportation shall not exceed the lowest cost of air transportation to the same destination. Streetcar, ferry, taxi and bus fares, bridge and road tolls, mileage for one round trip to nearest airport, or parking charges incurred while on approved travel may be claimed for reimbursement when properly itemized on claim forms. Receipt is required.
J. Registration/Conference Fees

Registration fees are authorized. Conference fees for business related events only shall be reimbursed. Receipts are required.

K. Porterage

Reasonable porterage or baggage handling costs are allowed. Receipt is required.

L. Incidents

Other incidental minor costs, as claimed, may be approved by the Chancellor, or his designee, provided such other costs are explained in detail and do not include personal expenses, such as toothpaste, razor blades, or laundry. Receipt is required.

M. Telephone and/or Internet

Telephone and/or Internet expenses are permitted for college business purposes only. Receipt is required.

N. Unallowable Travel Expenses

Travel expenses which are not "actual and necessary" shall not be reimbursed. Examples are alcohol, movie rentals, personal phone calls and fees for social/recreational activities.

O. Federal Awards Requirements

The District reimburses expenses for transportation, lodging, and related items incurred by employees who travel on official business of the District. For travel associated with federal awards, costs incurred by employees and officers must be reasonable and otherwise allowable to the extent such costs do not exceed charges normally allowed by the District in its regular operations as the result of the District's written travel policy.

If the District charges these costs directly to a federal award, documentation justify that participation of the individual is necessary to the federal award, and that costs are reasonable and consistent with District's travel policy.

A. Application

This procedure should be followed when travel is for District employees or individual student travelers. Travel includes:

1. Attendance at workshops, seminars, conventions, conferences, webinars, or other meetings of interest to the District; overnight student travel to conferences; and/or

2. The required use of a personal vehicle in the performance of an employee's duty.

B. Travel Requests

1. Travel for employees or students must be requested using the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A). Travel must be approved by the appropriate administrators prior to the onset of travel and prior to incurring any travel related expenses.

2. A student traveler must include his or her student ID on the SBCCD Travel Conference Request and
3. The SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, including a detailed cost estimate, must be prepared if travel involves costs other than mileage or the employee’s salary while absent from work. All costs must be included, including those on the Cal-card.

4. The traveler or designee must also prepare a purchase requisition(s) in the District’s financial system to ensure sufficient funds are encumbered for the trip. The traveler should list the purchase requisition number(s) on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A) and then electronically route the form to the appropriate administrator, as defined in this Administrative Procedure, for electronic approval. Before submitting the purchase requisition, the traveler must electronically attach the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, with Section A approved by the appropriate administrator, to the purchase requisition.

**Non-Oracle Users:** The traveler or designee must submit purchase requisitions to cover 100% of estimated travel expenses. All estimated expenses reimbursable to the traveler must be on a single purchase requisition. Any estimated expenses that will be charged to the Cal-card must be on a separate purchase requisition. If any expenses will be prepaid by the District consistent with Part D of this procedure, the traveler must prepare a separate PR for each vendor.

**Oracle Users:** The traveler or designee must submit a single purchase requisition in Oracle that covers 100% of estimated travel expenses, including Cal-card expenses.

5. Once submitted, the purchase requisition is automatically routed to the appropriate Responsibility Center Manager(s) for approval and then to Business Services for final approval. Please note: If Board approval is required, Business Services will not approve travel until Board approval is obtained.

6. A request to travel has been completely approved only if an approved purchase order is in place. The traveler must ensure that approved purchase orders to encumber sufficient funds are in place prior to requesting a travel advance or prepayment of expenses and prior to incurring any travel related expenses.

C. **Travel Requests - Required Approvals**

Travel requests must be approved by the appropriate administrator and documented on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A). The appropriate administrator is:

- For employee travel, the traveler’s immediate supervisor
- For student travel, the College President
- For the Chancellor’s travel, the Board President or other designated Board Member

Additionally, travel requests must be approved by the Responsibility Center Manager(s) and Business Services. Approvals from the Responsibility Center Manager(s) and Business Services are obtained through the electronic routing of the purchase requisition in the District’s financial system.

If total estimated travel expenses exceed $5,000 per person, or travel is outside the contiguous United States, travel must also have **prior Board approval** in addition to the approvals noted above. Travel approval should be listed under the board agenda conference attendance section.
The Chancellor or designee may approve any exceptions for employees or students. Any exceptions for the Chancellor must be approved by the Board President or designee.

D. **District Prepaid Expenses**

The following are the only expenses that may be paid in advance by a District check payable to vendors other than the traveler:
- Conference registration for employees or students.
- Hotel for students only.

Requests to pay travel expenses in advance must be listed on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A). For processing of prepayment, the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section A) must be submitted to sbccdapd@sbccd.org (Accounts Payable Department) with the corresponding purchase requisition number, approval by the appropriate administrator, and adequate documentation including:
- Conference literature;
- Conference registration form/brochure or confirmation showing fees if requesting prepayment of conference registration;
- Hotel quotes and hotel confirmation if requesting prepayment of student hotel expense;
- Pro forma invoice or invoice provided by vendor if available.

E. **Travel Advance Payable to the Traveler**

1. A request for a travel advance will only be considered if estimated travel expenses include reimbursable expenses other than mileage and/or meals.

2. **Non-Oracle Users:** Each traveler must request a travel advance on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form (Section B), electronically sign Section B and attach all required documentation, and email the request to sbccdapd@sbccd.org (Accounts Payable Department). **Oracle Users:** Traveler must request a travel advance through the Oracle Expense Module and electronically attach all required documentation to his or her request.

3. All travel advance requests must be accompanied by the following required documentation:
   - Proper approval to travel and PR number (on the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, Section A);
   - Conference literature; and
   - Support for all estimated travel-related expenses. This may include conference registration brochure showing registration fees or confirmation; quote for airfare; quote for nightly lodging rate, quote for rental car or shuttle service; MapQuest or Google Maps printout showing total mileage; etc.

4. The travel advance must only be used for reimbursable travel expenses necessary in attending to District business.

5. A travel advance must not exceed 80% of the anticipated expenses unless actual payments have been made and are substantiated in which case a request for 100% will be considered, upon written request.

6. Employees with Cal Cards may not request advances.

7. If travel requires Board approval, no advance request will be processed until approved by the Board of Trustees.

8. All advances must be followed by a resubmission of the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and
Claim Form or by submitting an Expense Report in Oracle within thirty (30) calendar days of the trip end date. If an advance exceeds actual cost, the claimant must reimburse the District upon submission of the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form.

9. If the trip is cancelled, the requestor will return the advance to Fiscal Services within three (3) business days from the date of cancellation.

10. Employees and students may not have more than two (2) travel advances open at any given time. A travel advance request may be rejected if travel claims from a previous trip have not been submitted in accordance with these procedures.

11. By receiving a travel advance, the requestor authorizes the Payroll Department to automatically deduct the travel advance from the requestor’s payroll check or place a hold on the requestor’s student records (if applicable) should the requestor fail to return monies owed to the District or fail to submit a completed SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form or Expense Report in Oracle in accordance with these procedures.

F. Travel Claims

1. Whenever travel is properly authorized and costs are incurred, a claim must be filed showing in detail all actual expenditures. The claim must be submitted with all required claim support including:
   - Proper approval to travel and the corresponding PR number(s) (Section A of the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form);
   - Conference literature; and
   - Itemized receipts or invoices for all actual and eligible expenses. Mileage must be supported by a MapQuest or Google Maps printout showing total mileage.
**Non-Oracle User:** Each traveler must file his or her travel claim electronically by resubmitting the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form with all required claim support to sbccdapd@sbccd.org (Accounts Payable Department).

**Oracle User:** Traveler must file his or her travel claim by submitting an Expense Report and attaching all required claim support in Oracle.

2. The traveler must certify that all amounts claimed were actual and necessary, and that only allowable expenses are included.

3. If the traveler paid for another employee’s or student’s expenses, and the expense is reimbursable, the traveler must obtain a signed waiver from each person for whom the traveler paid for. The signed waivers must be attached to the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form or the Expense Report when submitted.

4. **Non-Oracle User:** After the traveler has completed the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, the form must be reviewed and electronically signed by the traveler’s supervisor if the traveler is an employee, or the Responsibility Center Manager if the traveler is a student.

**Oracle User:** Once an Expense Report is submitted, it will be automatically routed for proper approvals.

5. If total travel expenses (including any advances) exceed the approved cost estimate in Section A, a change order must be requested and approved by the Responsibility Center Manager to increase the purchase order.

6. Claims must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days after return from travel. Claims submitted after 30 calendar days may be denied.

7. A receipt must be an itemized bill or invoice from the vendor showing proof of payment (e.g., invoice
stamped PAID or showing the amount of money received). A photocopy of a cancelled check showing both front and back can also be submitted with the vendor’s itemized bill or invoice to prove the vendor was paid.

G. **Mileage**

Please refer to AP 7450 for mileage rate and calculation.

H. **Meals**

Maximum reimbursement shall be based upon flat-rate daily per diem rates for the San Francisco County area as established by the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov/perdiem). The applicable GSA daily per diem rates shall apply for all days of business travel. The rates shall be updated in accordance with GSA per diem adjustments, which normally occur annually. Reimbursement shall be based upon actual and necessary meal costs, including tax and gratuity. Meals are not reimbursable if provided at the conference or event. A maximum acceptable gratuity is 20% of allowable meal expenses and taxes. Itemized receipts are not required for meals. Cal-card users will be reimbursed for meal expenses that appear on the Cal-card statement up to the daily per diem rate.

I. **Lodging**

Travelers are expected to use lodging that is necessary and reasonable, selecting the lowest standard room rates available. Travelers attending a conference should make reservations early enough to take advantage of conference rates.

Lodging shall be reimbursed for authorized overnight travel. Reimbursement shall not exceed the rate for single occupancy lodging. Itemized bills, showing all charges with proof of payment is required. Reimbursable lodging expense include room rental charges, fees and taxes; internet access fees; fax fees and business related phone usage.

J. **Transportation**

Private or other mode of transportation shall not exceed the lowest cost of air transportation to the same destination. Purchasing refundable airline tickets is prohibited, unless there is a valid business reason and it is approved by a supervisor.

Streetcar, ferry, taxi and bus fares, bridge and road tolls, mileage for one round trip to nearest airport, or parking charges incurred while on approved travel may be claimed for reimbursement when properly itemized. Receipt is required.

Toll fees only payable by Internet must be paid by the traveler and are reimbursable.

Necessary rental car expenses (including fuel and insurance) are reimbursable, not to exceed the costs of Compact class cars, unless there is a valid business reason and it is approved by a supervisor.

Itemized receipts for all transportation expenses are required.

K. **Registration/Conference Fees**

Event registration fees will only be reimbursed if the event is related to the traveler’s employment at the
District and for the benefit of the District. Student travel must serve an educational purpose. Itemized receipts are required. Conference literature must be submitted with the SBCCD Travel/Conference Request and Claim Form, or attached to the Expense Report in Oracle. Conference literature must include the cost, dates, location of the event, and the conference agenda, program, or description.

L. **Incidentals & Miscellaneous Expenses**

Incidental and miscellaneous expenses are reimbursable when they are ordinary and necessary to accomplish the official business purpose of a trip. Explanation for these expenses must be attached. Itemized receipts are required. These expenses include reasonable porterage or baggage handling costs, telephone charges, Internet charges, and postage only if necessary for business purposes. These expenses do not include personal expenses such as toothpaste, razor blades, or laundry.

M. **Unallowable Travel Expenses**

Travel expenses which are not "actual and necessary" shall not be reimbursed. Examples are alcohol; personal domestic ATM/credit card fees; traffic, parking or toll citations; movie rentals; personal phone calls; early check in fees; fees for social/recreational activities; and gratuities in excess of 20%.

No reimbursement for lodging or subsistence shall be paid to an employee for travel to a destination for his/her own convenience in advance of the necessary time of arrival, or if he/she remains at the destination following a meeting/conference.

N. **Federal Awards Requirements**

The District reimburses expenses for transportation, lodging, and related items incurred by employees who travel on official business of the District. For travel associated with federal awards, costs incurred by employees and officers must be reasonable and otherwise allowable to the extent such costs do not exceed charges normally allowed by the District in its regular operations as the result of the District's written travel policy.

If the District charges these costs directly to a federal award, documentation justify that participation of the individual is necessary to the federal award, and that costs are reasonable and consistent with District's travel policy.

**Reference:**

Education Code Section 87032

Code of Federal Regulations, Title 2, 200.474

**Attachments:**

AP 2735 Board Member Travel.docx
AP 7400 Travel- Comments
AP 7400 Travel- Legal Citations
SBCCD - Overview for Legal Update 31 Final Version.docx
The District may contract for instructional classes to be offered at the request of public or private agencies or groups. The purpose of contract education is to help the district build capacity to deliver training and services that enhance businesses, the workforce, and the local economy. The goals for contract education include:

- Increased revenue to the district,
- Increased system support for economic and workforce development,
- Increased retention of economic and workforce development professionals.

Contract education classes may be offered for credit, noncredit or not-for-credit as requested by the outside agency or group. Credit and non-credit contract education courses may be offered by either college.

No state apportionment shall be requested for classes compensated by another public or private agency, corporation, or other body or person.

An agreement between the district and the identified public or private agency, corporation, or other body or person shall be developed and approved by the Board of Trustees.

The agreement shall identify the classes to be taught and the amount of money to be paid to the district. No general fund money shall be utilized for contract education classes.

The district business and fiscal services department shall invoice the agency for all contract education classes as per the billing cycle delineated in the contract education agreement.

When contract education involves academic credit classes, or noncredit classes faculty appointments will be consistent with minimum qualifications, and curriculum approval processes and registration procedures for all students will be followed. If the course does not offer credit, no approval by the curriculum committee shall be required.

Reference:

Title 5 Section 55170
AP 4222 Remedial Coursework

(Replaces current SBCCD AP 4222)

A. Course Definition
Remedial coursework refers to non-degree, pre-collegiate, basic skills offered for college credit to include reading, writing, computation, learning skills, study skills, and English as a Second Language designed to ensure acquisition of those skills necessary for successful completion of associate degree, transfer, and occupational courses. A student's need for remedial coursework shall be determined using appropriate assessment instruments, methods, or procedures.

B. Remedial English or Mathematics Coursework
No student shall be required to enroll in remedial English or mathematics coursework that lengthens their time to complete a degree unless placement research that includes consideration of high school grade point average and coursework, shows that those students are highly unlikely to success in transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics. A student may be required to enroll in additional concurrent support, including additional language support for English as a Second Language students, during the same semester that they take a transfer-level English or mathematics course, but only if the college determines the support will increase their likelihood of passing the transfer-level English or mathematics course. The college shall minimize the impact on student financial aid and unit requirements for the degree by exploring embedded and low or noncredit support options.

C. Limits
A student enrolled in remedial coursework as identified above shall not receive credit for more than 30 units of such coursework earned in this District. Remedial coursework earned in another District shall not be counted toward the 30-unit limit. A student who exhausts this unit limitation shall be referred to appropriate adult noncredit education services.

D. Exemptions
All remedial courses taken by students enrolled in English as a Second Language courses and students identified by the District for learning disabled programs are exempted from the limitations imposed above.

E. Waivers
A student who shows significant, measurable progress toward the development of skills appropriate to enrollment in college-level courses may apply for a waiver of the 30-unit limit through the college petitions process. A waiver shall be subject to the following conditions:

1. A student must have been continuously enrolled and have completed at least 24 units of remedial coursework with a grade of C or better.
2. A petition for waiver must have the recommendation of a college counselor.
3. Additional remedial coursework shall be specified in a course list prepared by a college counselor.

4. Additional coursework shall be limited to two additional courses above the 30-unit limit not to exceed eight units.

5. Any coursework approved through the waiver process shall be completed within the semester that immediately follows the reaching of the 30-unit limit.

6. A grade of P (pass) constitutes satisfactory progress.

F. Academic Probation, Dismissal

A student enrolled in remedial coursework is subject to the District standards for academic probation and/or dismissal. In addition, a student who does not attain full eligibility status for college-level work within the 30-unit limit described above shall, unless provided with a waiver, be dismissed and referred to adult noncredit education courses. Students enrolled in remedial coursework shall be notified of unsuccessful progress through the regular college counseling and advising process.

G. Reinstatement

A student may, upon successful completion of appropriate remedial coursework elsewhere, or upon demonstration of skills levels that will reasonably assure success in college-level courses, request reinstatement to proceed with college-level coursework by filing a petition with the Vice-President of Student Services.

H. College Catalog

The SBVC and the CHC catalogs include a clear statement of the limited applicability of remedial coursework toward fulfilling degree requirements and any exemptions that may apply to this limitation.

Reference:

Title 5 Section 55035
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.4

Attachments:

AP 4222 Remedial Courseworks - Comments
AP 4222 Remedial Courseworks - Legal Citations
AP4222 -OLD.pdf
Legal Update 33 Overview Rev. 10-25-18.docx
BP 5530 Student Rights and Grievances

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 5530 and BP 5540)

**NOTE:** This policy is unique to SBCCD.

- From current SBCCD BP 5530 titled Student Grievances
  
  Students may initiate grievance proceedings against a District employee under the administrative regulations provided by the Chancellor.

- From current SBCCD BP 5540 titled Student Grievances
  
  It is the policy of the San Bernardino Community College District that there shall be an appeal process by which a dispute in the assigned final grade received by a student may be resolved in a fair and efficient manner according to State law. (See BP and AP 4231 titled Grade Changes)

References:

Education Code Section 76224(a);

- Title 5 Section 55025 (Title 5 Section 55760 was repealed)
- Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972
- Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972

Attachments:

- BP 5530 Student Rights and Grievances - Comments
- BP 5530 Student Rights and Grievances - Legal Citations
- BP5530 -OLD.pdf
(Replaces current SBCCD AP 5530 and AP 5540)

The purpose of this procedure is to provide a prompt and equitable means of resolving student grievances. These procedures shall be available to any student who reasonably believes a college decision or action has adversely affected his or her status, rights or privileges as a student. The procedures shall include, but not be limited to, grievances regarding:

- **Sex discrimination as prohibited by Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972**
- **Financial aid**
- **Course grades, to the extent permitted by Education Code Section 76224(a), which provides: When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a community college District, the grade given to each student shall be the grade determined by the instructor of the course and the determination of the student's grade by the instructor, in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency, shall be final.** "Mistake" may include, but is not limited to errors made by an instructor in calculating a student's grade and clerical errors.
- **The exercise of rights of free expression protected by state and federal constitutions and Education Code Section 76120.**

- **Sex discrimination, in education programs and activities, as prohibited by Title IX of the Higher Education Amendments of 1972.** For grievances related to sexual harassment, sexual assault, or illegal discrimination (i.e. age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, ethnic group identification, gender, marital status, medical condition, national origin, parental status, race, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status), students should contact the Human Resources Department and/or the San Bernardino Community College Police. Staff members in those areas will assist students with the correct processes for resolution. Complaint and investigation procedures related to harassment and discrimination (including sexual assault, sexual violence, dating violence, stalking, and domestic violence) can be found in Administrative Procedure 3435.
- **Financial aid (see AP 5130 Financial Aid for appeals appeals relating to financial aid);**
- **Course grades, to the extent permitted by Education Code Section 76224(a) (see AP 4231 Grade Changes for appeals relating to course grades)**
- **The exercise of rights of free expression protected by state and federal constitutions and Education Code Section 76120.**
In addition to San Bernardino Community College District Procedures, a student may address a grievance directly to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office by accessing the following website:

http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/ComplaintsForm.aspx

This procedure does not apply to:

- Student disciplinary actions, which are covered under separate Board Policies and Administrative Procedures.
- Police citations (i.e., "tickets"); complaints about citations must be directed to the County Courthouse in the same way as any traffic violation.

Definitions:

**Definitions**

**Party** — The student or any persons claimed to have been responsible for the student's alleged grievance, together with their representatives. "Party" shall not include the Grievance Hearing Committee or the College Grievance Officer.

**Chancellor** — The Chancellor or a designated representative of the Chancellor.

**Student** — A currently enrolled student, a person who has filed an application for admission to the college, or a former student. A grievance by an applicant shall be limited to a complaint regarding denial of admission. Former students shall be limited to grievances relating to course grades to the extent permitted by Education Code Section 76224(a).

**Respondent** — Any person claimed by a grievant to be responsible for the alleged grievance.

**Day** — Unless otherwise provided, day shall mean a day during which the college is in session and regular classes are held, excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

**Informal Resolution**

Informal Resolution — Each student who has a grievance shall make a reasonable effort to resolve the matter on an informal basis prior to requesting a grievance hearing, and shall attempt to solve the problem with the person with whom the student has the grievance, that person's immediate supervisor, or the local college administration.
It shall include [number] students, [number] instructors, and [number] college administrator selected from the panel described above.

No person shall serve as a member of a Grievance Hearing Committee if that person has been personally involved in any matter giving rise to the grievance, has made any statement on the matters at issue, or could otherwise not act in a neutral manner. Any party to the grievance may supervisor, or the local college administration.

The Chancellor shall appoint an employee who shall assist students in seeking resolution by informal means. This person shall be called the Grievance Officer. The Grievance Officer and the student may also seek the assistance of the Associated Student Organization in attempting to resolve a grievance informally.

Informal meetings and discussion between persons directly involved in a grievance are essential at the outset of a dispute and should be encouraged at all stages. An equitable solution should be sought before persons directly involved in the case have stated official or public positions that might tend to polarize the dispute and render a solution more difficult. At no time shall any of the persons directly or indirectly involved in the case use the fact of such informal discussion, the fact that a grievance has been filed, or the character of the informal discussion for the purpose of strengthening the case for or against persons directly involved in the dispute or for any purposes other than the settlement of the grievance. Informal meetings and discussion between persons directly involved in a grievance are essential at the outset of a dispute and should be encouraged at all stages. An equitable solution should be sought before persons directly involved in the case have stated official or public positions that might tend to polarize the dispute and render a solution more difficult. At no time shall any of the persons directly or indirectly involved in the case use the fact of such informal discussion, the fact that a grievance has been filed, or the character of the informal discussion for the purpose of strengthening the case for or against persons directly involved in the dispute or for any purposes other than the settlement of the grievance.

Any student who believes he/she has a grievance shall file a Statement of Grievance with the Grievance Officer within [number] days of the incident on which the grievance is based, or [number] days after the student learns of the basic for the grievance, whichever is later. The Statement of Grievance must be filed whether or not the student has already initiated efforts at informal resolution, if the student wishes the grievance to become official. Within two days following receipt of the Statement of Grievance Form, the Grievance Officer shall advise the student of his or her rights and responsibilities under these procedures, and assist the student, if necessary, in the final preparation of the Statement of Grievance form.

If at the end of [number] days following the student's first meeting with the Grievance Officer, there is no informal resolution of the complaint which is satisfactory to the student, the student shall have the right to request a grievance hearing.

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challenge for cause any member of the hearing committee prior to the beginning of the hearing by addressing a challenge to the Chancellor who shall determine whether cause for disqualification has been shown. If the Chancellor feels that sufficient ground for removal of a member of the committee has been presented, the Chancellor shall remove the challenged member or members and substitute a member or members from the panel described above. This determination is subject to appeal as defined below.

- The Grievance Officer shall sit with the Grievance Hearing Committee but shall not serve as a member nor vote. The Grievance Officer shall coordinate all scheduling of hearings, shall serve to assist all parties and the Hearing Committee to facilitate a full, fair and efficient resolution of the grievance, and shall avoid an adversary role.

Request for Grievance Hearing—Any request for a grievance hearing shall be filed on a Request for a Grievance Hearing within [number] days after filing the Statement of Grievance as described above.

Within [number] days following receipt of the request for grievance hearing, the Chancellor shall appoint a Grievance Hearing Committee as described above, and the Grievance Hearing Committee shall meet in private and without the parties present to select a chair and to determine on the basis of the Statement of Grievance whether it presents sufficient grounds for a hearing.

**Formal Process**

If informal resolution through discussion or mediation does not resolve the conflict, the student shall have the right to request a grievance hearing, in writing, to the Vice president of Student Services. The request for a hearing must be made within 180 calendar days of the incident being grievable.

The determination of whether the Statement of Grievance presents sufficient grounds for a hearing shall be based on the following:

- The statement contains facts which, if true, would constitute a grievance under these procedures;
- The grievant is a student as defined in these procedures, which include applicants and former students;
- The grievant is personally and directly affected by the alleged grievance;
- The grievance was filed in a timely manner;
- The grievance is not clearly frivolous, clearly without foundation, or clearly filed for purposes of harassment.

If the grievance does not meet each of the requirements, the Hearing Committee chair shall notify the student in writing of the rejection of the Request for a Grievance Hearing, together with the specific reasons for the rejection and the procedures for appeal. This notice will be provided within [number] days of the date the decision is made by the Grievance Hearing Committee. If the grievance does not meet each of the requirements, the Vice president of Student Services shall notify the student in writing of the rejection of the Request for a Grievance Hearing, together with the specific reasons for the rejection and the procedures for appeal. This notice will be provided within five days of the date the decision is made.

If the Request for Grievance Hearing satisfies each of the requirements, the College Grievance Officer
shall schedule a grievance hearing. The hearing will begin within \{number\} days following the decision to grant a Grievance Hearing. All parties to the grievance shall be given not less than \{number\} days notice of the date, time and place of the hearing. If the Request for Grievance Hearing satisfies each of the requirements, the Vice president of Student Services shall schedule a grievance hearing. The hearing will begin within ten days following the decision to grant a Grievance Hearing. All parties to the grievance shall be given not less than five days notice of the date, time and place of the hearing.

NOTE: A hearing must comply with principles of due process, including the right to confront and cross examine witnesses. The following procedure is:

Hearing Procedure

The decision of the Grievance Hearing Committee chair shall be final on all matters relating to the conduct of the hearing unless there is a vote of a majority of the other members of the panel to the contrary.

Grievance Hearing

The formal grievance hearing will be scheduled within 10 days (during which the college is in session) of receipt of the request.

The grievance hearing committee will be composed of the following:

- One student appointed by the Student Senate president.
- One faculty member appointed by the Academic Senate president if the grievance is against a faculty member.
- One staff member appointed by the Classified Senate president if the grievance is against a staff member.
- Vice president of Student Services, who will chair the committee if the grievance is non-academic, or the Vice president of Instruction if the grievance is academic.

No person shall serve as a member of a Grievance Hearing Committee if that person has been personally involved in any matter giving rise to the grievance, has made any statement on the matters at issue, or could otherwise not act in a neutral manner.

Any party to the grievance may challenge for cause any member of the hearing committee prior to the beginning of the hearing by addressing a challenge to the chair, who shall determine whether cause for disqualification has been shown. If the chair feels that sufficient ground for removal of a member of the committee has been presented, he or she shall remove the challenged member or members and substitute a member or members from the panel described above. This determination is subject to appeal as defined below.

The chair will conduct the hearing. Possible protective measures that may be utilized include, but are not limited to, no-contact orders, remote participation during the hearing (telephone, videoconferencing, use of a privacy screen, etc.), separate waiting areas during hearing, safety escorts, and prohibitions against retaliation.

The members of the Grievance Hearing Committee shall be provided with a copy of the grievance and any written response provided by the respondent before the hearing begins. The members of the grievance hearing committee will be provided a copy of the grievance and any written response to the grievance.

Each party to the grievance may call witnesses and introduce oral and written testimony relevant to the
the issues of the matter. Each party to the grievance may call witnesses and introduce oral and written testimony. Witnesses unable to be present may submit written statements.

**Formal rules of evidence shall not apply. Any relevant evidence shall be admitted.**

Unless the Grievance Hearing Committee determines to proceed otherwise, each party to the grievance shall be permitted to make an opening statement. Thereafter, the grievant or grievants shall make the first presentation, followed by the respondent or respondents. The grievant(s) may present rebuttal evidence after the respondent(s)' evidence. The burden shall be on the grievant or grievants to prove by substantial evidence that the facts alleged are true and that a grievance has been established as specified above.

Each party to the grievance may represent himself/herself, and may also have the right to be represented by a person of his/her choice; except that a party shall not be represented by an attorney unless, in the judgment of the Grievance Hearing Committee, complex legal issues are involved. If a party wishes to be represented by an attorney, a request must be presented not less than [number] days prior to the date of the hearing. If one party is permitted to be represented by an attorney, any other party shall have the right to be represented by an attorney. The hearing committee may also request legal assistance through the Chancellor any legal advisor provided to the hearing committee may sit with it in an advisory capacity to provide legal counsel but shall not be a member of the panel nor vote with it.

Although the hearing is formal, rules of evidence do not apply as they would in a court of law.

Each party to the grievance will be permitted to make an opening statement; thereafter, the grievant will present evidence followed by the respondent.

The student may bring an advocate or attorney to the hearing provided the Vice president of Student Services is notified at least five calendar days in advance of the hearing. In the event the student fives notification that he or she will have representation, the respondent has the right to legal counsel and a right to receive notification that the student will have counsel present.

The hearing will be recorded, and the recording shall remain in the custody of the Vice president of Student Services. Any party to the grievance may request a copy of the recording.

Hearings shall be closed and confidential unless all parties request that it be open to the public. Any such request must be made no less than [number] days prior to the date of the hearing. In a closed hearing, witnesses shall not be present at the hearing when not testifying, unless all parties and the committee agree to the contrary.

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The hearing shall be recorded by the Grievance Officer either by tape recording or stenographic recording, and shall be the only recording made. No witness who refuses to be recorded may be permitted to give testimony. In the event the recording is by tape recording, the Grievance Hearing Committee Chair shall, at the beginning of the hearing, ask each person present to identify themselves by name, and thereafter shall ask witnesses to identify themselves by name. The tape recording shall remain in the custody of the District, either at the college or the District office, at all times, unless released to a professional transcribing service. Any party may request a copy of the tape recording.
All testimony shall be taken under oath; the oath shall be administered by the Grievance Hearing Committee Chair. Written statements of witnesses under penalty of perjury shall not be used unless the witness is unavailable to testify. A witness who refuses to be tape recorded shall be considered to be unavailable.

Within [number] days following the close of the hearing, the Grievance Hearing Committee shall prepare and send to the Chancellor a written decision. The decision shall include specific factual findings regarding the grievance, and shall include specific conclusions regarding whether a grievance has been established as defined above. The decision shall also include a specific recommendation regarding the relief to be afforded the grievant, if any. The decision shall be based only on the record of the hearing, and not on matter outside of that record. The record consists of the original grievance, any written response, and the oral and written evidence produced at the hearing. The grievance hearing committee will recommend a resolution of the grievance after listening to all of the participants. The committee will inform the student and the respondent in writing about its recommendation within 10 days of the hearing. The decision shall be based only on the record of the hearing, and not on matter outside of that record. The record consists of the original grievance, any written response, and the oral and written evidence produced at the hearing.

Within five days following the close of the hearing, the Grievance Hearing Committee shall prepare and send to the President a written decision. The recommendation shall include specific factual findings regarding the grievance. The recommendation shall also include relief afforded to the student, if any.

Chancellor's Decision: Within [number] days following receipt of the Grievance Hearing Committee's decision and recommendation(s), the Chancellor shall send to all parties his/her written decision, together with the Hearing Committee's decision and recommendations. The Chancellor may accept or reject the findings, decisions and recommendations of the Hearing Committee. The factual findings of the Hearing Committee shall be accorded great weight; and if the Chancellor does not accept the decision or a finding or recommendation of the Hearing Committee, the Chancellor shall review the record of the hearing, and shall prepare a new written decision which contains specific factual findings and conclusions. The decision of the Chancellor shall be final, subject only to appeal as provided below.

Within five days following receipt of the Grievance Hearing Committee's decision and recommendation(s), the President shall send to all parties his/her written decision, together with the Hearing Committee's decision and recommendations. The Chancellor may accept or reject the findings, decisions and recommendations of the Hearing Committee. The factual findings of the Hearing Committee shall be accorded great weight; and if the President does not accept the decision or a finding or recommendation of the Hearing Committee, the President shall review the record of the hearing, and shall prepare a new written decision which contains specific factual findings and conclusions. The decision of the President shall be final, subject only to appeal as provided below.

**Appeals**

The student may appeal the recommendation of the grievance hearing committee by writing to the president within 10 calendar days of being notified of the grievance hearing committee's recommendation. The president will send the student a final decision in writing within 10 calendar days of receiving the appeal.

**Appeal:** Any appeal relating to a Grievance Hearing Committee decision that the Statement of Grievance does not present a grievance as defined in these procedures shall be made in writing to the Chancellor within [number] days of that decision. The Chancellor shall review the Statement of Grievance and Request for Grievance Hearing in accordance with the requirements for a grievance
Time Limits:

Time Limits

Any time specified in these procedures may be shortened or lengthened if there is mutual concurrence by all parties.
The purpose of this policy procedure is to provide a due process procedure for review and resolution of student grievances.

**Cause and Filing**

Student grievance proceedings may be initiated against a District employee or another student for any of the following reasons:

1. Any act or threat of intimidation
2. Any act or threat of physical aggression
3. Any arbitrary action or imposition of sanctions without a proper regard to due process as specified in college procedures.

**NOTICE:**

1. Grades are not grievable (see Board Policy 5540)
2. Sexual Harassment complaints are filed in accordance with Board Policy 3430 and are not covered under Student Grievances.
3. Discrimination complaints are filed in accordance with Board Policy 3430 and are not covered under Student Grievances.

**Who to File a Grievance With?**

A student may submit a grievance to any manager or employee in any area for delivery to the Vice President of Student Services who will assess which manager or vice president is to oversee the grievance process.

A student grievance is to be handled in the area where the alleged grievance occurred. Examples are:

- Classroom or teacher-related issues would go to the vice president or manager in Instruction
- Student service or counselor-related issues would go to the vice president or manager in Student Services
- Building, grounds, cashiering, or police-related issues would go to the vice president or manager in Administrative Services

**Time for Filing a Grievance Notice**

The appropriate vice president, district manager, or designee will accept a formal written student grievance when submitted within 180 calendar days of the event’s occurrence and under the provisions specified. A grievance may be denied if the events occurred more than 180 calendar days prior to the date in which the grievance was filed in writing.

**Student Status for Filing a Grievance**

Only registered students may file a student grievance. Non-student grievances may be considered by the designated vice president or manager if the grievance is a result of a dispute arising out of the registration or enrollment process and the grievance is filed within thirty (30) calendar days of the alleged incident.

**Group Grievance**

If more than one student files a grievance against an individual on the same issue or situation, members of the
Informal Student Complaint Resolution Process
(Non-written)

**Step 1.** Every effort shall be made to resolve a student complaint at the lowest level possible. A student must first attempt to resolve the issue directly. If this is not practical or possible, or due to the nature of the problem, or Failing a resolution the grievance progresses to Step 2.

**Step 2.** A student who is not satisfied with the Step 1 outcome may next attempt to resolve the alleged problem by conferring with the immediate supervisor of the employee with whom the initial conference was held. If the grievance is alleged against another student, Step 2 would be taken to the Director of Student Life. Upon such a request, the administrator shall inform and confer with any employee or student named by the student. In turn, the administrator shall schedule a meeting with the grievant and if requested, all involved parties, not more than ten (10) school days from the date of the initial request.

Formal Procedures

If the alleged problem is not resolved at the Informal Level, the student may request a formal hearing in writing with the appropriate vice president or designee. This written notice shall state the conditions, practice, alleged act, or injustice that is being grieved, the date(s) of the alleged occurrence and should, if possible, include a proposed remedy or resolution to the problem.

**Step 1:** Within three (3) working days of receipt of the written student grievance notice, the appropriate Vice President or designee, shall determine if the allegations were filed in a timely manner and meet the criteria outlined. If the student grievance notice fails to meet the above criterion, the Vice President shall notify the student of this determination and the grievance shall be terminated. If the student grievance notice is not terminated, the Vice President shall appoint a Student Grievance Hearing Committee within five (5) working days.

**Step 2:** Any employee who has conferred with a student who requests a hearing shall prepare a written account of the discussion which shall be forwarded to the appropriate Vice President or designee.

**Step 3:** The student and any college personnel or student involved in the allegations shall be notified of a hearing and the time and place of the hearing in writing. The notice shall include the names of the Hearing Committee and all documentation relating to the allegation(s).

**Step 4:** The Hearing Committee shall consist of either a maximum of two faculty or two classified staff members, based on the nature of the classification of staff involved, two students, and one administrator to hear the grievance. The administrator where the issue relates shall serve as chairperson of the hearing committee.

Hearing Procedures

a. The hearing shall convene within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the student grievance notice unless mutually agreed upon for a delay.

b. The hearing shall be closed unless the District employee or student against whom the grievance is brought requests that it be open.

c. The following persons should be present:
1. The Hearing Committee
2. The student grievant and non-legal representative/advocate if any;
3. The college employee or student against whom the grievance is brought and a representative of the appropriate bargaining unit, if any;
4. Witnesses, while presenting testimony.
d. Both parties shall notify the appropriate Vice President or designee, in writing within three (3) working days of the hearing if he/she will be accompanied by a representative/advocate. Such notification shall include the name and title of the representative. The Committee Chairperson shall be obligated to immediately notify the parties directly involved.
e. Although minutes will be taken at the hearing to provide a written record, if all parties agree the hearing may also be tape recorded.
f. All participants in a hearing shall be advised by the Committee Chairperson that the proceedings are confidential.
g. Witnesses shall not be required to testify under oath; however, witnesses shall be advised that false testimony will constitute grounds for college disciplinary action.
h. The proceedings will not be bound by formal rules of evidence nor trial-like procedures. Rather, the procedures will be those upon which reasonable persons would rely in the conduct of serious affairs. The Committee Chairperson shall rule on all procedural issues. If substantive or procedural issues arise during the hearing that require external assistance for resolution, the Hearing Committee Chairperson should recess the hearing and submit the issue to the college president for resolution.
i. Evidence and/or testimony which may be irrelevant or unduly repetitious may be so noted by the Committee Chairperson.
j. The burden of proof to sustain a grievance rests with the student.
k. If the grievant fails to appear at the time and place scheduled for the hearing, and fails to notify the committee of the circumstances the grievance will be considered to have been withdrawn and procedures will be terminated. Depending on the nature of the circumstances, the committee shall determine if the hearing should be rescheduled within a reasonable period of time. It is recommended that the defendant participate in the hearing.
l. Upon conclusion of the hearing, within five (5) working days, the Committee Chairperson shall submit to the Vice President a written report. The report shall include:
   1. A brief summary of evidence submitted;
   2. A finding of facts, supported by a preponderance of the evidence;
   3. A recommendation that the grievance be sustained or denied; and
   4. In the event the recommendation is to sustain the grievance, a recommendation of appropriate corrective action.
m. Upon review of the Hearing Committee's report, the Vice President or designee shall make a final determination.

Notification

Within five (5) working days following receipt of the report of the Hearing Committee chairperson, the Vice President or designee shall provide a written notification to the student/s and to the employee/s directly
## Appeal to College President

If either the complainant or accused is not satisfied with the final college-level disposition of the grievance, the party may, within ten (10) working days, appeal the decision to the College President. The basis of appeals are: All parties shall be notified by the College President of the appeal. The College President shall provide written notification to the student and to other parties directly involved in the issues as to his/her recommendation within five (5) working days.

## Appeal to the Chancellor

If either party is not satisfied with the final college-level disposition of the grievance, he/she may, within ten (10) working days, appeal the decision to the Board of Trustees through the District Chancellor. All parties shall be notified by the Chancellor of the appeal. The Chancellor shall report the grievance in closed session to the Board of Trustees for final determination. The Chancellor shall provide written notification to the student and to other parties directly involved in the issues as to his/her recommendation within five (5) working days. The determination of the Board of Trustees is final.

## General Provisions

1. The time limits specified in this procedure may be shortened or extended if there is mutual written concurrence between the parties.

2. At any step of the grievance procedure, the College President may designate a substitute for the designated college officials.

3. Failure of the student grievant to appeal a grievance determination at any step to another step within the specified time limits shall be deemed acceptance of the last determination rendered.

4. It is the intent of this policy that the confidentiality of the discussions, including any documents or written records, be maintained by the participants.

5. It will not be mandatory for any staff member to attend the student grievance meetings nor will the student grievance procedure supersede staff member’s contractual rights.

- From current SBCCD AP 5540 titled Student Grade Appeals

Student Grade Appeals

BP and AP 4231 titled Grade Changes delineates the process by which grades may be changed.

Section 76224(a), California Education Code,

"When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a community college district, the grade given to each student shall be the grade determined by the instructor of the course and the determination of the student’s grade by the instructor, in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, shall be final."

Title 5 Section 55025 55760(a), California Code of Regulation

"In any course of instruction in a community college district for which grades are awarded, the instructor of the course shall determine the grade to be awarded each student in accordance with section 55758 of this chapter. The determination of the student’s grade by the instructor shall be final in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence. Procedures for the correction of grades given in error shall include expunging the incorrect grade from the record."
In any course of instruction in a community college district for which grades are awarded, the instructor of the course shall determine the grade to be awarded each student in accordance with this article. The determination of the student’s grade by the instructor shall be final in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency.

For purposes of this section, "mistake" may include, but is not limited to, clerical errors and errors made by an instructor in calculating a student’s grade.

Procedures for the correction of grades shall be consistent with Education Code Section 76232 or provide an alternative mechanism which will ensure that students receive a reasonable and objective review of the requested grade change. If the procedure requires the student to first request a grade change from the instructor, provisions shall be made for another faculty member to substitute for the instructor if the instructor is not available, the student has filed a discrimination complaint or the District determines that it is possible there has been gross misconduct by the original instructor.

Section 55758 California Code of Regulation
The academic record of a student who remains in a class beyond the time allowed by district policy must reflect a symbol as authorized in Section 55758 of this part, other than a "W." The governing board may by regulation authorize withdrawal from a class or classes in extenuating circumstances after the last day of the fourteenth week (or 75% of the term, whichever is less) upon petition of the student or his or her representative and after consultation with the instructor(s) or appropriate faculty. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. For purposes of withdrawal policies, the term "appropriate faculty" means the instructor of each course in question or, in the event the instructor cannot be contacted, the department chair or equivalent faculty officer.

Military Withdrawal: "Military withdrawal" occurs when a student who is a member of an active or reserve United States military service receives orders compelling a withdrawal from courses. Upon verification of such orders, a withdrawal symbol may be assigned at any time after the period established by the governing board during which no notation is made for withdrawals. Note: Authority cited: Sections 66700 and 70901, Education Code. Reference: Sections 70901, 70902 and 76000, Education Code. This means that no individual at the college has the authority to change a grade unless persuasive evidence is presented indicating mistake, fraud, bad faith or incompetence on the instructor’s part.

INFORMAL PROCESS

All attempts should be made to resolve the grade dispute at the lowest level possible; however, a student may proceed directly to the formal process.

Step 1: If possible, the student first meets with the faculty member who issued the grade; or, if the faculty member is no longer employed or working at the College, the student then meets with the Department Chair or designee to resolve the grade dispute. If resolved and a grade change is indicated, the instructor or designee completes a Grade Change Form.

Step 2: If unresolved in Step 1, the student then meets with the Department Chair or designee. If resolved and a grade change is indicated, a Grade Change Form is completed. If the dispute is not resolved then a formal appeal process can be initiated.

According to code, if mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence is the reason for the grade dispute, the burden of proof lies with the student to produce facts that support this allegation, proceeding then to the formal process. If such evidence exists, the student must complete the Grade Appeal Form and make an appointment to see the Dean.
**FORMAL PROCESS**

**STEP 1:** The student meets with the Division Dean who will confer with the faculty member and/or Department Chair or designee, to attempt to resolve the grade dispute. If resolved and a grade change is indicated, the faculty member completes a Grade Change Form.

**STEP 2: Investigation:** If the matter is not resolved, the student may submit the issue to the Director of Admissions and Records, in consultation with the Vice President of Instruction and appropriate instructional dean, where a full investigation will be conducted within 30 work days of the Step 2 filing date, and a determination made as to status of the grade dispute. During the investigation the student will be able to present evidence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence of the instructor. The instructor will be able to provide evidence to support the grade. If the investigation shows fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, the investigative report will be provided to the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources for appropriate action. If a mistake has been made and a grade change is indicated, a Grade Change Form is submitted to Admissions and Records.

**STEP 3:** Hearing: If the matter is not satisfactorily resolved and a grade change may be warranted because evidence shows fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, the student may request a formal hearing by the Grade Appeal Committee through the Office of Admissions and Records. The committee shall be comprised of the Vice President of Instruction, 2 faculty members, 2 students and one educational administrator (not of the division where the accused faculty member works). A meeting will be convened within five (5) working days (unless mutually agreed upon to delay). The student and instructor, if still employed, will be expected to attend the hearing. All attempts will be made to contact an instructor who is no longer employed by the college regarding the grade dispute. The Grade Appeal Committee will provide a written decision to the student within five (5) working days of the date of the hearing. The decision of the Grade Appeal Committee is final. If resolved, the Change of Grade Form, the Grade Appeal Form, the written summary of the investigation findings, and the written decision of the Grade Appeal Committee are submitted to Admissions and Records.

**References:**

Education Code Section 76224(a);
Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972;
ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 20;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard IV.D

**Attachments:**

- AP 5530 Student Rights and Grievances - Comments
- AP 5530 Student Rights and Grievances - Legal Citations
- AP5530 -OLD.pdf
- SBCCD - Overview for Legal Update 31 Final Version.docx
BP 2410 Board Policies and Administrative Procedures

(Replaces SBCCD BP 2045)

The Board may adopt such policies as are authorized by law or determined by the Board to be necessary for the efficient operation of the District. Board policies are intended to be statements of intent by the Board on a specific issue within its subject matter jurisdiction.

The policies have been written to be consistent with provisions of law, but do not encompass all laws relating to District activities. All District employees are expected to know of and observe all provisions of law pertinent to their job responsibilities.

Policies of the Board may be adopted, revised, added to or amended at any regular Board meeting by a majority vote. Proposed changes or additions shall be introduced not less than one regular meeting prior to the meeting at which action is recommended. The Board shall regularly assess its policies for effectiveness in fulfilling the District’s mission.

Administrative procedures are to be issued by the Chancellor as statements of method to be used in implementing Board Policy. Such administrative procedures shall be consistent with the intent of Board Policy. Administrative procedures may be revised as deemed necessary by the Chancellor through regular consultation processes and/or as required by revisions to laws and regulations. Administrative procedures are forwarded to the Board of Trustees. The Board reserves the right to direct revisions of the administrative procedures should they, in the Board’s judgment, be inconsistent with the Board’s own policies.

Board policies and administrative procedures are to be reviewed on a six-year cycle as specified in AP 2410.

Board policies and administrative procedures shall be readily available on the District’s website.

Reference:


Attachments:

BP 2410 Board Policies & Admin Procedures - Comments
BP 2410 Board Policies & Admin Procedures - Legal Citations
AP 2410 Board Policies and Administrative Procedures

(Replaces SBCCD AP 2045)

Pursuant to Education Code Section 70902(a)(1), the Board of Trustees shall establish, maintain, operate, and govern one or more community colleges in accordance with law. In so doing, the Board of Trustees may initiate and carry on any program or activity, or may otherwise act, in any manner that is not in conflict with, inconsistent with, or preempted by any law, and that is not in conflict with the purposes for which community college districts are established.

The Chancellor, through the collegial consultation process, has the authority to propose new board policies and administrative procedures. Review of the policies, designated in the 6-year cycle, shall begin in October.

At the beginning of each academic year, the Chancellor will notify the appropriate parties of the chapters or specific BPs or APs for review.

The annual review of the board policies and administrative procedures shall begin in the fall of each academic year. Each year, at least ten percent (10%) of the SBCCD policies and procedures will be identified for review. At the beginning of each academic year, the Executive Director of Institutional Research and Planning will notify the appropriate parties of the specific BPs or APs identified for review.

Responsibility for the review process is as follows:

Chapter 1: Board of Trustees and the Chancellor (lead)

Chapter 2: Board of Trustees and the Chancellor (lead)

In matters relating to board policies in Chapter 2 (not including BP/AP 2410 & BP/AP 2510, which will go through the process below), the Board will submit board policies and policy changes to the District Assembly (DA) for review and feedback only, prior to placing on board agenda. This will occur at the next meeting of District Assembly.

Chapter 3: Chancellor (lead) and Chancellor’s Cabinet

Chapter 4: Vice-Executive Director of Institutional Research and Planning (lead) and Academic Senate Presidents of Instruction, Student Services, and Academic Senate Presidents

Chapter 5: Vice-Executive Director of Institutional Research and Planning (lead) and Academic Senate Presidents of Instruction, Student Services, and Academic Senate Presidents

Chapter 6: Executive Vice-Chancellor of Fiscal Services (lead) and Vice-Presidents of Administrative Services
Annual Review Process

A. All policies and procedures will be tracked and revised using the district adopted policy review software.

B. BPs and APs will be reviewed in pairs whenever possible to ensure the procedure supports the direction delineated in the policy.

C. Prior to the start of each academic year, the SBCCD Executive Director of Research and Planning will sort the BPs and APs by age and will compile the annual review list, consisting of approximately 10% of the district's BPs & APs with a proportional amount from each chapter.

D. The SBCCD Executive Director of Research and Planning will meet with the policy leads responsible for facilitating the review of BPs and APs to establish the review timeline.

E. The annual review timeline, listing the policies and procedures and the leads for each BP & AP will be presented to the District Assembly at the first meeting of the Academic Year. The timeline as well as all revisions to the review timeline will be posted on the DA webpage.

F. DA constituent group reps will share the annual list with their members and shall provide an opportunity for their members to review and/or provide input as desired.

G. The SBCCD Executive Director of Research and Planning will email the policies and procedures under review along with the timeline for the year to each of the policy leads.

H. The BP/AP leads will review, gather input from the campus community as applicable and will input all recommended revisions in policy stat by the agreed upon due date.

I. Reviewed and/or Revised Policies and Procedures will be submitted to the District Assembly for review and recommendation as a first read with no action as per the established timeline and then as a 2nd read for approval at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the District Assembly. (Note: this affords all interested parties 1 additional month to review and request input from their constituents.)

J. Policies and Procedures included on the DA consent agenda for 2nd read may be pulled for discussion, debate and/or revision recommendations prior to approval.

K. As per BP 2410, the Chancellor will review the recommendations from the District Assembly and will forward the BPs to the Board of Trustees for action and the APs as information items.

Review of Policies and Procedures Deemed Academic and Professional

Prior to finalizing the annual review list, the SBCCD Executive Director of Research and Planning will meet with the Academic Senate Presidents to determine which BPs & APs are academic and Professional. These BPs & APs will be noted as such on the annual review timeline.

3. Policies and procedures that fall under the 10+1 (an academic and professional matter within the meaning of Section 53200(c) of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations) will be
submitted for consideration to the Academic Senates on both campuses with as per the agreed upon timeline. BP/AP revision recommendations will be completed by up to four consecutive Academic Senate meetings, beginning with the date the policy BP/procedure AP is presented at District Assembly.

A. The Academic Senates will then submit the proposal to the District Assembly as information.

The Academic Senates will then submit the revised BPs/APs to the District Assembly as an information item.

B. The Chancellor will review the recommendation from the Academic Senate and will forward to the Board of Trustees for action.

As per BP 2410, the Chancellor will review the recommendations from the Academic Senate and will forward the BPs to the Board of Trustees for action and the APs as information items.

4. Proposals that are not 10+1, under the definition in 3 above, will be submitted to the District Assembly for review and recommendation. The proposal will simultaneously be submitted to the Academic and Classified Senates as an information item.

A. The Chancellor will review the recommendation from the District Assembly and will forward to the Board of Trustees for action.

References:

Review of Policies and Procedures Not on the Annual Review List

A proposal for a new board policy or a change in a current policy or administrative procedure not included on the annual review list may be submitted by any interested party. A proposal must be submitted in writing to the Chancellor and/or the District Assembly. The DA will in consultation with the chancellor determine if the BP/AP or a change in current BP/AP is warranted. If so, the BP/AP will be forwarded to the Executive Director of Research and Planning. The SBCCD Executive Director of Research and Planning will meet with the Academic Senate Presidents to determine if the BP and/or AP is Academic and Professional. The Executive Director of Research and Planning will add the BP/AP to the annual review timeline and will forward to the appropriate policy lead. The revised timeline be posted on the District Assembly webpage.

Review of Bi-Annual Policy & Procedure Updates from the Community College League of California (CCLC)

Updates to APs and BPs are reviewed by the SBCCD Executive Director of Research and Planning when forwarded from the Community College League of California (CCLC) in Fall and Spring.

All updates from the CCLC will be reviewed by the chapter leads and the SBCCD Director of Research and Planning. The chapter leads will make a recommendation as to whether each update is either simple or requires review and revisions. (Note if the last Reviewed and Last Approved dates get reset then these all may require a through review)

A. Simple updates (revisions to legal references) will be revised, by the policy lead and when ready will be added to the District Assembly agenda as an information item.

B. New BPs & APs and/or those requiring review and revision:

1. New BPs & APs that are legally advised or optional will be reviewed by the chapter lead to determine if the BP/AP is needed.

   a. If yes, then the BP/AP will be forwarded to the District Assembly with a recommendation to
adopt and, if approved by the District Assembly, will be added to the review timeline as per the recommendation of the chapter lead;

b. If no, then the BP/AP will be forwarded to the District Assembly with a recommendation to not adopt.

2. New “Required” BPs & APs as well as those requiring content review and revisions will be added to the annual review timeline as per the recommendation of the chapter leads.

3. The revised timeline including the CCLC BPs & APs (notated with the legal update #) will be posted on the District Assembly webpage.

References:

Education Code Section 70902;

ACCJC Accreditation Standards I.B.7; I.C.5; IV.C.7; and IV.D.4 (formerly IV.B.1.b & e)

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BP 3570 Smoking on Campus

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 3570)

Smoking of any form of tobacco or non-tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited on District grounds, in all District buildings, District vehicles, at any activity or athletic event and on all property owned, leased or rented by or from the District, unless a tobacco use area has been designated.

This policy allows for the establishment of procedures to comply with Government Code Section 7597.

This policy and the related administrative procedures apply to employees, students, visitors, and other persons who use the facilities on the campuses or centers that are part of the District.

To enforce smoking and tobacco control regulations and procedures, the Chancellor is authorized to:

- Set enforcement standards for all District sites and campuses.
- Impose a fine of $50.00 for violations of this section.
- Direct that the District post signs stating its tobacco use policy on campus.
- Inform employees and students of the tobacco use policy and enforcement measures.

References:

Government Code Sections 7596, 7597, 7597.1, and 7598;
Labor Code Section 6404.5;
Title 8 Section 5148

Attachments:

BP 3570 Smoking on Campus- Comments
BP 3570 Smoking on Campus- Legal Citations
AP 3570 Smoking on Campus

(Replaces current SBCCD AP 3570)

Smoking shall be permitted only in designated areas. Look for "Tobacco Use Area" signs at each campus.

Smoking is prohibited within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance, or operable window of any campus building.

Smoking is prohibited inside any indoor area of any campus building, except for covered parking lots and residential space.

“Covered parking lot” means an area designated for the parking of vehicles that is enclosed or contains a roof or ceiling, but does not include lobbies, lounges, waiting areas, stairwells, and restrooms that are a structural part of the parking lot or a building to which it is attached.

“Residential space” means a private living area, but does not include common areas such as lobbies, lounges, waiting areas, elevators, stairwells, and restrooms that are a structural part of a multi-complex building such as a dormitory.

Smoking is prohibited in any enclosed place of employment on campus, including lobbies, lounges, waiting areas, stairwells, and restrooms that are a structural part of any building that is a place of employment.

The San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) is a smoke-free and tobacco-free environment. Smoking, vaping, and the use of tobacco products is prohibited on all District property. This policy and the related administrative procedures apply to students, faculty, staff, administrators, visitors, and general members of the public.

Tobacco. This prohibition includes the use of all tobacco products, including but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, hookahs, and an electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to a person inhaling from the device (e.g., e-cigarettes and vaporizers) may not be used within 250 feet of a youth sports event. A youth sports event is any practice, game, or related activity organized by any entity at which athletes up to 18 years of age are present.

Smokers must:

- Respect the rights of non-smokers.
- Smoke only in designated smoking areas.
- Make sure their smoke does not enter buildings.
- Extinguish cigarettes in appropriate containers.

Non-Smokers must:
Respect the rights of smokers.

District property includes both indoor and outdoor areas of property that is owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the District, including but not limited to: classrooms, offices, lobbies, lounges, waiting areas, stairwells, restrooms, walkways, sidewalks, lawns, athletic fields and viewing stands, parking lots, warehouses, storage yards, and District-owned or leased vehicles.

The District offers the following resources for students, faculty, and staff who are interested in quitting smoking or the use of tobacco. The EX Program is a digital program that provides multi-modal tools to tailor the quitting experience to individual needs, including tools for pregnant women and e-cigarette users. The EX program can be accessed at www.becomeanex.com

Notice of the Policy

- Notice of the Smoking Policy of the campus will be published in appropriate District publications and in notices distributed to students, staff, and those renting District facilities.
- Appropriate signage will also be placed throughout the campus.

Enforcement

- Violations of this section may be punished by a fine of $50.00.
- Enforcement shall be the responsibility of the District Police Department.
- Any person who desires to register a complaint hereunder may initiate enforcement consideration with the District Police Department.

References:

Government Code Sections 7596, 7597, 7597.1, and 7598;
Labor Code Section 6404.5; Health and Safety Code Section 104495;
Title 8 Section 5148

Attachments:

AP 3570 Smoking on Campus- Comments
AP 3570 Smoking on Campus- Legal Citations
AP 3570 Update #30.pdf
Legal Update 33 Overview Rev. 10-25-18.docx
AP 6350 Contracts - Construction

References:

The San Bernardino Community College District (SBCCD) follows the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act Procedures (UCCAAP) under Public Contract Code (PCC) Section 22000 et seq. for the bidding of public works projects.

Public projects are defined in PCC Section 22002(c) as construction, reconstruction, erection, alteration, renovation, improvement, demolition, repair work, or painting or repainting of or involving any publicly owned, leased or operated facility. Public projects do not include maintenance work as defined in Section 22002(d).

In addition, SBCCD uses a Pre-Qualification Program for the bidding of construction projects pursuant to PCC Section 20101 et seq. The Pre-Qualification Program shall apply district-wide to any construction expenditure that meets the specified threshold, regardless of the funding source and the construction delivery method (e.g., low bid; design-build; lease lease-back; etc.).

I. General Contract Procedures
   Refer to AP 6340 titled Bids and Contracts section "General Contract Procedures", parts A through G.

II. Bid Limits for UCCAAP & Pre-Qualification Program
   The bid limits set in place by the State of California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission will apply.
   - If a contemplated expenditure is less than the UCCAAP limit, please refer to the applicable purchasing procedures in AP 6330 titled Purchasing.
   - If a contemplated expenditure falls within the UCCAAP limits, the informal bid process established by in PCC Section 22034 must be utilized.
   - If a contemplated expenditure is falls between the upper UCCAAP limit and $3.0 million, the Pre-Qualification Program process established by the Board of Trustees pursuant to PCC Section 20101 et seq. may be utilized.
   - If a contemplated expenditure is more than $3.0 million, the formal bid process established by UCCAAP in PCC Section 22037 must be utilized.

III. Unlawful to Split Bids
   Pursuant to PCC Section 22033, it is unlawful to split or separate into smaller work orders or projects any project for the purpose of evading the provisions of this procedure requiring work to be done by contract after competitive bidding.

IV. Labor Code Compliance
All bid notices for work to be done shall contain an affirmative statement requiring compliance with Labor Code Sections 1775 and 1776 governing payment of prevailing wages and Labor Code Section 1777.5 governing employment of apprentices. All bid submissions must contain all documents necessary to assure compliance with these Labor Code sections. Failure to provide such documentation shall cause any such bid to be deemed incomplete.

Public Projects funded by any future State Bond funds require that the District initiate and enforce a labor compliance program pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771.5.

V. **Award to Low Bidder; No Bids**

All contracts must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidders. If two or more bids are the same and the lowest, SBCCD may accept the one it chooses.

If no bids are received through the formal or informal procedure, the project may be performed by SBCCD employees by force account, or through a negotiated contract without further complying with this procedure.

VI. **Informal Bid Procedures for UCCAAP**

Pursuant to PCC Section 22034, SBCCD will maintain a list of qualified contractors, identified according to categories of work. All contractors on the list for the category of work being bid will be mailed, faxed, or emailed a notice inviting informal bids unless the product or service is proprietary. All mailing of notices to contractors will be completed not less than 10 calendar days before bids are due.

In addition, or alternatively, SBCCD may mail, fax, or email a notice inviting informal bids to all construction trade journal specified in PCC Section 22036.

The notice inviting informal bids should describe the project in general terms and how to obtain more detailed information about the project, and state the time and place for the submission of bids.

VII. **Award of Informally-Bid Contracts**

The Chancellor or designee is authorized to award informal contracts (defined as contracts that fall within the UCCAAP limits).

VIII. **Bids Exceed Informal Bidding Limit**

If all informal bids received exceed UCCAAP limits, and SBCCD determines that the cost estimate was reasonable, SBCCD may award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, but only up to the limited amount specified by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission. Such an award must be approved by a resolution receiving a four-fifths majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

IX. **Pre-Qualification Program Process**

SBCCD will maintain pre-qualified pools of general contractors and subcontractors based on a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and a uniform rating system.

General contractors and subcontractors are permitted to pre-qualify in more than one pre-qualified pool/category, depending upon its/their experience, skill, licensing, and other relevant factors.

As projects arise, the pre-qualified contractors and subcontractors, as applicable, will be issued a Request for Bids and/or Proposals for each specific project.

Pre-qualification status may be revoked at any time if SBCCD learns the contractor or subcontractor does not meet the pre-qualification criteria.

Contractors and subcontractors will be required to renew their pre-qualification status with SBCCD on an annual basis.

**Appeals Process**

Prospective bidders may appeal their proposed prequalification rating prior to the closing time for receipt of bids. Upon request of the prospective bidder, SBCCD will provide notification to the prospective bidder in writing of the basis for the prospective bidder's disqualification and any supporting evidence that has
been received from others or adduced as a result of an investigation by SBCCD. The prospective bidder will be given the opportunity to rebut any evidence used as a basis for disqualification and to present evidence to SBCCD as to why the prospective bidder should be found qualified. If the prospective bidder chooses not to use this appeals process, the proposed prequalification rating may be assumed without further proceeding.

X. **Formal Bid Procedures for UCCAAP (for bids over $3.0 million)**

Pursuant to PCC Section 22037, the notice inviting formal bids will state the time and place for the receiving and opening of sealed bids and distinctly describe the project. The notice will be published at least 14 calendar days before the date of opening the bids in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the jurisdiction of SBCCD; or, if there is no newspaper printed and published within the jurisdiction of SBCCD, publication will be by posting the notice in at least three places within the jurisdiction of SBCCD as have been designated by ordinance or regulation of SBCCD as places for the posting of its notices. The notice inviting bids will also be sent electronically, if available, by either facsimile or electronic mail and mailed to all construction trade journals specified in Section 22036. The notice will be sent at least 15 calendar days before the date of opening the bids. In addition, SBCCD may give notice as it deems appropriate.

XI. **Bid Documents for Pre-Qualification & Formal Bids**

The Chancellor or designee, shall approve plans, specifications and working details for all public projects estimated to cost more than the UCCAAP limits.

XII. **When Contractors List Has Not Been Prepared: Proprietary Product or Service**

- If the District has not prepared a list of contractors for the particular category of work to be performed, the notice inviting bids shall be sent to each of the construction trade journals.
- If the product or service is proprietary in nature, such that it can be legally obtained only from a certain contractor(s) pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3400, the notice inviting informal bids may be sent exclusively to such contractors.

XIII. **Contracts for Maintenance**

Contracts for maintenance work may be bid pursuant to the Informal Bidding Procedures described above. Maintenance work is routine, recurring work done for the preservation or protection of a public facility; minor repainting; landscape maintenance including mowing, watering, trimming, pruning, planting or replacement of plants, and servicing of irrigation systems; work performed to keep, operate, or maintain publicly owned water, power, or waste disposal systems.

XIV. **Rejection of Bids; Re-solicitation; Use of SBCCD Employees**

If SBCCD intends to reject all bids, it must mail the apparent low bidder a written notice of SBCCD's intent to reject the bid at least two business days prior to the hearing at which the bids will be considered. After rejecting all bids, SBCCD may:
- Abandon the project;
- Re-advertise the project; or
- Perform the work with District employees, after passing a resolution by a four-fifths (4/5) majority of the Board of Trustees declaring that the project can be performed more economically by District employees.

**References:**

Education Code Section 81800;
Public Contract Code Sections 20650, 81641 et seq. and 22000 et seq.

**Note:** Procedures on construction contracts are legally advised. Local practice may be inserted. The following language is typical and complies with general requirements.
The [designate position] shall be responsible for the planning and programming of new construction, alterations and repairs of existing plants, and leasing of facilities that require state approval. This includes the planning and programming of college-initiated new construction, additions to existing plants, and major alterations and repairs of buildings and grounds.

The [designate position] shall be responsible for preparation of drawings and specifications for new buildings, leased facilities, additions, major alterations and improvements of buildings and grounds together with estimates of costs.

The preliminary drawings, which shall cover all proposed facilities together with construction cost estimates, shall be submitted to the Board for approval and authorization to proceed with the working drawings and specifications. Upon completion, the working drawings, specifications and revised cost estimates, if any, will be submitted for approval to the California Community College Chancellor's Office and the State Department of General Services as required by statute in the name of the Board of Trustees.

The final working drawings and specifications, approved by the State Department of General Services and the California Community College Chancellor's Office, together with revised estimates, if any, shall then be submitted to the Board of Trustees for adoption.

The letting of contracts for construction shall comply with procedures of the District regarding contracts that exceed the statutory minimums for competitive bidding. (See AP 6340 titled Bids and Contracts)

Note: Districts may, by resolution, elect to become subject to the California Uniform Public Construction Accounting Act (Public Contract Code Sections 22000 et seq.), which provides for an alternative set of bidding procedures. (See AP 6340 titled Bids and Contracts)

Labor Code Sections 1770 et seq.; Public Contract Code Sections 20110 et seq., 20650 et seq., 22000 et seq. (Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (UPCCAA))
BP 7120 Recruitment and Hiring

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 7120)

The Chancellor shall establish procedures for the recruitment and selection of employees including, but not limited to, the following criteria.

An Equal Employment Opportunity Plan shall be implemented according to Title 5 and Board Policy 3420 titled Equal Employment Opportunity.

Academic employees shall possess the minimum qualifications prescribed for their positions by the Board of Governors.

The criteria and procedures for hiring instructional/non-instructional academic employees shall be established and implemented in accordance with board policies and administrative procedures regarding the Academic Senate’s role in local decision-making.

The criteria and procedures for hiring classified employees shall be established by the Board of Trustees.

References:

Education Code Sections 70901.2, 70902(b)(7) & (d), and 87100 et seq.;
Title 5 Sections 53000, et seq. and 51023.5;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.A.1

Attachments:

BP 7120 Recruitment and Hiring- Comments
BP 7120 Recruitment and Hiring- Legal Citations

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The District employs persons for positions categorized as Faculty, Classified, Confidential, Educational Administrators, and Classified Supervisors and Managers as outlined in corresponding board policies and administrative procedures:

BP/AP 7210 titled Faculty
BP/AP 7230 titled Classified Employees
BP/AP 7240 titled Confidential Employees
BP/AP 7250 titled Educational Administrators
BP/AP 7260 titled Classified Supervisors and Managers

The information in this procedure does not apply to the recruitment and hiring for the position of Chancellor (see AP 2431 Chancellor Selection).

Position Approval Process

Every department, program, or discipline in the District, whether associated with a District function or on a campus/college, completes an annual program review, identifying needed positions for the coming fiscal year. Needed positions could be new positions or positions that are vacant at the time of the review. Once the positions are identified, they are submitted to the strategic planning process for review. The various strategic planning committees make recommendations to the site manager. All positions are subject to funding.

Job Opening/Application Processes

The District utilizes a completely electronic process for posting all job openings and the application process. The online applicant tracking system serves as the mechanism for submittal of recruitment requests, routes them through approval process and serves as the tool for job posting and application submittal. Initial screening is coordinated between Human Resources and screening committee members. Application materials may be submitted to the District Office during regular business hours.

Job Postings

When a position is approved for recruitment, the job is posted on the District's Human Resources webpage, and advertised in other appropriate venues.

Applying for a Job

Applicants can apply for any open position by logging onto the District's Human Resources webpage.
Applicants will be expected to electronically attach all required documentation, such as, but not limited to: resume, cover letter, transcripts, certifications, etc., to the application.

The District has established the following hiring qualifications for all educational administrator positions:

A. Demonstrated sensitivity to, understanding of, and respect for the diverse academic, socio-economic, cultural, disability, religious, sexual orientation, and ethnic backgrounds of community college students.

B. Meet the minimum qualifications as stated in the job description.

C. Commitment to participate in the collegiate consultation process of the College and the District.

D. See BP/AP 3410 Nondiscrimination to ensure the most up-to-date protected classes are addressed.

**Recruitment**

The District shall maintain a program of verifiable Equal Employment Opportunity recruitment of qualified members of historically underrepresented groups in all job categories and classifications, including but not limited to faculty, classified and confidential employees; categorically funded positions; and all other executive, administrative and managerial positions.

Job announcements shall clearly state job specifications setting forth the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for job performance. All job specifications including any "required", "desired" or "preferred" qualifications beyond the state minimum qualifications which the District wishes to utilize shall be reviewed by the appropriate administrator and the Office of Human Resources before the position is announced to ensure conformity with the requirements of Title 5 (53022) and both State and Federal non-discriminatory laws. The content of the job announcement is the responsibility of the appropriate administrator and the Office of Human Resources and must be approved by the Vice Chancellor Executive Director of Human Resources & Employee Relations or Designee.

The position announcement must include the following:

1. A description of the duties and responsibilities;
2. Minimum qualifications;
3. Additional desirable qualifications that are job related and support the responsibilities of the position;
4. Provision for presentation of qualifications that are equivalent to the minimum qualifications;
5. Notification of testing if required; and
6. Legal qualifiers, established by the Office of Human Resources to comply with Federal, State, and District regulations (e.g. Title 5, Title VII, EEO and ADA).

**Pre-Screening Process**

The Office of Human Resources will pre-screen the applications to ensure that applicants meet minimum qualifications and requirements as set forth in the position announcement and, will consult expertise as needed, and, on that basis, will certify the "qualified" pool of applicants. The District’s Office of Human Resources shall conduct applicant pool reviews and take appropriate action as necessary consistent with all of the requirements set forth in Section 53023 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. The composition of the qualified applicant pool shall be reviewed and compared to the composition of the initial applicant pool. If the Chief Human Resources Officer or designee finds that the composition of the qualified pool may have been influenced by factors which are not job related, appropriate action will be taken. This applicant pool data shall
The Screening Committee

1. The appropriate administrator in consultation with the Office of Human Resources will designate the composition of the Screening Committee to ensure appropriate representation from the affected department.

2. The Screening Committee for management positions shall have no less than three (3) and no more than nine (9) members who have been trained by the Office of Human Resources. The Screening Committee make up can be found in the Screening Committee Guidelines and in accordance the EEO Plan.

3. All Screening Committee members must receive training on equal opportunity, diversity, and the employment process for each Screening Committee on which they serve. Such training will be provided by the Office of Human Resources.

4. The majority of the members shall be those with applicable knowledge in the job category or classification with at least one member being directly from the affected department.

5. Every Screening Committee shall have at least one management member and one California Schools Employee Association (CSEA) appointee and when appropriate, an appointee from the Academic Senate.

6. The administrator of the vacant position will appoint the remaining members of the Screening Committee. Each Screening Committee will also include an Equal Employment Opportunity representative designated by the Office of Human Resources.

7. The Equal Employment Opportunity representative's role and responsibility is to maintain confidentiality and ensure the hiring process remains fair and equitable.

8. Every effort must be made to incorporate broad representation on every Screening Committee to bring a variety of perspectives to the screening process.

9. The appropriate administrator of the vacant position submits the membership of the Screening Committee to the Office of Human Resources for approval.

Interview Process

1. In cases where fewer than three (3) candidates are invited for a first level interview, the Screening Committee Chair shall provide written justification to the Office of Human Resources for approval.

2. The screening Committee develops job related interview questions. All questions will be reviewed by the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources & Employee Relations or designee. All Interview questions are confidential.

3. The Screening Committee will determine the candidates, date, and time to interview.

4. The Office of Human Resources will contact the candidates to be interviewed. The appropriate administrator will coordinate with the Office of Human Resources the arrangements for the time and place of the interview.

5. The interview will be conducted by the members of the Screening Committee. Each candidate will be asked the same questions, in the same way, for a fair and consistent basis in assessing all the interviewees.

6. All Screening Committee members must sign a confidentiality statement prior to the interviews and are be reviewed in conducting the analysis described in section 53006(a).
required to fill out an evaluation form and rank all interviewees.

7. If a Screening Committee member is absent from any part of the interview process, that member is disqualified from any future participation unless otherwise determined by the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources & Employee Relations Department.

8. After the 1st level interviews are concluded, each member of the Screening Committee will evaluate the qualifications of the interviewees. The EEO representative will be responsible for all documentation of the interview and recommendation. The Screening Committee will identify strengths and concerns of all candidates advancing to 2nd level interviews.

9. The supervisor may participate on the 1st level interviews on recommendation of the appropriate administrator. In unique situations where the only representative of the affected department is the supervisor, the Office of Human Resources will assess the particular circumstance.

10. The Screening Committee will recommend at least three (3) candidates to the appropriate administrator for 2nd level interviews. The Screening Committee shall recommend no less than three (3), unless fewer were interviewed or unless the Screening Committee Chair presents written justification for submitting fewer than three (3) for 2nd level interview.

11. Second level interviews will be convened for all finalists by the appropriate administrator or designee. An EEO representative will be present for second level interviews.

12. The Office of Human Resources will contact the finalists to be interviewed at 2nd level and communicate the arrangements for the time and place for the interview, as determined by the appropriate administrator or designee.

Selection Process

The appropriate administrator and designee shall select one of the finalists, who is best qualified to fill the position and shall recommend such person to the Chancellor. An eligibility list can be established for multiple non academic positions.

The appropriate administrator will submit an online notification to the Office of Human Resources to forward the screening to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Reference Check

Upon receipt of the selected candidate, the Office of Human Resources or the College President will conduct reference check in accordance with the policies and principles of Equal Employment Opportunity.

The Office of Human Resources will contact the successful candidate to make a provisional offer of employment, contingent upon passing the Department of Justice clearance, pre-employment physical, and Board of Trustee approval.

Once the successful candidate has accepted the offer, the Office of Human Resources will notify the unsuccessful candidates in writing of non-selection. If an eligibility list is established, candidates will be informed of their rank and duration.

Loyalty Oath

All management personnel will be required to sign the legally prescribed oath of allegiance upon employment with the District.
Scheduling of Interviews

Applicants who are invited for an initial interview and who live more than 200 miles away will be scheduled for an interview with the college president or chancellor, if possible, in addition to the committee interview on the same day as the initial interview.

Finalists who are invited for a second interview and live more than 200 miles away will be reimbursed for actual travel and meal expenses incurred as set forth in the Employee Travel Policy.

Also see BP/AP 3410 Nondiscrimination; BP/AP 3420 Equal Employment Opportunity; BP/AP 7211 Faculty Service Areas, Minimum Qualifications, and Equivalencies; and AP 7126 Applicant Background Checks

References:

Education Code Sections 87100 et seq., 87400, and 88003;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.A.1 (formerly III.A)

Attachments:

AP 7120 Recruitment and Hiring - Comments
AP 7120 Recruitment and Hiring - Legal Citations
BP 7160 Professional Development

The Chancellor shall provide professional development opportunities, consistent with the institutional mission and based on identified needs for all employees.

Reference:

ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.A.14

Attachments:

- BP 7160 Professional Development- Comments
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Employees represented by CSEA and CTA should refer to their respective bargaining unit agreements for information specific to their unit. Managers and Confidential shall refer to their handbooks for information specific to their group.

The District and colleges shall establish integrated professional development plans consistent with the Educational Master Plans and District strategic priorities.

Needs assessments surveys will be conducted at least annually to identify professional development needs among employees. Professional development activities will be collegiately planned and presented based on the results of the needs assessments and institutional priorities. Professional development activities will be evaluated and the results will be used to improve programs and activities to ensure District and employee needs are being met.

Reference:

Education Code Sections 87150, et seq.; ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.A.14 (formerly III.A.5)

Attachments:

AP 7160 Professional Development - Comments
AP 7160 Professional Development - Legal Citations
Every position in the classified service in the District shall be assigned a classification. These classifications will determine the salary levels that shall be applied to these positions.

Review of class specifications shall be undertaken every four years to revise and update the duties and/or responsibilities of positions in the classified service.

References:

Education Code Sections 88001 and 88009
# AP 7234 Overtime

Overtime is defined to include any time required to be worked in excess of eight hours in any one day and in excess of 40 hours in any calendar week. If the Board of Trustees establishes a workday of less than eight hours but seven hours or more and a workweek of less than 40 hours but 35 hours or more for all of its classified positions or for certain classes of classified positions, all time worked in excess of the established workday and workweek shall be deemed to be overtime.

The foregoing provisions do not apply to:

- classified positions for which a workday of fewer than seven hours and a workweek of fewer than 35 hours has been established,
- positions for which a workday of eight hours and a workweek of 40 hours has been established, but in which positions employees are temporarily assigned to work fewer than eight hours per day or 40 hours per week when such reduction in hours is necessary to avoid layoffs for lack of work or lack of funds and the consent of the majority of affected employees to such reduction in hours has first obtained.

For the purpose of computing the number of hours worked, time during which an employee is excused from work because of holidays, sick leave, vacation, compensatory time off, or other paid leave of absence shall be considered as time worked by the employee.

When compensatory time off is authorized in lieu of cash compensation, such compensatory time off shall be granted within 12 calendar months following the month in which the overtime was worked and without impairing the services rendered by the District.

An employee having an average workday of less than four hours during a workweek shall, for any work required to be performed on the seventh day following the commencement of his/her workweek, be compensated for at a rate equal to 1 1/2 times the regular rate of pay of the employee designated and authorized to perform the work.

Work performed for the Associated Students is not affected by the college policy. The hourly rate of pay for compensation received from the Associated Students has not been changed. Time and one-half pay is related only to work performed for the college.

Travel time of thirty (30) minutes each way will be allowed if the employee is called back for an emergency situation. If service is continuous, no travel time will be allowed.

All overtime for which employees are to be paid must be authorized in advance by the Chancellor, Chancellor's designee, or college president for the site.

Employees shall not be paid unauthorized overtime.
Overtime shall be reported on the time sheet at the end of the month by dates, hours and emergency or event requiring overtime. The immediate supervisor shall sign the time sheet.

The foregoing provisions are not intended to apply to properly designated part-time positions with an assigned workday of less than eight (8) hours and a workweek of less than forty (40) hours.

Positions in the Security Department are exempt from the provisions of this policy.

Persons serving in supervisory, administrative, or executive positions shall be excluded from these procedures regarding overtime.

References:

Education Code Sections 88027, 88028, 88029, and 88030

Attachments: No Attachments
BP 7310 Nepotism

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 7310)

The District does not prohibit the employment of relatives or domestic partners as defined by Family Code Sections 297 et seq. in the same department or division, with the exception that they shall not be assigned to a regular position within the same department, division, or site that has an immediate family member who is in a position to recommend or influence personnel decisions.

Personnel decisions include appointment, retention, evaluation, tenure, work assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, or salary of the relative or domestic partner as defined by Family Code Sections 297 et seq.

Immediate family means spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, siblings, children, stepchildren, grandchildren, and in-laws or any other relative living in the employee’s home.

The District will make reasonable efforts to assign job duties to minimize the potential for creating an adverse impact on supervision, safety, security, or morale, or creating other potential conflicts of interest.

Notwithstanding the above, the District retains the right, where such placement has the potential for creating an adverse impact on supervision, safety, security, or morale, or involves other potential conflicts of interest, to refuse to place spouses in the same department, division, or facility. The District retains the right to reassign or transfer any person to eliminate the potential for creating an adverse impact on supervision, safety, security, or morale, or involves other potential conflicts of interest.

References:

Government Code Sections 1090 et seq. and 12940 et seq.

Family Code Sections 297 et seq.
AP 7310 Nepotism

(Replaces current SBCCD AP 7310)

The employment of relatives in the same facility, department, division, office or line of supervisory authority can cause serious problems in the work place which adversely affect productivity, morale, confidentiality, safety, security, and create conflicts of interest. The employment of relatives can also adversely impact the nature of the necessary working relationships between supervisors and employees and between co-employees. Additionally, these problems adversely affect the public trust and confidence in the fairness and efficiency of the employment policies and operations of the District. These adverse effects are caused, in part, by real or perceived favoritism, scheduling conflicts, personal conflicts and hostility in the work place, claims of partiality in providing or awarding favorable working conditions, promotions, transfers or assignments, the compromise or suspected compromise of confidential or privileged information or records, alteration or destruction of records, or the suspected or actual loss or destruction of District property or financial assets. These problems frequently arise when relatives work together.

A. "Relatives," with the exception of married employees, are defined as persons who are related by blood or marriage, or whose relationship is similar to that of persons who are related by blood or marriage (i.e., adopted child or step parent).

B. Relatives of currently employed District employees may be hired by the District as employees, promoted or transferred only if: (1) the individuals concerned will not work in a direct supervisory relationship with each other, or be in the same line of authority or supervision; (2) the individual hired, promoted or transferred will not work in the same department, division, office or facility or under the authority of one supervisor; (3) the employment, promotion or transfer will not cause any potential conflicts or disruption to District operations; and (3) the employment, promotion or transfer will not pose any potential articulable problems or conflicts involving supervision, security, safety, confidentiality, performance or morale.

C. Current District employees are strictly prohibited from participating in, or influencing or attempting to influence the selection process or the employment, promotion or transfer of any relative or their spouse.

D. The District reserves the right to take prompt action to prevent the attempt of any relative or spouse to influence the selection or any other employment decision involving any relative or spouse.

The employment of spouses in the same department, division or facility involves potential conflicts of interests that are greater for married persons than for other persons. Additionally, the placement of one spouse under the direct supervision of the other frequently leads to problems involving supervision, safety, security or morale. The employment of spouses shall be governed by the rules set forth in the following paragraph E.
E. No employment decision, including but not limited to transfers or promotions, shall be based on whether an individual has a spouse presently employed by the District except in accordance with the following criteria:

1. For business reasons of supervision, safety, security or morale, the District may refuse to place one spouse under the direct supervision of the other spouse.

2. For business reasons of supervision, security or morale, the District may refuse to place both spouses in the same department, division or facility if the work involves potential conflicts of interest or other hazards greater for married couples than for other persons.

3. For co-employees who marry, the District shall make reasonable efforts to assign job duties so as to minimize problems of supervision, safety, security or morale.

   For the purpose of this Paragraph E, a "spouse" is defined as a partner in a marriage between a man and a woman.

4. Present employees of the District who marry or who become related by marriage must immediately notify their supervisors. If employees who marry or who become related by marriage do work in a direct supervisory relationship with one another or do cause an actual conflict or difficulty concerning supervision, security, safety, or morale, the District will attempt to reassign one of the employees to another position for which he or she is qualified, if such a position is available, and no other accommodation is reasonable or practicable.

5. Any decision not to employ, promote or transfer the spouse of an employee shall be made on a case-by-case basis by the Vice Chancellor of Human Resources, or designee, taking into account all of the actual facts and circumstances regarding the particular position and the duties and the relationship of the position and duties performed by the employed spouse. This decision shall involve an assessment of the actual work setting to determine whether that setting would pose, because of the mutual concerns married couples are assumed to share, a potential conflict of interest or other hazards greater for married couples than for other employees. If the potential conflict or hazard is determined to be greater, the District will regulate the employment of spouses to avoid the conflict or other hazard by reasonably matching the severity of its actions toward one or the other spouse to the degree of risk and significance of the potential harm involved.

Sample from another District

Applicants for employment must declare on their District applications their relatives or immediate family members who are current District employees, or members of the Board of Trustees.

Present employees working in the same department or division who become relatives must notify the Human Resources Office. If that relationship causes or it is reasonably foreseeable that it will cause a conflict of interest or a problem with supervision, safety, security, or morale, the District will make every attempt to reassign one of the employees or will make arrangements which mitigate the problems until such a transfer is possible.

Sample from another District

In the event employees decide to live in the same household, the District shall make reasonable efforts to assign job duties so as to minimize problems of supervision, safety, security, or morale. The District may affect a transfer or take other appropriate action to avoid these problems.

No District employee or Board member shall serve on a committee for the purpose of selecting or
evaluating an employment candidate if he/she is in the immediate family, living in the same household, or romantically involved with any candidate being considered.

Sample from another District

The District will allow flexibility in the application of its nepotism policy when relatives (or domestic partners as defined by Family Code Sections 297 et seq.) would be in the same department.

If two persons in the same department should marry or enter into a domestic partner relationship while both are employed by the District, they may continue their employment in the same department provided they not work in any position that would require one to be in a decision-making role relative to the other.

In those instances where developments would result in a relative/partner having recommending or decision-making responsibilities over another relative/partner, the appropriate vice president in consultation with superintendent/president will intercede to ensure that there is no conflict of interest. Actions may include reassignment to another department.

References:

Government Code Sections 1090 et seq. and 12940 et seq.

Attachments:

- AP 7310 Nepotism - Comments
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Except as provided herein, no person shall be initially employed by the District in an academic or classified position unless the person has within the last 60 days submitted to a tuberculosis risk assessment developed by the State Department of Public Health and the California Tuberculosis Controllers Association and, if risk factors are present, an examination to determine that he/she is free of active tuberculosis, by a physician and surgeon licensed under the California Business and Professions Code. This examination shall consist of an X-ray of the lungs, or an approved intra-dermal tuberculin test, that, if positive, shall be followed by an X-ray of the lungs. This examination is a condition of initial employment and the expense shall be borne by the applicant. Candidates and current employees may go to either campus and have the TB test conducted by the student health centers.

The X-ray film may be taken by a competent and qualified X-ray technician if the X-ray film is subsequently interpreted by a physician and surgeon licensed under the Business and Professions Code.

The [designate position] Executive Director of Human Resources may exempt, for a period not to exceed 60 days following termination of the pregnancy, a pregnant employee from the requirement that a positive intra-dermal tuberculin test be followed by an X-ray of the lungs.

Thereafter, employees who are skin test negative, or were not tested because of a lack of risk factors, are required to undergo the foregoing tuberculosis risk assessment and, if risk factors exist, examination at least once every four years upon recommendation of the local health officer for so long as the employee remains skin test negative. Once an employee has a documented positive skin test that has been followed by an X-ray, the foregoing tuberculosis risk assessments and examinations shall no longer be required and referral shall be made within 30 days of completion of the examination to the local health officer to determine the need for follow up care.

If risk factors were present at the tuberculosis risk assessment and an examination occurs, after the examination, an employee shall cause to be on file with the District a certificate from the examining physician and surgeon showing the employee was examined and found free from active tuberculosis.

This procedure shall not apply to any employee of the District who files an affidavit stating that he/she adheres to the faith or teachings of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles depends for healing upon prayer in the practice of religion and that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief he/she is free from active tuberculosis. If at any time there should be probable cause to believe that the applicant is afflicted with active tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from service until the [designate position] Executive Director of Human Resources is satisfied that he/she is not so
A person who transfers his/her employment from another school or community college District shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this procedure if the person can produce a certificate that shows that he/she within the past four years had a tuberculosis risk assessment that showed no risk factors were present or was examined and was found to be free of communicable tuberculosis, or if it is verified by the college previously employing him/her that it has a certificate on file that contains that showing.

A person who transfers his/her employment from a private or parochial elementary school, secondary school, or nursery school to the District shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this procedure if the person can produce a certificate as provided for in Health and Safety Code Section 121525 that shows that he/she within the last four years had a tuberculosis risk assessment that showed no risk factors were present or was examined and was found to be free of communicable tuberculosis, or if it is verified by the school previously employing him/her that it has the certificate on file.

Reference:

Education Code Section 87408.6

Attachments: AP 7336 Update #30.pdf
BP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct

(Replaces current SBCCD BP 5500)

The Chancellor shall establish procedures for the imposition of discipline on students in accordance with the requirements for due process of the federal and state laws and regulations.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures clearly define the conduct that is subject to discipline, and shall identify potential disciplinary actions, including but not limited to the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student.

The Board shall consider any recommendation from the Chancellor 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 the expulsion shall be taken at a public meeting.

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, which is concurred in by the college president.
- Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, 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.
- 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.
- Sexual assault or sexual exploitation regardless of the victim's affiliation with 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 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.
- 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.
- Dishonesty, forgery, alteration or misuse of college documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
- Unauthorized entry upon or use of college facilities.
- Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct 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 college premises, or the violation of lawful District administrative procedures, 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.

References:

References:
Education Code Sections 66300 and 66301;
ACCJC Accreditation Standards I.C.8 and 10 (formerly II.A.7.b)

Attachments:

BP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct - Comments
BP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct - Legal Citations
AP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct

(Replaces current SBCCD AP 5500)

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, which is concurred in by the [designate position].
- 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 [insert local practice].
- Dishonesty: forgery, alteration or misuse of District documents, records or identification; or knowingly
Students who engage in any of the above are subject to the procedures outlined in AP 5520 titled Student Discipline Procedures.

**Standards of Student Conduct**

The District may impose discipline for the commission, or attempted commission, of the following types of violations by Students, or for aiding or abetting, inciting, conspiring, assisting, hiring or encouraging another person to engage in a violation of this Standards of Student Conduct, or for any violation of state or Federal law. Being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol, or the existence of other psychological impairment does not excuse a violation of this Standards of Student Conduct.

A. Academic Misconduct. All forms of academic misconduct including, but not limited to, cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, or facilitating academic dishonesty.

B. Alcohol. Manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, use, consumption or sale of, or the attempted manufacture, distribution, dispensing, distribution, consumption or sale of alcohol that is unlawful or otherwise prohibited by, or not in compliance with, District policy, administrative procedures, or campus regulations.

C. Assault/Battery. Assault, battery, or any threat of force or violence upon a Student or upon any Member of the District Community. This includes, but is not limited to:
   1. Inflicting bodily harm upon any Member of the District Community;
   2. taking any action for the purpose of inflicting bodily harm upon any Member of the District Community;
   3. taking any reckless, but not accidental action, from which bodily harm could result to any Member of the District Community;
   4. Causing a Member of the District Community to believe that the offender or their agent may cause bodily harm to that person or any member of their family or any other Member of the District Community;
   5. Inflicting or attempting to inflict bodily harm on oneself.

D. Bias. Bias-related incidents are behavior that constitutes an expression of hostility against a person or property or another due to the targeted person’s race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, national origin, gender, age, marital status, political affiliation, or disability. These acts or behaviors may not rise to the level of a crime, or a violation of state or federal law, but may constitute to creating an unsafe.
negative, or unwelcome environment for the targeted person.

E. Continued Misconduct or Repeat Violation. Repeated misconduct or violations of this Policy, when other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.

F. Dating Violence. Violence committed by a member of the District Community who is, or has been, in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim, and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based upon the consideration of the following factors:

1. Length of the relationship
2. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship
3. Type of relationship, and

G. Destruction of Property. The damaging, destroying, defacing, or tampering with District Property or the property of any person or business on District Property or at a District function, including but not limited to, taking down, defacing, or otherwise damaging District authorized posters, handbills and/or notices posted on District property.

H. Discrimination. Unlawful discrimination against a person on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, military or veteran status, gender identification, gender expression, marital status, sexual orientation, or genetic information, except where such distinction is authorized by law.

I. Dishonesty. All forms of dishonesty including but not limited to fabricating information, furnishing false information, or reporting a false emergency to the District.

J. Disorderly or lewd conduct. Engaging in disorderly or lewd, indecent or obscene behavior on District Property or at a District function.

K. Disruption of Educational Process. Destruction or disruption on or off District Property of the District educational process(es), including but not limited to interrupting, impeding, obstructing or causing the interruption or impediment of any class, lab, administrative office, teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, District activity or District authorized Student activity or administrative process or other District function; or disturbing the peace on District Property or at any District function.

L. Disruptive Behavior. Disruptive behavior, disobedience, profanity, vulgarity, or the open defiance of the authority of or abuse of District personnel, or which adversely effects the delivery of educational services to Students and the District Community.

M. Disturbing the Peace. Disturbing the peace and good order of the District by, among other things, fighting, quarreling, disruptive behavior, or participation in a disturbance of the peace or unlawful assembly.

N. Drugs. Unlawful or attempted manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, use, distribution or sale of, controlled substances, dangerous drugs, restricted dangerous drugs or narcotics, as those terms are used in state or federal statutes on District Property or at any District function. Possession of medicinal marijuana on District premises is prohibited.

O. Endangering Welfare of Others. Violation of any state or federal law relating to the placing at risk of physical or emotional harm of a member of the District Community.

P. Failure to Appear. Failure to appear before a District official when directed to do so.

Q. Failure to Comply or Identify. Failure to identify oneself to, or comply with the directions of, a District Official, employee, policy, law enforcement, or other public officials when requested to do so; or resisting or obstructing such District or other public officials in the performance of or the attempt to perform their
R. Failure to Repay Debts or Return District Property. Failure to (a) repay debts to the District; (b) return District property; (c) return property of any member of the District Community.

S. False Report of Emergency. Knowingly and purposefully, causing, making, and/or circulating a false report or warning of a fire, explosion, crime, or other catastrophe.

T. Forgery. Any forgery alteration, or misuse of any District document, record, key, electronic device, or identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to a District official.

U. Fraud. Any attempt to steal, take, carry, lead, or take away the personal property of another, or who fraudulently appropriated property which has been entrusted to him or her, or who shall knowingly and designedly, by any false or fraudulent representation or pretense, defraud any other person of money, labor or property, or who causes or procures or obtains credit and thereby, or fraudulently gets or obtains possession of money, or property, or obtains the labor or service of another, is guilty of theft.

V. Gambling. Unauthorized gambling on District Property or at any District function.

W. Harassment/Bullying. A specific act, or series or acts, of a verbal or physical nature, including threats, intended to annoy, intimidate, pester, aggravate, irritate, dominate, ridicule, or cause fear to a member of the District Community, occurring within the jurisdiction of the District as set forth in Section 1.4.

X. Hateful Behavior. Hateful behavior aimed at a specific person or group of people.

Y. Hazing. Participation in hazing or any method of initiation or pre-initiation into a campus organization or other activity engaged in by the organization or members of the organization at any time that causes, or is likely to cause, physical injury or personal degradation or disgrace which can inflict psychological or emotional harm to any Student or other person.

Z. Infliction of Mental Harm. (a) Inflicting mental harm upon any member of the District Community; (b) taking any action for the purpose of inflicting mental harm upon any Member of the District Community; (c) taking any reckless, but not accidental action, from which mental harm to Member of the District Community could result; (d) causing a Member of the District Community to believe that the Student or their agent may cause mental harm to that person or any member of their family or any other member of the District Community; (e) any act which purposefully demeans, degrades, or disgraces any person.

AA. Library Materials. Cutting, defacing, or otherwise damaging or theft of college library or bookstore materials or property.

AB. Misrepresentation. A false statement or representation based upon the intentional disregard of false or possibly false information, or knowingly entering into a transaction based upon false information, or misrepresenting oneself to be an agent, employee, or representative of the District or its colleges.

AC. Misuse of Identification. Transferring, lending, borrowing, altering or unauthorized creation of identification.

AD. Possession of Stolen Property. Possession of District Property, or the property of any other person, when the Student knows or reasonably should know, that the property was stolen.

AE. Possession of Weapons. Unauthorized possession, use, storage, or manufacture of explosives, dangerous chemicals, firebombs, firearms, or other destructive devices or weapons as defined in Section K of Appendix A.

AF. Public Intoxication. Public intoxication or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, any illegal narcotics, or any substance that causes impairment on District/College Property or at any District/College function.
AG. Sexual Harassment. Sexual harassment against a member of the District Community. Sexual harassment is defined as (a) unwelcome verbal harassment, e.g., epithets, derogatory comments, or slurs; (b) physical harassment, e.g., assault, impeding or blocking movement, or any physical interference with normal work or movement when directed at an individual; (c) visual forms of harassment, e.g., derogatory posters, cartoons, or drawings; (d) unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors; or (e) an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment. "Unwelcome conduct" is defined as conduct which the member of the District Community does not solicit or initiate, and which the person regards as undesirable or offensive.

AH. Sexual Misconduct comprises a broad range of unwelcome behaviors focused on sex and/or gender that may or may not be sexual in nature. Any intercourse or other intentional sexual touching or activity without the other person’s consent is sexual assault, is a form of Sexual Misconduct under this Procedure. Sexual Misconduct is any form of gender-based harassment, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and sexual exploitation, as well as harassment based on gender identity, gender expression, and non-conformity with gender stereotypes. Sexual misconduct may also include acts of a sexual nature, including acts of stalking, domestic violence, and dating violence, intimidation, or for retaliation following an incident where alleged Sexual Misconduct or has occurred.

Sexual Misconduct can occur between strangers or acquaintances, or people who know each other well, including between people involved in an intimate or sexual relationship, can be committed by anyone regardless of gender identity and can occur between people of the same or different sex or gender.

A. Serious Injury or Death. Any intentional, unintentional or reckless action or conduct which results in serious injury or death to a Member of the District Community or their family.

B. Smoking. Smoking in an area where smoking has been prohibited by law or regulation of the District.

C. Stalking. Stalking behavior in which a Student repeatedly engages in the course of conduct directed at another person and makes a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear for his or her safety, or the safety of his or her family; where the threat is reasonably determined by the College Conduct Officer to create substantial emotional distress, torment, create fear, or to terrorize the person.

D. Sexual Stalking. The course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear or suffer substantial emotional distress due to another’s sexual interest or gender-based stalking. Stalking involves repeated and continued harassment of a sexual or gender-based nature, against the expressed consent of another individual, which causes the targeted individual to feel emotional distress, including fear or apprehension. Such stalking behaviors may include; pursuing or following; unwanted communication or contact—including face-to-face encounters, telephone calls, voice messages, electronic messages, web-based messages, text messages, unwanted gifts, etc.; trespassing; and surveillance or other types of observation.

E. Theft or Abuse of District’s Computers or Electronic Resources. Theft or abuse of District computers and other District electronic resources such as computer and electronic communications facilities, systems, and services. Abuses include (but are not limited to) unauthorized entry, use, transfer, or tampering with the communications of others, and interference with the work of others, and with the operation of a computer and electronic communications facilities, systems, and services. Theft or attempted theft of any kind, including seizing, receiving, or concealing property with knowledge that is has been stolen, is prohibited. Sale, possession, or misappropriation of any property or services without the owner’s permission is also prohibited.

F. Theft or Conversion of Property. Theft or conversion of District Property or services, or the property of any person or business on District Property or at a District function, or possession of any property when the
Student had the knowledge or reasonably should have had knowledge that it was stolen.

G. Trespass and Unauthorized Possession. Unauthorized or forcible trespass on, entry to, possession of, receipt of, or use of any District services, grounds, equipment, resources, properties, structures, vehicles, boats, water craft or facility, including the unauthorized use of District’s name, insignia, or seal without permission or authorization.

H. Unauthorized Recording. Recording any person on District Property or at any District function without that person’s knowledge or consent. This definition shall not apply to recordings conducted in public, in a commonly recognized public forum.

I. Unauthorized Use of Course or Copyrighted Materials. Students of the District will abide by all aspects of United States copyright law, Title 17 of the United States Code, to the extent possible, under the authoritative interpretation of the law. Students shall not reproduce copyrighted materials without prior permission of the copyright owner, except as allowed by the “fair use” doctrine. In addition, Students shall not sell, prepare, or distribute for any commercial purpose any course lecture notes or video or audio recordings of any course unless authorized by the District in advance and explicitly permitted by the course instructor in writing. The unauthorized sale or commercial distribution of course notes or recordings by a Student is a violation of these Policies whether or not it was the Student or someone else who prepared the notes or recordings. Copying for any commercial purpose handouts, readers or other course materials provided by an instructor as part of a District course unless authorized by the District in advance and explicitly permitted by the course instructor or the copyright holder in writing (if the instructor is not the copyright holder).

J. Unauthorized Use of District Keys. Unauthorized use, distribution, duplication or possession of any keys issued for any building, laboratory, facility, room, or other District Property.

K. Unauthorized Use of Electronic Devices. Unauthorized use of an electronic device on District property or at any District function, including but not limited to, classes, lectures, labs, and field trips.

L. Unauthorized Use of Property or Services. Unauthorized use of property or services or unauthorized possession of District Property or the property of any other person or business.

M. Unreasonable Demands. Placing repeated, hostile, or unreasonable demands on District staff.

N. Unwelcome Conduct: conduct of a sexual, gender-based, or harassing nature, which is considered unwelcome if a person did not request or invite it, and considered the conduct to be unwelcome, undesirable, or offensive. Unwelcome conduct may take various forms, including name-calling, graphic or written statements (including the use of cell phones or the Internet), hazing, bullying, or other conduct that may be physically or psychologically threatening, harmful, or humiliating. Unwelcome conduct does not have to include intent to harm, or directed at a specific target, or involve repeated incidents. Unwelcome conduct can involve persons of the same or opposite sex.

O. Violation of Driving Regulations. Driving unsafely on District property or while taking part in any District function, or repeated violation of District parking regulations.

P. Violation of Health & Safety Regulations. Violation of any health, safety or related regulations, rule or ordinance on District property or at any District function.

Q. Violation of Law. Violation of any federal, state or local law on District property, at a District function or involving a member of the District Community.

R. Violation of Posted District Rules. Violation of any rule or regulation posted on District property by the District or the College, or printed in any District publication.

S. Violation of Published Computer/Network Usage Policy(s), Procedures, or Guidelines.
1. Accessing and/or without permission altering, damaging, deleting, destroying, or otherwise using any data, computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to or used by the District or any Member of the District Community.

2. Accessing and/or without permission taking, copying, or making use of any data from a computer, computer system, or computer network, or taking or copying any supporting documentation, whether existing or residing internal or external to a computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to or used by the District or any Member of the District Community.

3. Using or causing to be used District computer services without permission.

4. Accessing and/or without permission adding, altering, damaging, deleting, or destroying any data, computer software, or computer programs which reside or exist internal or external to a computer, computer systems, or computer network belonging to or used by the District or any Member of the District Community.

5. Disrupting or causing the disruption of computer services or denying or causing the denial of computer services to an authorized user of a computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to or used by the District or any Member of the District Community.

6. Providing or assisting in providing a means of accessing, without permission, a computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to or used by the District or any Member of the District Community.

7. Accessing or causing to be accessed without authorization any computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to or used by the District or any Member of the District Community.

8. Introducing any computer contaminant or virus into any computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to or used by the District or any Member of the District Community.

9. Sending any message using any computer system or network without authorization or sending any message in the name of another person or entity.

10. Using any account or password without authorization.

11. Allowing or causing to be used an account number or password by any other person without authorization.

12. Accessing or causing to be accessed, downloading or causing to be downloaded, pornographic or obscene materials except when accessing a pornographic website which is part of the instructional process or assignment for a class the Student is currently enrolled in.

13. Use the District's systems or networks for commercial purposes; for example, by performing work for profit with District resources in a manner not authorized by the district.

References:

Education Code Sections 66300, 66301, 66302, 72122, and 76030-76038.
ACCJC Accreditation Standards Standard I.C.8 and 10 (formerly II.A.7.b)

Attachments:

- AP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct Comments
- AP 5500 Standards of Student Conduct - Legal Citations
- AP5500-OLD.pdf
Section I

A. INTRODUCTION

This Administrative Procedure (AP 5520) is intended to effectively administer Board Policy 5500 and Administrative Procedure 5500 title “Standards of Student Conduct,” and as such, this Administrative Procedure shall constitute the Standards of Student Discipline for all District Students. This Standards of Student Discipline provides District Students with prior notice of behavior deemed unacceptable by the District’s Board of Trustees. This Standards of Student Conduct includes a defined process for the fair and impartial review and determination of alleged improper Student behavior. This Standards of Student Conduct also specifies the various sanctions that may be imposed on District Students for violations of this Standards of Student Conduct. Students are expected to be familiar with the terms of the San Bernardino Community College District’s published Board Policy 5500 and this Administrative Procedure 5500 Standards of Student Conduct.

This Standards of Student Discipline provides for the orderly administration of the Standards of Student Conduct consistent with the principles of due process of law. Reasonable deviations from the Standards of Student Conduct will not invalidate a decision or proceeding.

This process does not supersede standards for specific programs which may have a have different process for program eligibility and retention e.g., Fire Academy, Police Academy, Nursing Program, etc.

The District/campus will strive to follow the timelines outlined in this Administrative Procedure barring unexpected delays or campus closures

B. THE USE OF "WILL" AND "SHALL"

In this Standards of Student Discipline, and throughout the District’s Board Policies and Administrative Procedures, the use of the terms "will" and "shall" are used in the mandatory sense.

C. NOTICE - PROCESS FOR NOTIFICATION

San Bernardino Community College District's primary correspondence and notification mechanism with Students shall be through the Student's District assigned e-mail account. At the District’s discretion, Students may be notified via U.S. mail, delivery in person, via SMS text message, by an alternate email
on record from the Student, or by other authorized communication platforms. San Bernardino Community
College District reserves the right to notify parents/legal guardians/emergency contacts when it
determines that any Student, regardless of age, is in a situation that is threatening to their own health and
safety, or that Student has placed another person in a situation that is threatening to their health and
safety.

D. JURISDICTION
Pursuant to Board Policy 5500, the District’s jurisdiction concerning alleged Standards of Student
Conduct violations extends to the District, its colleges, and for all activities occurring on District property.
This jurisdiction includes, but is not limited to, its main and satellite campuses, and to any non-District
property used by the District or its colleges where District Students are present. This also applies to online
courses/services and District sponsored/College sponsored programs, activities, and travel. This
jurisdiction shall also apply to Student-to-Student or Student-to-employee off-campus conduct and/or
actions, and electronic activity (such as e-mail, texting, telephone contact, social media), when the
College Conduct Officer, or designee, determines that the off-campus conduct affects, disrupts, or
interferes with the educational mission of the college. This Standards of Student Conduct also applies to
off-campus conduct when the effects of the off-campus conduct create a Hostile Environment or impact a
substantial District/College interest. A substantial District/College interest may include:

1. Any action that constitutes a criminal offense as defined by law. This includes, but is not limited to, a
   single or repeated violations of any local, state, or federal criminal statute or ordinance;
2. Any situation where it appears that a Student may present a danger or threat to the health or safety
   of themselves or others;
3. Any situation that significantly impinges upon the rights, property, or achievements of self or others,
   or that significantly breaches the peace or causes significant disruption; and
4. Any situation that is detrimental to the educational interest of the District/College. The Student Code
   of Conduct may apply to online activity and communication that occur outside of the District’s/
   College’s control when those online behaviors can be shown to create a Hostile Environment on
   campus or cause a substantial disruptio

E. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT
The San Bernardino Community College District does not unlawfully discriminate based upon age, race,
ethnicity, sexual orientation or preference, gender, national origin, veteran’s status, gender identification,
or genetic information in administering District educational policies and procedures. The District complies
with the American Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and
Title IX. See Board Policy 3410 Nondiscrimination.

F. PARALLEL STUDENT DISCIPLINE PROCEEDINGS
Student Discipline Code proceedings are administrative in nature and are independent from court or other
administrative proceedings. Discipline may be instituted against a Student also charged in civil or criminal
courts based on the same facts that constitute the alleged violation of the Standards of Student Conduct.
The District may elect to proceed before, concurrently with, or after any judicial or other administrative
proceedings.

G. PARALLEL TITLE IX INVESTIGATION PROCEEDINGS
The District’s Title IX Policy and Procedure, BP/AP 3540 Sexual and Other Assaults on Campus,
addressing the investigation of allegations of sexual misconduct incorporate the sanctions and general
procedures set forth in this Standards of Student Conduct, but are not restricted by this Procedure. Title
IX investigations and processes are independent from court or other administrative proceedings. Student
discipline may be instituted against a Student also charged in civil or criminal courts based on the same facts that constitute the alleged violation of Title IX or other law applicable to sexual misconduct. The District may elect to proceed before, concurrently with, or after any judicial or other proceedings.

Section II - Student Rights & Responsibilities

A. DUE PROCESS
Students are entitled to a fundamentally fair process, including reasonable notice of allegations of violations of the Standards of Student Conduct, the opportunity for the Student to be heard and to afford the Student the opportunity to present evidence prior to the administrative determination of the alleged violations. The District reserves the right to make immediate interim suspensions or restrictions when such actions are deemed necessary by the College Conduct Officer or designee pending an investigation and determination of the matter. Any sanction(s) imposed under the Standards of Student Conduct shall be appropriate to the nature of the violation(s). See Section III below.

B. STUDENT RIGHTS
◦ To be treated with respect by District officials
◦ To take advantage of campus support resources, such as Counseling, Special Services, Health Services, and other available resources.
◦ To experience a safe educational environment.
◦ To not be subjected to retaliation for reporting violations.
◦ To have complaints heard in substantial accordance with established procedures.
◦ To fully participate in any process whether the injured individual is serving as the Complainant or the institution is serving as Complainant.
◦ A complaint may and Respondent shall be informed in writing of the outcome/resolution, any sanctions imposed, and the rationale for the outcome, to the extent permissible under applicable law and Board Policies.

C. SPECIAL REQUESTS/ACCOMMODATIONS - STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
Any special requests and/or accommodations by any Party (for example, sign language, the use of assistive technology, service animals, and other accommodations approved by the Office of Disabled Student Programs & Services) must be made at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Administrative Conference. Special requests and accommodations shall also be applicable to Appeal Hearings as set forth in Section 4.2 of this Standards of Student Discipline.

D. ROLE OF LEGAL COUNSEL
An attorney licensed to practice in California may accompany the Student to the hearing. The attorney’s role is to provide counsel to the Student without disruption to the hearing process.

The attorney may not make any statements or presentations to the College Conduct Officer, Hearing Panel, or Appeal Committee, examine or cross-examine any witnesses, or present evidence or any written material to the College Conduct Officer or Hearing Panel or Appeal Committee set forth in Section 4.4. The attorney may not, in any way, disrupt or interfere with the hearing process. Any violation of this section shall result in the removal of the attorney. The attorney shall provide the College Conduct Office with a retention letter confirming that they have been retained by the Student at least seven (7) calendar days before the hearing so that the necessary arrangements can be made for a District attorney to be present at the hearing. The attorney's retention letter shall include the attorney's State Bar number and a
E. STUDENT RIGHT TO REVIEW RECORDS
Students seeking to review records relating to their investigation or to the outcome should refer to San Bernardino Community College District Board Policy 5040 Student Records Directory Information and Privacy. The District is not obligated to provide copies of student records unless not doing so would prevent the student from their right to inspect the record in question.

F. RECORDING AND PRESENTING WITNESSES
Audio/Video Recordings – No audio, video or other recording of any investigation, interview, or meeting is permitted by the student. The student has the right to audio record hearings at their own expense.

Witness Rules and Limitations – only witnesses presenting relevant testimony or information directly related to the alleged violations are permitted. Witness statements relating to the alleged violations may be accepted by the College Conduct Officer at their sole discretion if such statements are deemed to be material and relevant to the proceeding.

The College Conduct Officer or designee shall be responsible for contacting witnesses for all meetings other than the appeal hearing, subject to the Student notifying the college no less than five (5) calendar days prior to the proceeding. The College Conduct Officer reserves the right to exclude redundant testimony from witnesses, or redundancy in witnesses.

G. CONFIDENTIALITY
Any information provided to District employees may be shared with other District employees, law enforcement, or other parties, consistent with law, and only on a “need to know” basis. District employees shall endeavor to honor any Complainant or victim’s request for confidentiality; however, confidentiality cannot always be assured. The District may weigh requests for confidentiality against its duty to provide a safe and nondiscriminatory environment for all members of the District Community.

Investigative or hearing proceedings are considered private and confidential so as to protect the Parties involved. Hearings or meetings shall not be conducted in public, and are not open to the public. The Parties involved are expected to maintain the privacy of the proceedings.

Section III - Student Discipline Process

A. FACULTY INITIATED REMOVAL
Prior to removal, the faculty member is responsible to identify the behavior and inform the student that failure to correct the issue may result in removal from the class. If the behavior persists, the faculty member may remove, for good cause, any student from their class for up to two (2) class sessions. The student shall not return to the class during the period of the removal without permission of the instructor. Nothing herein will prevent the college president or designee from recommending further discipline in accordance with these procedures based on facts that led to the removal. As used in this rule, “good cause” includes those offenses listed in the Student Code of Conduct. In instances of online courses, students access to course content will be removed for a period of time comparable to two class sessions.

B. COMPLAINT FILED/INCIDENT REPORTED
San Bernardino Community College District, through its College Conduct Officers, will investigate all reports of alleged violations of the Standards of Student Conduct. Anyone who believes a section of the Code of Conduct has been violated should contact any College Conduct Officers identified at each District
campus. Reports of allegations are entered into a District-wide system where it is assigned to the appropriate College Conduct Officers.

C. NOTICE TO STUDENT
In all cases, the College Conduct Officer, or designee, will provide notice to the Parties, providing them with the following information, pursuant to Section 1.3:

- A description of the alleged violation(s).
- A description of the applicable policies.
- A statement of the potential sanctions/responsive actions that could result.
- A required date and time, for the Student, to contact the College Conduct Officer within seven (7) calendar days from the date of initial notification to schedule a hearing/meeting, superseding all other campus and work activities. The Student's failure to contact the College Conduct Officer within this seven (7) calendar day period shall constitute the Student's waiver of their ability to provide a response to the alleged violation(s), and the proceeding shall take place as if the Student has not responded.

D. INTERIM ACTIONS: Interim actions are those temporary sanctions deemed necessary by the College Conduct Officer to protect the safety and security of the District Community pending an investigation into the alleged violations of the Standards of Student Conduct.

1. The College Conduct Officer may take any interim actions deemed necessary to:
   - Protect the District Community from potential threats to health and safety;
   - Protect any particular member of the community;
   - Protect against the risk of substantial disruption to the normal operations of the campus.

2. The College Conduct Officer or designee will inform the Respondent involved of any interim action/restrictions implemented against them pending investigation.

3. Interim Action/Restrictions are effective immediately. There shall be no request to delay the imposition of interim actions. These actions may include:
   a. Interim Suspension – A Student who is suspended on an interim basis is subject to all of the same restrictions as if they had been suspended as a final sanction. The College Conduct Officer, or designee, may impose an interim restriction of up to fourteen (14) calendar days following notice from the College Conduct Officer.
   b. Interim Restriction – These restrictions may include, but are not limited to:
      - Any other restrictions deemed by the College Conduct Officer or designee necessary to achieve the goals stated above.
      - No-contact orders with specific individuals;
      - District events;
      - Restricted access to District facilities;
   c. The College Conduct Officer, or designee, may impose an interim restriction of up to fourteen (14) calendar days following notice from the College Conduct Officer.

4. Interim Suspensions and Request to Stay. Upon notice of an Interim Suspension by the College Conduct Officer, Title IX Coordinator, or designee, the Student has five (5) calendar days (from the date of the notice) to submit reason(s) for a Request to Stay to the Vice President of Student
Services or their designee. The Vice President of Student Services or their designee will render a decision on providing a stay, with or without modifications to the Student’s request. The Vice President of Student Services or their designee will provide the Student with a decision within three (3) calendar days of the received Request to Stay. The Interim Suspension remains in effect until a decision from the Vice President of Student Services or designee is rendered.

E. INVESTIGATION PROCESS:
   The College Conduct Officer will conduct interviews to determine the accuracy of statements or other evidence.

   The College Conduct Officer’s primary communication to all Parties involved in the investigation shall be through District assigned email addresses, with supplemental forms of communication used as needed as referenced in section 1.3 above.

   The College Conduct Officer will investigate each complaint submitted to determine whether it is appropriate to charge a Student with a violation of the Student Conduct Code.

   Investigations should generally result in resolution within sixty (60) calendar days after a complaint has been made, barring unexpected delays or campus closures. If circumstances warrant, the College Conduct Officer will provide notice to the Student(s) of any delays or extensions necessary to complete any investigation.

   Investigations may comprise of an interview with the reporting Party(s), person(s) alleged to have violated the policy(s), witnesses, and other persons having knowledge.

   The College Conduct Officer shall make reasonable efforts to give the Student(s) an opportunity to rebut the accusation or otherwise provide relevant information to the College Conduct Officer or designee regarding the incident(s) which led to the belief by the College Conduct Officer or designee that the Student violated the Standards of Student Conduct in an Administrative Conference.

   Should a Student fail to appear for any meeting, that Student may be considered as having waived their right to be present for the meeting and, the investigation may proceed without the Student’s input.

F. FINDINGS AND DETERMINATION: Conferences/Hearings for possible violations that occur near or after the academic terms will be held as soon as is practicable, to try to meet the resolution timeline followed by the District. The College Conduct Officer has the discretion to elect any of the following methods for resolution:

   ◦ Administrative Resolution – The Respondent admits to the allegations and accepts the recommended sanctions of the College Conduct Officer or designee.

   ◦ Formal Finding by the College Conduct Officer – The College Conduct Officer, after completing an investigation, which includes an opportunity for the Respondent’s due process, makes a finding and, if appropriate, issues sanctions.

   ◦ Formal Finding with Hearing Panel – The College Conduct Officer may elect, at their sole discretion, to refer the findings from their investigation, which includes the Respondent’s due process, to a Hearing Panel for recommendation. The Hearing Panel is a panel convened to weigh the evidence presented following an investigation into alleged violations of the Standards of Student Conduct. The Hearing Panel shall be formed pursuant to Section 4.4 herein.
G. TYPES OF FINDINGS AFTER INVESTIGATION:

1. Not Responsible – In these cases, College Conduct Officer or designee has determined that insufficient evidence exists, by the Preponderance of Evidence standard, for a finding of Responsible for the alleged violation(s). The case is closed, and a record is retained.

2. Responsible – The College Conduct Officer or designee determines that sufficient evidence exists, by the Preponderance of Evidence standard, for a finding that the Respondent is Responsible for the alleged violation(s). This determination may also be rendered through the Administrative Resolution, where the Respondent has admitted culpability for the alleged violation(s). The College Conduct Officer may close the case.

After the investigation, meetings, and/or hearing, and considering all information relevant to the issue, the College Conduct Officer, or Hearing Chair and their Panel shall then decide whether or not to impose sanctions.

The College Conduct Officer will notify the Student charged with violations of the decision of the College Conduct Officer or Hearing Panel, and of any sanctions imposed. Such Notice shall be in writing from the College Conduct Officer and communicated to the Student pursuant the notice requirements set forth in Section 1.3.

H. IMPOSING SANCTIONS:

If a Student is found Responsible, sanctions will be imposed by the College Conduct Officer, as they deem reasonable and appropriate, pursuant to the available sanctions set forth in Appendix C. The Respondent may elect to appeal the findings and sanctions subject to the limitations for grounds for appeal set forth herein.

I. STANDARD OF PROOF FOR FINDINGS:

In all cases involving alleged violations of the Standards of Student Conduct, the standard of proof for determining whether a Respondent is Not Responsible or Responsible is the Preponderance of Evidence standard (e.g., more likely than not), as defined in Appendix A herein.

Section IV - Appeal Process and Grounds for Appeal

An appeal is not intended to be a full review of the allegation(s) and reweighing of the evidence. There is a presumption that the College Conduct Officer has weighed all information following the investigation, and has reached the appropriate determination regarding the finding of Responsibility or Non-Responsibility. Students may appeal determinations or appealable sanctions only once based solely upon any of the following grounds for appeal:

- Excessive sanctions in relation to the violation(s) the Respondent was found Responsible for committing.
- A substantive procedural error which materially and significantly affected the weighing of evidence by the College Conduct Officer.
- New evidence has become available which is sufficient to alter the decision, and which the student was not aware of or could not have been reasonably obtained at the time of the initial review.

The Student must request an appeal in writing by e-mail, U.S. Mail, or by personal delivery of correspondence to the College Conduct Officer’s office within seven (7) calendar days of notification of the outcome of the finding and sanctions. The Student must specifically identify which of the above-bulleted grounds their appeal is based on. Student failure to specify the basis for appeal with detailed information shall constitute the dismissal of the appeal without further proceedings.
Any request for an appeal that is not received within seven (7) calendar days of notification of the outcome/determination shall be deemed untimely and shall constitute a waiver of the Student's right to an appeal.

In all cases, the College Conduct Officer, or designee, will send a notice, pursuant to Section 1.3, to the Parties with the following information:

- A description of the violation(s), a description of the provisions of the Standards of Student Conduct determined to have been violated, and a statement of the sanctions/responsive actions.
- A required date, time, and location of the hearing superseding in priority all other campus and work activities. If a Party does not appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will be held in their absence. For compelling reasons, the College Conduct Officer, or designee, may reschedule the hearing; proof may be asked by the College Conduct Officer. Appeal hearings that occur near or after the academic terms will be held as soon as practicable to meet the resolution timeline generally followed by the District. If deemed appropriate by the College Conduct Officer, or designee, interim actions/restrictions and other stipulations that ensure the safety and/or well-being of the campus community will be administered or maintained.
  - The College Conduct Officer, or designee, shall use reasonable efforts to schedule the appeal hearing promptly, generally no sooner than fourteen (14) calendar days after, and not later than thirty (30) calendar days after, the date of the submitted written request for appeal. However, the scheduling of an appeal hearing may be delayed due to events beyond the College Conduct Officer's control. In such circumstances, the College Conduct Officer shall schedule the appeal hearing as promptly as is reasonably possible.
  - The notice of hearing may be amended by the College Conduct Officer at any time, and the College Conduct Officer, or designee, may (but is not required to) postpone the appeal hearing for a reasonable period of time.

A. ROLE OF ADVISORS AND LEGAL COUNSEL DURING APPEAL

Student discipline proceedings are not formal court proceedings, but instead, are administrative proceedings conducted by the District. Although District-related sanctions may be imposed, the process is intended to provide an opportunity for learning and to promote a safe educational environment.

If the Student wishes to have an advisor accompany them to the hearing, the Student must provide the College Conduct Office with the name of the individual they have chosen to act as their appeal advisor no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the appeal hearing. Advisors must maintain confidentiality and will not be permitted to participate or respond on behalf of the Student during the hearing.

If the Student chooses to have their attorney accompany them to the hearing, the name, address and telephone number of the Student's attorney must be submitted to the College Conduct Office no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing. In addition, no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the hearing, the Student’s attorney must deliver a retention letter, including their State Bar number and telephone number, to the College Conduct Office.

B. THE APPEAL HEARING

Appeal hearings are closed to all persons except:
  - College Conduct Officer, or designee;
  - The Student Hearing Appeal Chair;
  - The Student Hearing Appeal Panel;
  - Student;
C. STANDARD OF PROOF FOR AN APPEAL
In all cases involving appeal, the burden of proof is on the Student to establish, to the standard of Clear and Convincing Evidence (as defined herein), that the College Conduct Officer’s determination following investigation was erroneous due to any of the following:

- Excessive sanctions in relation to the violation(s) the Respondent was found Responsible for committing.
- A substantive procedural error which materially and significantly affected the weighing of evidence by the College Conduct Officer.
- New evidence has become available which is sufficient to alter the decision, and which the student was not aware of or could not have been reasonably obtained at the time of the initial review.

D. APPEAL HEARING PROCEDURES
Evidence—The Appeal Hearing need not be conducted according to technical rules relating to evidence and witnesses. Only relevant and material evidence shall be presented to and considered by the Hearing Appeal Committee. Irrelevant, immaterial, and/or unduly repetitious evidence shall be excluded. No evidence other than that received and weighed at the initial determination of findings shall be considered by the Hearing Appeal Committee. This limitation on admissible evidence shall not exclude the Student from presenting relevant, material evidence excluded by the College Conduct Officer at the initial hearing. The determination of relevancy or the material nature of the Student’s offered evidence shall be made by the Hearing Appeal Committee.

1. At the beginning of each school year, each college president or designee shall establish a standing panel from which one or more Hearing Appeal Committees may be appointed. The panel shall be made up of:
   a. A minimum of five (5) faculty members whose names are obtained from the Academic Senate.
   b. A minimum of five (5) students whose names are obtained from the Student Senate.
   c. A minimum of five (5) administrators/supervisors appointed by the College President or designee.

2. The College President or designee will appoint from the panel listed above a Hearing Appeal Committee consisting of a maximum of:
   - Two faculty members
   - Two students
   - One administrator/manager
3. The Hearing

a. The Chair will call the hearing to order, explain the procedures of the hearing, and have all Parties introduce themselves. Should an advisor be present, they may not make a presentation or represent the Respondent or the Complainant during the hearing. The Parties to the hearing are expected to ask and respond to questions on their own behalf, without representation of their advisors. The advisor may not speak on behalf of the Student to the College Conduct Officer or to the Hearing Appeal Committee hearing the case.

b. The Chair will present the rules governing the hearing. The Chair shall guarantee control of the hearing, making certain that all participants respect the right of others to make statements, and ensure confidentiality of such statements.

c. The College Conduct Officer, and if applicable their witness(es), shall have up to thirty (30) minutes total, if necessary, to present relevant evidence to support the determination that violation(s) of the Standards of Student Conduct has occurred.

d. The Student charged may question any witnesses presented by the College Conduct Officer. Members of the Hearing Appeal Committee may also question any witness presented by the College Conduct Officer. Questioning by the Student or the Hearing Appeal Committee shall not be considered part of the time allotted for presentation of the College Conduct Officer’s evidence. Total witness questioning by the College Conduct Officer and the Student shall not exceed a total of thirty (30) minutes of witness testimony for each side. It is within the discretion of the Hearing Appeal Committee Chair to impose a timeline on questioning or to add additional time if warranted.

e. The Student charged, and if applicable their witness(es), shall have up to thirty (30) minutes in total time, if necessary, to present relevant evidence demonstrating the basis for why College Conduct Officer's decision should be overturned. The College Conduct Officer may question any witnesses presented by the Student. Members of the Hearing Appeal Committee may also question witnesses. Questioning by the Hearing Appeal Committee shall not be considered part of the time allotted for presentation of the Student's evidence. Witness(es) shall provide testimony only on an individual basis, outside of the presence of other witness(es). It is within the discretion of the Hearing Appeal Committee Chair to impose a timeline on questioning or to add additional time if warranted.

f. The College Conduct Officer, and then the Student appealing, may each make a closing statement to the Hearing Appeal Committee. These closing statements shall be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes each. The Hearing Appeal Committee Chair shall have the authority to extend the time limits if deemed necessary.

g. Once all information has been collected, the Chair, or designee, will: reiterate the alleged policy violation(s);
   i. Reiterate the alleged policy violation(s);
   ii. Remind all Parties and participants involved of the Standard of Proof (Clear and Convincing), as further defined in Appendix A.
   iii. Remind all parties and participants of confidentiality and of all imposed sanctions that are active and must be adhered to;
   iv. Remind all Parties and participants to review the San Bernardino Community College
District’s Standards of Student Conduct Board Policy 5500, Administrative Procedures 5500 and 5520, and to understand their Student rights and responsibilities;

v. Inform all Parties and participants of the deliberation process and the projected timeline for notification; and

vi. Remind the Student charged and the Complainant, if applicable, that notification and all communication will be via District email accounts.

◦ Following the Hearing Appeal Committee Chair’s closing statements, all persons will be dismissed from the hearing except for the Committee Chair and the members of the Hearing Appeal Committee for deliberation.

E. FAILURE TO APPEAR

A Student who fails to appear before the Hearing Appeal Committee after having been notified of an appeal hearing is deemed to have waived their rights to participate in the appeal. The appeal hearing shall be terminated, and the Hearing Appeal Committee shall be dismissed. Initial sanctions will take effect immediately.

F. DELIBERATION AND DECISION

1. The Hearing Appeal Committee shall make its findings for the appeal hearing based on the Clear and Convincing Evidence standard, as further defined in Appendix A, which demonstrates whether or not the College Conduct Officer:

   a. Issued disproportionate or excessive sanctions in relation to the violation(s) the Respondent was found Responsible for committing.
   b. Demonstrated unlawful discrimination during the determination of Responsibility, and/or,
   c. Made a substantive procedural error which materially and significantly affected the weighing of evidence.

2. Following the presentation of evidence, the Hearing Appeal Committee shall privately consider the evidence and shall prepare a written report of its findings and deliver it to the College Conduct Officer, which shall ordinarily be submitted within seven (7) calendar days of the date of the appeal hearing. This report shall include the following:

   a. A brief summary of the facts as found by the Hearing Appeal Committee, and a determination of evidence indicating whether the College Conduct Officer’s findings should or should not be overturned;
   b. A finding indicating the appropriateness of the disciplinary sanction imposed on the Student by the College Conduct Officer. This finding may state:

      ▪ A finding that the Student is Responsible and that the disciplinary action proposed is appropriate; or
      ▪ A finding that the Student is Responsible, but that the disciplinary action imposed by the College Conduct Officer was excessive to the violation, and as such, a recommendation be made for a lessened sanction;
      ▪ A finding that the College Conduct Officer committed a substantive procedural error during the investigation or finding which would unduly taint the legitimacy of the finding of Responsibility, resulting in the finding to be set aside.

3. The report of the Hearing Appeal Committee shall be sent by the Hearing Appeal Committee Chair to
the Respondent. If the Committee has made a finding evidencing substantive procedural error, the Committee shall provide a copy of the report to the Vice President of Student Services. The College Conduct Office shall copy the Vice President of Student Services on written notification to the Student(s) involved.

4. No finding by the Hearing Appeal Committee recommending the setting aside of a finding of Responsibility due to procedural error by the College Conduct Officer shall act as a bar to a subsequent investigation by another College Conduct Officer from within the District of the underlying facts and evidence of the matter appealed and making a finding and determination of Responsibility.

G. RECOMMENDATION FOR EXPULSION
If, after hearing, the Hearing Appeal Committee recommends expulsion to the College President, the College President shall deliver a written recommendation for the Student's expulsion to the Chancellor. A copy of the President's recommendation shall be provided to the Student, or if the Student is a dependent minor to their parent or guardian, by the Office of the President.

The College President's recommendation for expulsion shall contain a statement of the charges against the Student that provides the basis for their request that the Student be expelled, including a factual description of the conduct upon which the charges are based, and the action(s) taken by the Hearing Appeal Committee.

H. REVIEW BY THE CHANCELLOR
1. The Student may appeal the College President's recommendation for expulsion, but not for other sanctions, by submitting a letter of appeal via personal delivery, delivery by a professional process server, or by certified mail to the Chancellor's office within ten (10) calendar days of their receipt of the College President's recommendation for expulsion. It is the student's responsibility to ensure the letter of appeal is delivered.

2. The letter of appeal to the Chancellor shall state the reasons why the Student should not be expelled and shall not exceed fifteen (15) pages in length. The Student or any representative of the student does not have the right to meet personally with the Chancellor under this procedure.
   a. Chancellor's Recommendation to the Board. If the Chancellor has decided to recommend the Student's expulsion, they shall cause to be placed on a Board agenda for action at the next board meeting, their recommendation that the Student be expelled. Minor deviations in the timeline for placement of the Chancellor's recommendation on the Board agenda shall be permitted. The Chancellor shall notify the Student or the Student's parent or guardian if the Student is a dependent minor of their decision to seek expulsion. The Chancellor's notice shall be in writing, setting forth the Board meeting date, time, and location where the Board will consider the recommended expulsion.
   b. Appeal to the Board of Trustees. The Student may submit a Letter of Opposition to Expulsion to the Board of Trustees, through the Chancellors Office, via personal delivery, delivery by a professional process server, or by certified mail setting forth the Student's basis for opposition to the recommended expulsion. The Student's letter must be received no less than seven (7) calendar days prior to the scheduled Board meeting date.

3. The Student's Letter of Opposition shall not exceed ten (10) pages in length, explaining to the Board why they should not be expelled. The Student may attach to their letter any documents they wish the Board to consider.

4. The Chancellor shall submit the following documents to the Board prior to the Board acting on their
recommendation for expulsion:

a. A copy of the correspondence provided to the Student informing the Student of the alleged violations of the Standards of Student Conduct;

b. A copy of the investigative findings of the College Conduct Officer, including any relevant evidence collected and assessed.

c. A copy of the report, if any, of the Hearing Appeal Committee;

d. A copy of the President's recommendation for expulsion;

e. A copy of any letters or documents submitted by the Student; and

f. The Chancellor's recommendation regarding expulsion of the Student.

5. The Board's Decision Regarding Expulsion

The Board's decision shall be final and shall end the Student's appeal process relating to expulsion.

6. Notification to College Conduct Officer

The Executive Assistant to the Chancellor's Office shall notify the College Conduct Officer in writing of the Board's decision regarding the Student's expulsion and shall provide the College Conduct Officer with a copy of the meeting minutes evidencing the Board's action.

7. Notification to Student

The Chancellor's Office shall notify the Student in writing of the Board's decision regarding their status as a Student in the District

I. READING AFTER A SUSPENSION

- The following procedures shall apply to a Student's request for readmission.
- A Student who has been suspended is eligible to apply for readmission if:
  - The term of the Student's long term suspension will expire within thirty (30) calendar days.
  - The Student has complied with all the terms and conditions of their suspension; and
  - During the course of the Student's suspension, the Student has not engaged in any behavior or activity that would be cause for discipline under the Standards of Student Conduct if the individual were a District Student.

1. Procedure for Re-admission Following Long-Term Suspension

- The Student seeking readmission must make a written request for readmission to the College Conduct Office.
- The College Conduct Officer may request a meeting with the Student seeking readmission to ascertain their eligibility for readmission.
- Ordinarily, within thirty (30) calendar days of the date of their receipt of a written request for readmission, the College Conduct Officer shall decide whether the request should be granted or denied.
- The College Conduct Officer shall notify the Student of their decision in writing and shall, in case of denial, include the reasons for such denial.
- A Student, whose application for readmission has been denied, may not apply for readmission until the next registration cycle after denial of their application.
Appendix A - Administrative Procedure Definitions

In addition to and in some cases as a supplement to the terms defined elsewhere in this procedure, the following defined terms shall have the meanings set forth in this section for purposes of this procedure.

A. "Advisor" means a person, not serving as legal counsel, who at the Student's request, accompanies the Student and provides them with emotional or other support at a hearing. The advisor will be expected to maintain confidentiality.

B. "Attorney" means any person who is admitted to practice law in the State of California.

C. "Board" means the Governing Board of the San Bernardino Community College District.

D. "Chancellor" means the Chancellor of the San Bernardino Community College District, or their designee.

E. "Clear and Convincing Evidence" means the burden of evidence that a Student must present establishing that it is highly probable that the College Conduct Officer's determination process was flawed due to significantly disproportionate sanctions when compared to the offense, procedural error, or new evidence that has become available which is sufficient to alter the decision, and which the student was not aware of or could not have been reasonably obtained at the time of the initial review.

F. "College Activity" means any activity sponsored by the District including, but not limited to, courses, class, lectures, labs, field trips, club activities, Student Government activities, community education or similar activities, or any other Student sponsored activity.

G. "College Conduct Office" is the department or division designated by the college campus to oversee the disciplinary process.

H. "College Conduct Officer" means the College Official(s) designated by the College President, or designee, to administer this policy.

I. "Community" means San Bernardino Community College District Students, trustees, employees, agents, instructional associate, visitors, representatives, guests of the District and their families, and any persons conducting business with the District.

J. "Complainant" means the person(s) reporting alleged violations of the Standards of Student Conduct.

K. "Day" means a calendar day.

L. "Designee" means a District Official appointed to fulfill responsibilities relating to this procedure.

M. "District" means the San Bernardino Community College District and each of its colleges.

N. "District Community" means any employee, contractor, Student, member of the public, or invitee present on District property, or on the property being used by the District. For purposes of this definition, a Student is deemed a member of the District Community while enrolled in, or in the process of applying for, enrollment as a Student at any of the colleges within the District. A Student does not have to be physically located on District property for their behavior to be governed by the Standards of Student Conduct.

O. "District Official" means any person employed by the District as a Manager, Supervisor, or Officer.

P. "District Property" means all real, personal and intellectual property owned, controlled, used, or occupied by the District, including property physically removed from any college, the District office, or any place that is the site of a District-approved function.

Q. "Finding" means an outcome determined by the College Conduct Officer or designee after completion of an investigation and a review of the facts collected during the investigation. Findings include
“Responsible” or “Not Responsible”.

R. “Hearing Panel” means a panel formed by the College Conduct Officer to make a determination and finding of whether a Student is Responsible or not for alleged violations of the Standards of Student Conduct.

S. “Instructor” means any faculty member employed by the District for instruction of curriculum or other programs.

T. “Interpreter” means a sign language interpreter or translator present to assist the Student in understanding and communicating information at any hearing.

U. “Investigation” means the process following a report of a violation of the Standards of Student Conduct. The investigation includes a review of facts presented by the person reporting the violation, the Student accused of the violation, and any other applicable evidence presented to help the College Conduct Officer make a determination of “Responsible” or “Not Responsible.”

V. “Mental Health Professional” means a California licensed clinical psychologist or California board-certified psychiatrist.

W. “Not Responsible” means, based on the applicable evidence collected during the investigation, it is not more likely than not that the Student did not commit a violation of the Standards of Student Conduct.

X. “Parties” means both the Complainant and the Respondent involved in the alleged violation of this Standards of Student Conduct.

Y. “Party” means an individual, either the Complainant or the Respondent, involved in the alleged violation of the Standards of Student Conduct.

Z. “Preponderance of the Evidence” for purposes of this Administrative Procedure, means the weight of the evidence presented by the District at the administrative hearing that has established that it is more likely than not that the Student is Responsible for the alleged violation of a provision within the District’s Standards of Student Conduct. This weight of evidence standard applies to any resolution hearing, other than for appeals.

AA. “Request to Stay” means a request, in writing, from a Student, seeking to have any interim action reconsidered or amended by the College Vice President of Student Services or designee.

AB. “Respondent” means the person(s) who are alleged to have violated the Standards of Student Conduct.

AC. “Responsible” means, based on the applicable evidence collected during the investigation, it is more likely than not that the Student committed one or more violation(s) of the Standards of Student Conduct.

AD. “Retention Letter” means a letter from an attorney stating they have been retained by a Student facing disciplinary proceedings pursuant to the Standards of Student Conduct.

AE. “Standards of Student Conduct” means the San Bernardino Community College District Board Policy/ Administrative Procedure (BP 5500 and AP 5500, respectively).

AF. “Student” means any person who has applied for admission, who is or has been enrolled, or who has expressed their intent to enroll for any college program within the District for the period in which the misconduct occurred.

AG. “Student Hearing Appeals Committee” means a committee formed by a college within the District for the purpose of hearing appeals filed by Students following findings of Responsibility or Non-Responsibility. The composition of this committee is set forth in Section 4.4.

AH. “Weapon” means any instrument or weapon as defined in Administrative Procedure 3530.
Appendix B - Sanctions

A Student found Responsible for violating any of the Standards of Student Conduct standards (BP/AP 5500) is subject to sanctions set forth herein.

The following sanctions may be imposed for violation of the Standards of Student Conduct. These sanctions are not exclusive.

Administrative Withdrawal From Class prohibits a Student's continued presence in the class if their behavior is disruptive of the class and interferes with the ability of other students in the class to learn or in any way endangers himself/herself or others. When this sanction is applied, the Student will be administratively withdrawn by the College Conduct Officer.

Community Service may be imposed by the College Conduct Officer on any Student who violates the Standards of Student Conduct. Community Service shall consist of the Student performing some act or duty that is of benefit to the campus and/or surrounding community.

Disciplinary Action consists of the following:

- **REPRIMAND** A verbal or written reprimand regarding the misconduct.
- **PROBATION** Student conduct probation may include, but is not limited to, ineligibility to participate in extra-curricular activities and certain other student privileges.
- **SUSPENSION** Exclusion from the colleges and college-sponsored activities for a specified time.
- **EXPULSION** Exclusion by the District Board of Trustees from the college and all college-sponsored activities.

Disciplinary Probation consists of Written Notice to the Student by the College Conduct Officer that the Student has violated the Standards of Student Conduct and that for a specified period of time, imposed by the College Conduct Officer, the Student must meet certain conditions as imposed by the College Conduct Officer. Any subsequent violations of this policy by the Student during the term of the probation or the Student's failure to comply with any condition of probation imposed by the College Conduct Officer will result in additional sanctions under this policy.

District Restriction. The College Conduct Officer may for a specified period of time restrict the Student's access to parts or areas of the District and/or District Property.

Exclusion from District Activities. Prohibits the Student from participating in any District co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activity(ies) for a period to be determined by the College Conduct Officer.

Expulsion is the permanent removal of the student from the District.

A. The Board of Trustees may expel a student when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct, or it seems probable that the continued presence of the student causes a danger to the physical safety of the student or to others

B. Whenever this policy calls for or permits a notice or other communication to be delivered by mail, the mailing of such communication by certified mail, postage-paid and addressed to the last known address of the student, shall be deemed sufficient compliance with the pro-visions and it shall be presumed to have been received. A student's failure or refusal to sign a receipt of the communication shall not cause the notice to be null and void.

C. No fees paid by or for a student for the semester, summer session, or other term in which the student is suspended or expelled shall be refunded. If the student is readmitted before the close of the semester,
summer session, or other term in which the suspension occurred, no additional fees shall be required of the student on account of the suspension.

D. Should disciplinary action involve the misappropriation of District property or funds, the disciplinary action will remain in effect until full reimbursement is made through appropriate District/College offices.

E. Any violation or violations of law, ordinance, regulations, or rule regulating, or pertaining to, the parking of vehicles, shall not be cause for the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student from a community college.

F. The president or the president's designee at a community college shall, upon the suspension or expulsion of any student, notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county or city in which the school is located of any action of the student which may be in violation of Section 245 of the Penal Code.

Hold on Records. The College Conduct Officer may issue the withholding of transcripts and/or other Student records. The College Conduct Office may impose such withholding when a Student fails to repay debts to the District, return District equipment or make restitution to the District. A hold on records may also be asserted if a Student does not comply to requests such as, but not limited to, required meeting or appointments and sanctions.

Interim Suspension – A Student who is suspended on an interim basis is subject to all of the same restrictions as if they had been suspended as a final sanction. The College Conduct Officer, or designee, may impose an interim restriction of up to ten (10) calendar days following notice from the College Conduct Officer.

Long Term Suspension prohibits the Student from attending classes and activities or entering onto any District Property for a period of eleven (11) calendar days up to two (2) academic years as determined by the College Conduct Officer.

Mental Health Clearance. Mental Health Clearance may be required before a Student is readmitted to a particular class or allowed to come onto District Property. The College Conduct Office must receive a letter from a licensed mental health professional stating that in their professional judgment the Student will no longer continue the behavior which gave rise to the College Conduct Office taking disciplinary action against him/her or that the Student's continued presence on campus is not a threat to himself/herself or others. The mental health professional must be licensed by the State of California, and the College District Administration must verify that the mental health professional is credentialed to render a professional opinion. The Student shall bear the cost and expense of obtaining mental health clearance.

No-Contact Order. The College Conduct Officer or designee may assign a No Contact Order whereby neither student nor [other party] may have any contact with each other, in person or through another party, by telephone, letter, e-mail, or other electronic media, or by any other means. This applies on campus and in the local vicinity, at District/College-sponsored events, and/or through the use of District/College resources (including electronic). The student may not engage in indirect communication, including via social media or any other means. The student must also refrain from any form of harassment, retaliation, or intimidating behavior. If at any time either party feels the need to communicate with the other, they may do so only through the College Conduct Office or through a third party explicitly authorized by the College Conduct Officer.

Online Education/Training. The College Conduct Officer or designee will assign Online Education/Training programs that best serve in the education and learning for the Student. The College Conduct Officer determines the content of the workshop.

Referral. The College Conduct Officer may refer any student who is the subject of prohibited conduct allegations to Counseling and Psychological Services or the College Health Center. Counseling Services or the College Health Center may, with the written permission of the student, discuss the results of the referral
with the College Conduct Officer. The student may refuse to attend a session with Counseling Services or the College Health Center without penalty at which time the disciplinary process will continue as if no referral were made.

Reflective Assignment. The College Conduct Officer, or designee, will assign a topical paper that best serves in the education and learning for the Student. The College Conduct Officer determines the format of the paper.

Restitution. The College Conduct Officer may require the Student to repay the District or any person for the cost of replacing or repairing any property taken, destroyed or damaged by the Student. This Student may also be charged a service charge and/or collection fee under the College policy regarding service charges and collection fees.

Restriction from Attendance at District Events. The College Conduct Officer may restrict the Student from attending some or all District events for a specified period of time.

Short Term Removal from Class. Any College instructor for good cause may remove a Student from the classroom for a period not to exceed two class meetings. Short Term Removal may be imposed by any instructor on a Student who is disrupting the class or otherwise interfering with the ability of other Students in the class to learn. Before removing a Student from class, an instructor shall first give or make reasonable efforts to give the Student notice of their intent to remove the Student and a reasonable opportunity for the Student to modify their behavior. The instructor or program supervisor shall notify the College Conduct Office, in writing, immediately following their removal of a Student under this section, with a copy to the Dean of Student Services/Development. The Student may not return to the class until the Student has been cleared to return. The College Conduct Office may contact the student to arrange a meeting

Short Term Suspension prohibits the Student from attending classes and activities or entering onto any District Property for a period of one (1) to ten (10) calendar days as determined by the College Conduct Officer.

Written Warning is a written reprimand and warning to the Student by the College Conduct Officer that they have determined that the Student has violated the Standards of Student Conduct and is on warning.

**References:**

Education Code Sections 66300, 66301, 66302, 72122, and 76030-76038; ACCJC Accreditation Standard I.C.8

**Attachments:**

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