

**Student Services**

1 **BP 5130 FINANCIAL AID**

2 **References:**

- 3 Education Code, Sections 66021.6, 70045 et seq., and 76300;
- 4 20 U.S. Code, Sections 1070 et seq.;
- 5 34 CFR, Section 668 (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity
- 6 of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education
- 7 Act of 1965, as amended);
- 8 ACCJC Accreditation Standard 3

9 A program of financial aid to students will be provided, which may include, but is not  
10 limited to, scholarships, grants, loans, and work/employment programs. All awards and  
11 disbursement to students will be, at a minimum, in accordance with state and federal  
12 statutes and regulations.

13 All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures, and standards issued by  
14 the funding agency and will incorporate state, federal, and other applicable regulatory  
15 requirements. To be certified for participation in federal Title IV, HEA programs, the  
16 institution will adhere to the Institutional Eligibility Regulations, 34 CFR 600 and the  
17 Student Assistance General Provisions Regulations, 34 CFR 668.

18 The institution will ensure that a program is eligible before awarding federal student aid  
19 funds to students in that program. The Eligibility and Certification Approval Report  
20 (ECAR) will contain the most critical data elements that form the basis of Cerritos  
21 College’s approval and a list of the highest level of programs offered, any non-degree  
22 programs or short-term programs, and any additional locations that have been approved  
23 for the Federal Student Aid (FSA) Programs.

24 The Financial Aid Office shall establish, publicize, and apply satisfactory academic  
25 progress standards for participants in Title IV student aid programs.

26 **Misrepresentation**

27 Consistent with the applicable federal regulations for federal financial aid, the District shall  
28 not engage in “substantial misrepresentation” of 1) the nature of its educational program,  
29 2) the nature of its financial charges, or 3) the employability of its graduates.

30 The President/Superintendent shall establish procedures for regularly reviewing the  
31 District’s website and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and  
32 for training District employees and vendors providing covered services concerning the  
33 District’s educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to  
34 ensure compliance with this policy.

35 The President/Superintendent shall establish procedures wherein the District shall  
36 periodically monitor employees' and vendors' communications with prospective students  
37 and members of the public and take corrective action where needed.

38 This policy does not create a private cause of action against the District or any of its  
39 representatives or service providers. The District and its governing board do not waive  
40 any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

#### 41 **Scholarship Displacement**

42 The District shall not engage in scholarship displacement. The President/Superintendent  
43 procedures that provide that the District shall not reduce the institutional gift aid offer of a  
44 student who is eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant award or financial assistance under  
45 the California Dream Act for an academic year as a result of private scholarship awards  
46 designated for the student unless the student's gift aid exceeds the student's annual cost  
47 of attendance.

48 Office of Primary Responsibility: Vice President, Student Services

49 See also AP 5130 titled Financial Aid

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