

**Student Services**

1 **BP 5500 STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

2 **References:**

3 Education Code, Sections 66300, 66301, 67386, 76033, 76034, and 76120;  
4 ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2

5 Students enrolling in Cerritos College assume an obligation to abide by all District  
6 regulations. Students who fail to adhere to District regulations are subject to disciplinary  
7 actions. Procedures for student discipline are found in Administrative Procedure 5520  
8 Student Discipline Procedures. Conduct that constitutes sexual harassment under Title  
9 IX shall be addressed under Administrative Procedure 3434 Responding to Harassment  
10 Based on Sex under Title IX.

11 “Student” shall be defined as any person who has applied for admission, who is or has  
12 been enrolled, or who has expressed their intent to enroll for any college program within  
13 the District for the period in which the alleged violation of the Student Code of Conduct  
14 occurred, and who maintains an ongoing relationship with the District.

15 The following conduct shall constitute good cause for discipline: while on District-owned  
16 or controlled property; at District-sponsored, supervised, and/or funded activities,  
17 including in an online environment; and/or when the conduct threatens the safety or  
18 security of the campus community whether or not the location is associated with the  
19 District.

20 **Abusive Behavior and Violence**

- 21 1. Assault, battery, or any threat of force or violence, or causing, attempting to cause, or  
22 threatening to cause physical injury to another person, including implied threats and/or  
23 inciting violence.
- 24 2. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
- 25 3. Engaging in abusive behavior, including but not limited to coercion, sabotage, hazing  
26 and/or intimidating conduct through words or actions, including direct physical contact;  
27 verbal abuse, such as teasing or name-calling; social isolation or manipulation; and  
28 cyberbullying.
- 29 4. Violation of a duly issued restraining order, administrative no contact directive,  
30 stalking, and/or a pattern of conduct with intent to follow, alarm, or harass another  
31 person, and which causes the person to reasonably fear for their safety, and where  
32 the pattern of conduct persisted after the person has requested that the conduct  
33 cease.
- 34 5. Committing, or attempting to commit, the following acts, as defined by law or District  
35 policies or procedures: sexual misconduct, gender or sex-based discrimination or  
36 harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking and/or retaliation. Engaging  
37 in the following behavior: video or audio recording sexual activity without consent,

38 disseminating a sexual photo/video without consent, allowing someone to watch  
39 sexual activity without consent of all partners, exposing oneself, voyeurism, and  
40 knowingly transmitting an STI without informing partner(s).  
41 6. Conduct of a sexual, gender-based, or harassing nature, which is considered  
42 unwelcome if a person did not request or invite it, and considered the conduct to be  
43 unwelcome, undesirable, or offensive. Unwelcome conduct may be physically or  
44 psychologically threatening, harmful, or humiliating. Unwelcome conduct does not  
45 have to include intent to harm, or directed at a specific target, or involve repeated  
46 incidents.

## 47 **Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation**

- 48 7. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on a protected class as  
49 defined by law, District policy, or as outlined by the District's annual non-  
50 discrimination notice, or because they are perceived to have one or more of the  
51 foregoing characteristics or based on association with a person or group with one or  
52 more of these actual or perceived characteristics, or any other status protected by  
53 law.  
54 8. Committing sexual harassment and/or misconduct as defined by law or by District  
55 policies.  
56 9. Intimidation, harassment, or reprisal against an individual for initiating a good faith  
57 complaint, participating in an investigation, or for otherwise advocating for themselves  
58 or another person in accordance with campus policy.

## 59 **Dishonesty**

- 60 10. Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of District documents, records, or  
61 identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.  
62 11. Academic dishonesty which provides or facilitates an unfair academic advantage to  
63 oneself or others. Includes, but is not limited to: Plagiarism, in individual or group  
64 work or in a student publication, including the act of taking the ideas, words or  
65 specific substantive material of another and offering them as one's own without  
66 giving credit to the source; cheating; unauthorized discussion and/or collaboration;  
67 obtaining exam copies without permission; unauthorized use of notes, generative  
68 artificial intelligence (A.I.), other information, or devices; and the unauthorized  
69 preparation, giving, selling, transfer, distribution, or publication, for any commercial  
70 purpose, of any contemporaneous recording of an academic presentation in a  
71 classroom or equivalent site of instruction, including but not limited to handwritten,  
72 electronic, or typewritten class notes, except as permitted by any Board policy or  
73 administrative procedure.  
74 12. Misrepresentation and/or impersonation, including arranging for or allowing another  
75 individual to impersonate or otherwise misrepresent themselves to be a student  
76 generally or to be a particular student either in person or in an online environment,  
77 and/or impersonating or otherwise misrepresenting oneself to be another person,  
78 and/or misrepresenting of oneself or an organization to be an agent of the District.  
79 13. Unauthorized use of audio, video, or other listening, recording, or transmitting device  
80 in any classroom, service area or District activity without prior consent of the

81 instructor, service area manager, or activity advisor except as necessary for  
82 reasonable accommodation.  
83 14. Unauthorized entry upon, into, or use of District facilities, either in person or in an  
84 online environment.

### 85 **Disruptive Behavior and Willful Misconduct**

86 15. Disruptive behavior, with or without intent, that includes but is not limited to: verbal or  
87 physical obstruction, continual or willful disobedience, persistent defiance of the  
88 authority, habitual profanity or vulgarity, abuse of District personnel, interference of  
89 District instruction, activities, services, operations interference, and/or interferes with  
90 student's academic performance, or District employee's work performance.  
91 16. Lewd, indecent, obscene, slanderous, or libelous conduct; or conduct that so incites  
92 students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts  
93 or violations of Board policies and procedures on college premises.  
94 17. Failure to comply with the reasonable request of a District employee acting in the  
95 performance of their duties including but not limited to obstruction of a District  
96 employee in performance of their duties, and failure to identify oneself when  
97 requested to do so by District officials.

### 98 **Health and Safety**

99 18. Endangering, contributing to or causing harm to the health, safety, and/or well-being  
100 of a student (including oneself), client, patient, visitor or guest, or District employee,  
101 whether or not there was intent to endanger or harm.  
102 19. Failure to comply with District and/or department regulations determined necessary  
103 to meet health and safety guidelines in specialized instructional areas and/or fields,  
104 including but not limited to use of equipment and/or clothing, practices and  
105 procedures, and instruction by District personnel.

### 106 **Prohibited Items**

107 20. Possession, use, sale, or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife, explosive, or other  
108 dangerous object or chemical, including but not limited to any facsimile firearm,  
109 knife, or explosive without the prior authorization of the President/Superintendent or  
110 designee.  
111 21. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or furnishing, or being under the  
112 influence of, any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section  
113 11053) of Division 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic  
114 beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind; or unlawful possession of, or offering,  
115 arranging, or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California  
116 Health and Safety Code, Section 11014.5.

117 **Property**

118 22. Actual or attempted theft of or willful damage/vandalism to District property or  
119 property a member of the college community, or knowingly receiving stolen property  
120 or private property on District premises.

121 **Violation of Law, Policy, and/or Procedure**

122 23. Violation of any federal, state, or local laws, Board policies, or administrative  
123 procedures in connection with participation in, attendance at, or use of District  
124 programs and services.

125 24. Violation of Board policies or administrative procedures governing the use of student  
126 user accounts, computers, and telecommunication resources, including but not limited  
127 to the unauthorized entry, opening, viewing, downloading, or printing of a file; the  
128 unauthorized use of another individual's identification and password; and/or use of  
129 computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student or employee of  
130 District.

131 25. Violation of Board policies or administrative procedures concerning the registration  
132 and operation of student organizations.

133 26. Violation of Board policies or administrative procedures concerning the use of District  
134 facilities.

135 27. Willful or persistent smoking, vaping, or e-cigarette use in any area where smoking  
136 has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the District.

137 28. Any other cause not listed above which is identified as "Good Cause" by the Education  
138 Code or that disrupts the college, its mission, or campus life.

139 Office of Primary Responsibility: Vice President, Student Services

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