

Student Services

1 BP 5500 STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

2 References:

- 3 Education Code, Sections 66300, 66301, 67386, 76033, and 76034;
4 ACCJC Accreditation Standards I.C.8 and 10 (*formerly II.A.7.b*)

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, other
68 information, or devices; and the unauthorized preparation, giving, selling, transfer,
69 distribution, or publication, for any commercial purpose, of any contemporaneous
70 recording of an academic presentation in a classroom or equivalent site of
71 instruction, including but not limited to handwritten, electronic, or typewritten class
72 notes, except as permitted by any Board policy or administrative procedure.
73 12. Misrepresentation and/or impersonation, including arranging for or allowing another
74 individual to impersonate or otherwise misrepresent themselves to be a student
75 generally or to be a particular student either in person or in an online environment,
76 and/or impersonating or otherwise misrepresenting oneself to be another person,
77 and/or misrepresenting of oneself or an organization to be an agent of the District.
78 13. Unauthorized use of audio, video, or other listening, recording, or transmitting device
79 in any classroom, service area or District activity without prior consent of the
80 instructor, service area manager, or activity advisor except as necessary for
81 reasonable accommodation.
82 14. Unauthorized entry upon, into, or use of District facilities, either in person or in an
83 online environment.

84 **Disruptive Behavior and Willful Misconduct**

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

97 **Health and Safety**

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

105 **Prohibited Items**

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

116 **Property**

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

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

- 121 23. Violation of any federal, state, or local laws, Board policies, or administrative
122 procedures in connection with participation in, attendance at, or use of District
123 programs and services.
124 24. Violation of Board policies or administrative procedures governing the use of student
125 user accounts, computers, and telecommunication resources, including but not limited
126 to the unauthorized entry, opening, viewing, downloading, or printing of a file; the

127 unauthorized use of another individual's identification and password; and/or use of
128 computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student or employee of
129 District.

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

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

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

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

138 Office of Primary Responsibility: Vice President, Student Services

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