

BP 5530 DISCIPLINARY ACTION

5530.1 The following policies regulating student disciplinary actions are adopted for the purpose of providing a uniform method of disciplining students for misconduct, and assuring that all students are accorded fair and objective treatment. Every effort shall be made to make the student aware of these policies.

A. Types of disciplinary Action (Sanctions)

The following types of disciplinary action may be imposed, or imposed and suspended, by appropriate College authorities when a student is found in violation of College rules and regulations.

1. Warning

Notice to the student that continuation or repetition of specified misconduct may be cause for other disciplinary action.

2. Restitution

The student is required to make payment to the College, or to other persons, groups, or organizations for damages, loss, or injury incurred as a result of a violation of this policy. Restitution may take the form of appropriate service, monetary reimbursement, or materials replacement, as permitted by law.

3. Fine

A fine, as established in the associated Administrative Procedures 5530, payable to the College, for violations of this policy. Failure to pay the specific fine by the established date will result in a Hold on the student's records and ability to register, in any district program, for future terms.

4. Official Reprimand

A written reprimand is for violation of specified regulations or misconduct. It serves to place on record that a student's conduct in a specific instance does not meet with the student's expected performance at the College. A person receiving a reprimand is notified that continued conduct of the type described in the reprimand may result in additional disciplinary action against the student. The student is further informed that records of reprimands are destroyed four years after the last entry has been made concerning disciplinary action against an individual student and that such records are not considered part of a student's permanent record at the College.

5. Loss of Privileges

Exclusion from extracurricular activities, removal from campus(es), removal from campus organizations, or denial of specified privileges for a designated period of time. An organization may also lose campus privileges, including, but not limited to, the forfeiture of official recognition by COC.

6. Disciplinary Probation

Disciplinary probation is a status imposed by the College for a specific length of time during which the student must conform to College standards of conduct. Conditions restricting privileges and/or

eligibility may be imposed. For example, students may be removed from all College organization offices and denied the privilege of participating in all College and student-sponsored activities, including public performances. Other conditions, such as community service and academic workshops, may be imposed. The term of disciplinary probation shall be not less than one college month nor longer than four (4) college years. Repetition during the probationary period of conduct resulting in disciplinary probation may be cause for suspension or other, more stringent, disciplinary action.

7. Removal by Instructor

- a. An instructor may remove a student from his/her class, including face-to-face, online, or through a learning management system, field trip, lab, or other educational program when the student has interfered with the instructional process (Education Code Section 76030). The duration will be for the day of the removal, at a minimum, and the next class meeting at the instructor's discretion. The instructor shall immediately report the removal to the Office of Student Services for appropriate action.
- b. If the student who is being removed for two class meetings is a minor, the Dean or designee shall notify the parent or guardian of the student involved in the incident, and shall hold a conference regarding the suspension as soon as possible with the student, his or her parent or guardian and the faculty member, (Education Code 76032).

8. Disciplinary Suspension

- a. Disciplinary suspension consists of the temporary removal of the student from enrollment or participation in all College curricular, or extracurricular activities, as well as noncredit, fee based training classes, and programs including but not limited to the Employee Training Institute, Community Education, and free workshops.
- b. A student may be suspended from one or more classes for the remainder of the school term; or from all classes and activities of the College for one or more terms.
- c. A suspended student is not to occupy any portion of the campus or campuses, or learning management system, and is denied all College privileges including face-to-face, and online class attendance and privileges noted under "Disciplinary Probation."
- d. Removal of a student suspended from one or more courses may be notated on the student's transcript as W for withdrawal.
- e. Whenever a minor is suspended from a community college (all courses, programs, and, activities), the parent or guardian shall be notified in writing by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or the president's designee (Education Code 76031).

9. Expulsion

Expulsion consists of the permanent and unconditional removal of the student from the College and all its programs. Students may be expelled from the College only by action of the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the CEO (Education Code 76030). Notation of the expulsion may be noted on the student's official transcript for an indefinite period of time. Appeal of this notation may be made to the CEO using the process established in Policy 5531.3(F) – Due Process.

10. Interim Suspension

Interim suspension consists of temporary removal of the student from the College for both academic and extra-curricular activities during the limited time necessary to complete an investigation and is not necessarily considered a disciplinary action.

Interim Suspension shall be:

- a. Imposed by the CEO of the College, or designee, pending a hearing, only when such action is deemed to be necessary for the immediate safety and welfare of the students and staff members or for the protection of the District property;
- b. Limited to only that period of time necessary to assure that the purpose of interim suspension is accomplished;
- c. For not more than a maximum of ten (10) College days.
- d. Students suspended on an interim basis shall be given an opportunity for a hearing within ten (10) days of being placed on Interim Suspension.
- e. Students found not culpable at the conclusion of an Interim Suspension may be provided an opportunity to make up all work missed for all courses in which they are enrolled in, at the time.

11. Administrative Hold

A hold placed on a student's records to prevent the student from re-enrolling in COC courses or the ability to receive any and all college services. This action shall be taken when a student has been suspended or expelled from the Santa Clarita Community College District. A hold may also be implemented after a student fails to attend a mandatory disciplinary hearing with the Dean or designee, and, depending upon the outcome of the hearing, the hold may be removed after the student has attended the required hearing. An administrative hold may also be placed upon a student's record if the student has excessive parking citations, or owes other fees or penalties determined to be a violation of this Code.

12. Campus Restraining Order (CRO)

The CRO shall prohibit named students from intentionally contacting, telephoning, texting, emailing, or otherwise disturbing the peace of others specifically named, for a specified period of time. A violation of a term or condition of such an Order may be regarded as actionable misconduct and may subject the student to further disciplinary action. A copy of the CRO will be provided to the alleged victim.

13. Reinstatement Process

a. Notwithstanding any other law, if an order requested by a community college district to protect a campus of a community college district or any person regularly present on a campus of that district is issued upon a finding of good cause by a court against a student of that community college district, and the order prevents that student from attending classes and maintaining his or her academic standing, the community college district may require the student to apply for reinstatement after the expiration of that order. If the district requires the student to apply for reinstatement, the District shall do so before the expiration of the protective order. If a student applies for reinstatement under this paragraph, a review with respect to the application shall be conducted by the Dean of Students (or designee). This review, at a minimum, shall include consideration of all of the following issues:

(1) The gravity of the offense.

(2) Evidence of subsequent offenses, if any.

(3) The likelihood that the student would cause substantial disruption if he or she is reinstated.

b. The governing board of the community college district, or the person to whom authority is delegated pursuant to subdivision (f) of Education Code Section 76038, shall take one of the following actions after conducting a review under paragraph (a):

(1) Deny reinstatement.

(2) Permit reinstatement.

(3) Permit conditional reinstatement and specify the conditions under which reinstatement will be permitted.

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