

MiraCosta College Standards of Student Conduct

As members of the MiraCosta College community, students have rights and responsibilities. If students are found responsible for engaging in any of the following behaviors, they may face the possibility of student conduct resolutions that include, but are not limited to a warning, educational resolution, student conduct probation, suspension, expulsion, or other applicable resolutions as described in Administrative Procedure 5520: Student Conduct Procedures.

- A. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person, including any act that poses a threat to the safety or wellbeing of members of the college community, to district or private property within the college community, or poses a significant threat of disruption or interference with college operations.
- B. Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing any real or imitation firearm, knife (over 2.5 inches long per California Penal Code §626.10c), explosive, or other dangerous objects, unless the student has obtained written permission to possess the item on campus from the dean of student affairs or designee.
- C. Unlawfully possessing, using, selling, offering to sell, furnishing, or being under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. While the distribution or sale of alcohol is permitted at events sponsored by the MiraCosta College Foundation and off-campus events sanctioned by the college, students serving as representatives of the college at such events are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages.
- D. Unlawfully possessing, using, selling, offering to sell, furnishing, or being under the influence of any controlled substance listed in California Health and Safety Code §§11053 et seq., including marijuana; or unlawfully possessing, or offering, arranging, or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California Health and Safety Code §11014.5. MiraCosta College does not permit students to use medically-prescribed marijuana at any college site or at any college-sponsored activity.

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- E. Committing or attempting to commit burglary, robbery, or extortion.
- F. Stealing, or attempting to steal, district or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen district or private property on campus.
- G. Smoking or using any tobacco products in violation of Board Policy 3570: Tobacco-Smoke-Vapor-Free Campus, as described in Administrative Procedure 3570: Tobacco-Smoke-Vapor-Free Campus.
- H. Committing, or attempting to commit, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, or sexual exploitation, regardless of the impacted person's affiliation with the district.
- I. Engaging in or attempting to engage in sexual harassment as defined by law or by district policies and procedures.
- J. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on any protected class, including, but not limited to age, ancestry, color, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, marital status, medical condition, genetic information, national origin, parental status, military or veteran status, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and any other status protected by law.
- K. Engaging in intimidating conduct or bullying against another student, community member, or district personnel through words or actions, in person, through a third party, or electronic communication, including direct physical contact; verbal assaults, such as teasing or name-calling; harassment; social isolation or manipulation; cyberstalking; and/or cyberbullying.
- L. Behaving in a manner that results in injury or death to a student or to college district students, personnel, or community members.
- M. Not following the directive(s) of district personnel aimed at protecting life, health or safety, or the orderly operations of the college community.
- N. Cheating, plagiarizing, or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by Board Policy 5505: Academic Integrity and Administrative Procedure 5505: Academic Dishonesty - Appeal Process.
- O. Appropriating district resources for personal gain, committing forgery, tampering with college or student elections, altering or misusing district documents, records, or identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to the district.
- P. Entering or using district facilities or equipment without authorization.
- Q. Engaging in lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or expression on district-owned or controlled property or at district-sponsored or supervised functions.

- R. Engaging in expression that is obscene, libelous, slanderous, or that incites others, creating a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on college premises.
- S. Engaging in behavior that has a disruptive impact on the college community, including teaching, learning, administration, or other college activities, programs, or services.
- T. Violating district or California Education Code regulations pertaining to student organizations, distribution of literature, and place and manner of public expression, as defined by Administrative Procedure 3900: Speech - Time, Place and Manner.
- U. Illegally obtaining or altering college records, electronic information, or computer applications and committing any computer-related crimes, as defined in California Penal Code §502.
- V. Preparing, giving, selling, transferring, distributing, or publishing any recording of an academic presentation in a classroom or equivalent site of instruction, including but not limited to handwritten or typewritten class notes without authorization, except as allowable by the course syllabus or district employee, or permitted by any district policy or administrative procedure.
- W. Harassing, threatening, or intimidating any person who is involved in a school investigation or proceeding.
- X. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about behavior that follows the MiraCosta College Standards of Student Conduct.