

Education Programs

The district shall provide access to its services, classes and programs without regard to, accent, age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, economic status, ethnic group identification, gender, marital status, medical condition, national origin, parental status, race, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status, or because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

All courses, including noncredit classes, shall be conducted without regard to the gender of the student enrolled in the classes. As defined in the Penal Code, "gender" means sex, and includes a person's gender identity and gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth.

The district shall not prohibit any student from enrolling in any class or course on the basis of gender.

Academic staff, including but not limited to counselors, instructors and administrators shall not offer program guidance to students that differs on the basis of gender.

Insofar as practicable, the district shall offer opportunities for participation in athletics equally to male and female students.

Employment

The MiraCosta Community College District is committed to the principles of equal employment opportunity and will implement a comprehensive program to put those principles into practice. The district is committed to a continuing good faith effort to ensure that all qualified applicants for employment and employees have full and equal access to employment opportunity, and are not subjected to discrimination in any program or activity of the district on the basis of accent, age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, economic status, ethnic group identification, gender, marital

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status, medical condition, national origin, parental status, race, religion, sexual orientation or veteran status, or on the basis of these perceived characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. The district will strive to achieve a workforce that is welcoming to men, women, persons with disabilities and individuals from all ethnic and other groups to ensure the district provides an inclusive educational and employment environment.

Such an environment fosters cooperation, acceptance, democracy and free expression of ideas. An Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (see Appendix I.D) will be maintained to ensure the implementation of equal employment opportunity principles that conform to federal and state laws.

All employment decisions, including but not limited to hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, evaluation, dismissal, compensation, and advancement for all position classifications shall be based on job-related criteria, as well as be responsive to the district's needs.

The district shall from time to time as necessary provide professional and staff development activities and training to promote understanding of diversity.