



## **STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT**

Students' conduct shall not infringe on the rights of others, and shall conform to District student conduct.

The Vice President of Education and Student Services, and the Dean of Student Services shall address student grievances involving the interpretation, application, or alleged violation of District rules, regulations, policies, and procedures in accordance with the Board of Trustee's Student Grievance and Due Process Policy and Administrative Procedure.

The Director of Human Resources is the District officer responsible for receiving formal complaints filed by students who allege discrimination. See Board policy 307 and Administrative Procedures 307.1 and 307.2

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Students may be disciplined only for "good cause." This conduct may be directed toward any College personnel, student, or other persons while on campus property, at a campus activity, or resulting from their campus relationship. "Good cause" includes, but is not limited to the following:

- 1.1. Students are expected to avoid any type of dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, or other academic dishonesty; forgery, fabrication, furnishing false information to the College; alteration or misuse of College documents or records; aiding in dishonesty; misrepresentation of themselves or organizations to be a campus agent.

Detailed explanations of academic honesty and consequences of academic dishonesty are addressed in Academic Honesty Guidelines. (Administrative Procedure 5500.2)

- 1.2. Disturbance of the peace, which includes, but is not limited to, obstruction or disruption of teaching or other College activities or property; assault, sexual assault or harassment, battery, or any threat of force or violence; physical or verbal abuse, intimidation, harassment, coercion; and/or any other conduct which threatens or endangers the health and safety of any person.
- 1.3. Use by any student of any electronic listening or recording device in any classroom without the prior consent of the instructor is prohibited, except as necessary to provide reasonable auxiliary aids and academic adjustments to students who have a college approved disability accommodation of which the institution has been notified. Willful violation is a misdemeanor. Ed Code Section 78907

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- 1.4 Theft, attempted or threatened theft, or damage to, or threat of damage to, property.
- 1.5 Unauthorized entry to, or use of, College facilities, supplies, or equipment.
- 1.6 Violation of College policies and regulations or law; or failure to comply with the directions of a College official (including faculty) acting in the performance of their duties.
- 1.7 Use, possession, sale, or distribution of a “controlled substance,” as that term is defined by Health and Safety Code Section 11007, while on College premises or at any College sponsored activity; or disruptive presence on College premises or at a College sponsored activity while under the influence of a controlled substance. This includes “medicinal” marijuana. The Compassionate Use Act does not allow a person to medicate themselves with marijuana in violation of the restrictions contained in College policy.
- 1.8 Disorderly conduct, including, but not limited to, alcoholic intoxication, or lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct.
- 1.9 Use, possession or distribution of alcohol on campus, except as provided by College policy.
- 1.10 Unlawful possession or use of firearms, explosives, other weapons or dangerous chemicals on College premises or at College sponsored activities.
- 1.11 Smoking or use of tobacco products on College premises where smoking and use of tobacco products is prohibited by regulation of the Board of Trustees of the College.
- 1.12 Theft or other abuse of phones, electronic devices or computer time, including but not limited to:
  - Unauthorized entry into a file to use, read or change the contents, or for any other purpose.
  - Unauthorized transfer of a file.
  - Unauthorized use of another individual’s identification and password.
  - Unauthorized use of electronic devices in the classroom, including but not limited to, head phones, cellular phones, and pagers.
  - Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member or Mendocino College official.
  - Use of computing facilities to send obscene or abusive messages.
  - Use of computing facilities to interfere with normal operation of Mendocino College computing systems.
- 1.13 Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.

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- 1.14 Unauthorized preparation, giving, selling, transfer, distribution, or publication, for any commercial purpose, of any contemporaneous recording of an academic presentation in a classroom or equivalent site of instruction, including but not limited to handwritten or typewritten class notes, except as permitted by any District policy or administrative procedure.

Reference: Education Code 66300 and 66301  
Accreditation Standards I.C.8 and 10 (formerly II.A.7.b)

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