

SOLANO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

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POLICY: A student attending Solano Community College may rightfully expect that the faculty and administration will provide and maintain an environment in which there is freedom to learn.

Students shall respect and obey the civil and criminal laws and shall be subject to punishment for violation of the law in the same manner as other persons. Additionally, students shall obey the policies and the rules and regulations adopted by the Solano Community College District Governing Board, and shall be subject to discipline for violation of these policies and the rules and regulations of the District and the College.

Section 1 General Provisions

1. Academic Violations

- a) Violation of the Academic Honesty Policy: Dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating, or plagiarism. Plagiarism – from the Latin word for “kidnap” – involves using another’s work without giving proper credit, whether done accidentally or on purpose. This includes not only words and ideas, but also graphs, artwork, music, maps, statistics, diagrams, scientific data, software, films, videos and the like. Plagiarism is plagiarism whether the material is from published or unpublished sources. It does not matter whether ideas are stolen, bought, downloaded from the Internet, or written for the student by someone else – it is still plagiarism. Even if only bits and pieces of other sources are used, or outside sources reworded, they must still be cited. To avoid problems, students should cite any source(s) and check with the instructor before submitting an assignment or project. Students are always responsible for any plagiarism in their work.
- b) An instructor who determines that a student has cheated or plagiarized has the right to give a failing (i.e. “F”) grade, or numerical equivalent, for the assignment or examination.

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- c) Solano Community College reserves the right to utilize electronic means to investigate possible academic violations. Enrollment in any class implies student agreement and consent that all assignments are subject to being submitted for textual similarity review to an electronic database.
- d) Violation of class assignments, examination rules, e.g., communicating or transferring information to another student, using any materials such as books, notes, etc., other than those expressly allowed for the exam, looking at another student's exam, etc.
- e) 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 computer generated class notes, except as permitted by any college policy or administrative procedure.

2. General College Violations

- a) Dishonesty, forgery, alteration, or misuse of college documents, records, identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to the college. Abuse of and/or tampering with the registration process.
- b) Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or other college activities, including, but not limited to, its community service functions, or of other authorized activities on college premises.
- c) Engaging in an expression which is obscene, libelous, or slanderous, or which so incites students as to create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on college premises, or the violation of lawful college administrative procedures, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the college.

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- d) Unauthorized entry into college premises or facilities or use of college supplies, equipment, and or facilities.
 - e) Violation of college policies or of campus regulations including, but not limited to, campus regulations concerning student organizations, the use of college facilities, or the time, place, and manner of public expression, library procedures, college bills, debts, and parking.
 - f) Theft of or damage to property of the college, or of a member of the college community, or campus visitor, or knowingly receiving stolen college or private property on campus.
 - g) Use of personal portable sound amplification equipment and other electronic devices (radios, cell telephones, pagers, and tape players, etc.) in a manner that disturbs the privacy of other individuals and/or the programs of the college.
 - h) Causing or attempting to cause damage to district property or to private property on campus.
 - i) Littering on campus property, including grounds, facilities, and parking lots.
3. Computer Usage Violations

Students are to conduct themselves in accordance with Governing Board Policy 2067 and Human Resources Procedures 2067 regarding computer usage. Theft or abuse of computer resources, including, but not limited to:

- a) Unauthorized access to a file, database, or computer to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose.
- b) Unauthorized transfer of a file.
- c) Unauthorized use of another person's identification and password.

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- d) Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, or college official.
 - e) Use of computing facilities to send obscene or abusive messages, or to defame or intentionally harm other persons.
 - f) Use of computing facilities to interfere with normal operation of the college computing system.
 - g) Use of computing facilities for student's personal financial gain or for solicitation of any kind.
4. Behavior Violations
- a) Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the persistent abuse of, college personnel on college-owned or controlled property, or at college-sponsored or supervised functions.
 - b) Assault, battery, or verbal abuse or conduct that threatens or endangers the health or safety of a student, college personnel, or campus visitor.
 - c) Hazing or any act that injures, degrades, or disgraces or tends to injure, degrade, or disgrace any student, college personnel, or campus visitor.
 - d) Gambling on District property.
 - e) Failure to identify oneself when on college property or at a college-sponsored or supervised event, upon the request of a college official acting in the performance of their duties.
 - f) Willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student or to college personnel or which results in defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the District or on campus.
 - g) Failure to comply with directions of college officials acting in the performance of their duties, open and persistent defiance of the authority of college personnel,

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or persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct

- h) Unauthorized entry on the campus or into the facility to which access has been denied after suspension or dismissal, during the suspension period. (CA Penal Code 626.2).
- i) Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
- j) Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by college policies and procedures.
- k) Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on race, sex, (i.e., gender), sexual orientation, religion, age, national origin, disability, or any other status protected by law.

5. Substance Violations

- a) Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or furnishing, or being under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 11053) of Division 10 of the California Health and Safety Code, an alcoholic beverage, or an intoxicant of any kind, or unlawful possession of, or offering, arranging, or negotiating the sale of any drug paraphernalia, as defined in California Health and Safety Code Section 11014.5, on college property, or at any college sponsored event.
- b) Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the Governing Board.

6. Weapons Violations

- a) Possession, sale or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife, explosive or other dangerous object, including but not limited to any facsimile firearm, knife or explosive, unless, in the case of possession of any object of this type, the student has obtained written permission to possess the item from a district employee,

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which is concurred in writing by the college Superintendent/President.

- b) Possession or use of firecrackers, fireworks, pyrotechnics, or any other explosive device on any college-owned or controlled property or at any college-sponsored or supervised function.
7. Students who engage in any of the above are subject to the measures outlined in Student Services Discipline Procedures 5300.

**REFERENCES/
AUTHORITY:**

California Education Code, Section 66017,
66300-01,
76030-31, 76033, 76034-35, 76037

California Code of Regulations, Title 5,
Section 41301

California Penal Code, Section 626.2

Business and Professional Code, Section
4240

California Health and Safety Code, Sections
11014.5; Chapter 2, Section 11053

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