

MiraCosta College Student Code of Conduct

Students must refrain from engaging in any of the following behaviors or face the possibility of disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion: Discipline procedures are located in Administrative Procedure 5520.

- A. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
- B. Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing any firearm, knife (over 2 ½ inches long [California Penal Code 626.10c]), 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 on campus from the Vice President of Student Services.
- C. Using, possessing, or distributing alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or narcotics while on the college campus. (Students should be aware that possession, use, or distribution of drug and alcohol substances on a campus violates California Health and Safety Codes §§11350, 11357b, and 11377 and California Business and Professional Code §25608.) MiraCosta College does not permit students to use medically prescribed marijuana at any college site or at any college sponsored activity. While the distribution or sale of alcohol is permitted at events sponsored by the MiraCosta Foundation, students serving as representatives of the college at such events are prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages.
- D. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
- E. Causing or attempting to cause damage to college property or to private property on campus.
- F. Stealing or attempting to steal college property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen college property or private property on campus.
- G. Smoking or using any tobacco products at any MiraCosta Community College District site.
- H. Engaging in sexual harassment as defined by law or by college policies and procedures.

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- I. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on 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, veteran status, or any other status protected by law.
- J. Behaving in a manner that results in injury or death to a student or to college personnel.
- K. Using abusive, profane, or vulgar language verbally or in writing in communicating with faculty, staff, administrators, or students. or
- L. Cheating, plagiarizing, or engaging in other academic dishonesty.
- M. Behaving dishonestly, committing forgery; altering or misusing college documents, records or identification; or, knowingly furnishing false information to the college.
- N. Entering or using college facilities without authorization.
- O. Engaging in lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct on college-owned or controlled property, or at college-sponsored or supervised functions.
- P. Engaging in expression that is obscene, libelous, or slanderous, or which incites others, creating a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on college premises, or the violation of lawful college administrative procedures.
- Q. Disrupting of teaching, administration, or other college activities or programs or refusing to obey lawful directions of college personnel.
- R. Violating college or California Education Code regulations pertaining to student organizations, distribution of literature, and place and manner of public expression. (See MiraCosta College Procedure 3900, Speech: Time, Place and Manner.)
- S. Illegally obtaining or altering college records, electronic information, or computer applications and committing any computer-related crimes as defined in California Penal Code §502.
- T. Preparing, giving, selling, transferring, distributing, or publishing for any commercial purpose 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 without authorization, except as permitted by any district policy or administrative procedure.
- U. Using a computer or cell phone to engage in bullying behavior through email, text messages, voicemail, or social networks.