



Policy

5130 Financial Aid

A program of financial aid to students will be provided, which may include, but is not limited to, scholarships, grants, loans, and work and employment programs.

All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures and standards issued by the funding agency, and will incorporate federal, state, and other applicable regulatory requirements.

The Chancellor shall establish, publicize, and apply satisfactory academic progress standards for participants in Title IV student aid programs.

Misrepresentation

Consistent with the applicable federal regulations for federal financial aid, the District shall not engage in “substantial misrepresentation” of 1) the nature of its educational program, 2) the nature of its financial charges, or 3) the employability of its graduates.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures for regularly reviewing the District’s website and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and for training District employees and vendors providing educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admission services concerning the District’s educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to assure compliance with this policy.

The Chancellor shall establish procedures wherein the District shall periodically monitor employees’ and vendors’ communications with prospective students and members of the public and take corrective action where needed.

This policy does not create a private cause of action against the District or any of its representatives or service providers. The District and its governing Board do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

Scholarship Displacement

The District shall not engage in scholarship displacement. The Chancellor shall establish procedures that provide that the District shall not reduce the institutional gift aid offer of a student who is eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant award or financial assistance under the California Dream Act for an academic year as a result of private scholarship awards designated for the student unless the student’s gift aid exceeds the student’s annual cost of attendance.

References:

Education Code Sections [66021.6](#), [70045 et seq.](#), and [76300](#); [20 U.S. Code Sections 1070 et seq.](#); [34 Code of Federal Regulations Section 668](#) (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal

1 [Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended\); ACCJC](#)
2 [Accreditation Standard III.D.15](#)
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Administrative Procedure

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A financial and consumer guide is available on each college's Financial Aid website. The guides are reviewed annually and updated. Websites describing financial aid procedures are also made known to students. [Modesto Junior College Financial Aid Webpage](#) [Columbia College Financial Aid Webpage](#)

Further information can be obtained at [Information for Financial Aid Professionals \(IFAP\)](#), the California Community College Student Financial Assistance Unit.

Misrepresentation

Misrepresentation is defined as any false, erroneous, or misleading statement that the District, a representative of the District, or a service provider with which the District has contracted to provide educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admissions services, makes directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student, a member of the public, an accrediting agency, a state agency, or the United States Department of Education.

A misleading statement includes any statement that has the likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse. If a person to whom the misrepresentation was made could reasonably be expected to rely, or has reasonably relied, on the misrepresentation, the misrepresentation would be substantial.

This procedure does not apply to statements by students through social media outlets or by vendors that are not providing covered services, as reflected herein.

Loss of Eligibility for California College Promise Grant (formerly known as a BOG Fee Waiver)

A student shall become ineligible for a California College Promise Grant if the student is placed on academic or progress probation, or any combination thereof, for two consecutive primary terms. Loss of eligibility shall become effective at the first registration opportunity after such determination is made.

The District shall notify students of their placement on academic or progress probation no later than thirty days following the end of the term that resulted in the student's placement on probation. The notification must clearly state that two consecutive primary terms of probation will lead to a loss of the California College Promise Grant until the student is no longer on probation. The notification must also advise students about the availability of student support services to assist them in maintaining eligibility.

The District shall adopt, prominently display, and disseminate policies ensuring that students are advised about the student support services available to assist them in maintaining and reestablishing California College Promise Grant eligibility. Dissemination includes, but is not limited to, information provided in college catalogs, class schedules, and on the financial aid website.

The District shall establish written procedures by which a student may appeal the loss of a California College Promise Grant due to extenuating circumstances, or when a student with a disability applied for, but did not receive, a reasonable accommodation in a timely manner. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances that might include documented changes in the student's economic situation or evidence that the student was unable to obtain essential student support services. Extenuating circumstances also includes special consideration of the specific factors associated with Veterans, CalWORKs, EOPS, and DSPS student status.

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2 Foster Youth shall not be subject to loss of California College Promise Grant due to placement on academic
3 or progress probation. This exemption for Foster Youth is effective until the date specified in Education
4 Code Section [66025.9 subdivision \(c\)](#).

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6 Students Enrolled in a Baccalaureate Degree Program

7 Students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program who wish to apply for a California College Promise
8 Grant (CCPG) waiver must submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California
9 Dream Act application in lieu of completing the California College Promise Grant (CCPG), formerly known
10 as the Board of Governors Fee Waiver application.

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14 Pell Grant award or financial assistance under the California Dream Act for an academic year as a result
15 of private scholarship awards designated for the student unless the student's gift aid exceeds the
16 student's annual cost of attendance. The District shall not consider receipt or anticipated receipt of
17 private scholarships when considering a student who is eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant award or
18 financial assistance under the California Dream Act for qualification for institutional gift aid.

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20 **References:**

21 Education Code Sections [66021.6](#), [66021.3](#), [66021.6](#), [66025.9](#), [69514](#), [70045 et seq.](#), [76300](#), [78042](#), and
22 [94912.5](#); Title 5 Sections [55031](#) and [58600 et seq.](#); [20 U.S. Code Sections 1070 et seq.](#); [34 Code of Federal](#)
23 [Regulations Section 668 \(U.S. Department of Education Regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student](#)
24 [Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended\)](#); [ACCJC](#)
25 [Accreditation Standard III.D.15](#)

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