

Student Code of Conduct

Student Conduct Standards

Students are expected to conduct themselves as responsible citizens whenever they are on the campus or representing Fresno City College in any activity. The Board of Trustees has adopted specific rules and regulations governing student behavior along with applicable penalties for violations. The student conduct standards and discipline policy (Board Policy No. 5500) is cited below, and students consequently are held responsible for familiarizing themselves with these rules and regulations (Education Code 66300). All campus activities must have the prior approval of the administration of the college.

A student enrolled in courses offered by any college or center of the State Center Community College District assumes an obligation to conduct him/herself in a manner compatible with the college's function as an educational institution. A student may be disciplined, utilizing the procedures set out in Administrative Regulation 5520, for any of the following causes which must be related to college attendance or activity:

1. Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
2. 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 the Vice President of Student Services.
3. Unlawful possession, use, sale, offering to sell or furnish, furnishing, or being under the influence of, any controlled substance listed in California Health and Safety Code Section 11053 et seq., 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 11014.5.
4. Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion, or gambling.
5. Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or to private property on campus.
6. Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on campus or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus.
7. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the college or the District.
8. Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.
9. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on race, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability, or any other status protected by law.
10. Willful misconduct that results in injury or death to a student or to District personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other damage to any real or personal property owned by the District or on campus.
11. Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, college personnel.
12. Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by the Office of Instruction.
13. Dishonesty, forgery, alteration or misuse of District documents, records or identification, or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
14. Unauthorized entry upon or use of District facilities.

15. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct, or expression on District-owned or controlled property, or at District sponsored or supervised functions.
16. Engaging in 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 District premises.
17. Violation of lawful District regulations or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.
18. Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
19. 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 digital or electronic recording or handwritten or typewritten class notes except as permitted by any District policy or administrative procedure.
20. Other good cause as shown.

Students are responsible for their conduct, and failure to adhere to accepted standards will result in disciplinary action. Instructors shall be in charge of their classes, and students are under obligation to respect the authority of each instructor. Fresno City College reserves the right to exclude at any time a student who, in the judgment of the administration, is not taking proper advantage of the opportunities offered.

Student Rights

Student rights are protected by federal and state laws, and by policies established by the trustees of the State Center Community College District. It is therefore essential for the protection of students' rights that procedures be established and followed that would identify violations of student conduct standards and the resolutions of such violations. Students have a right to an oral or written notice (reasons for disciplinary action), an opportunity for a review, and a decision given orally or in writing. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services Office. ([Administrative Regulation 5520](#))

Removal from Class by Instructor

Fresno City College's Student Code of Conduct Policy ([Administrative Regulation 5520](#) and Educational Code 76032) authorizes an instructor to remove a disruptive student from his or her class for the day of the removal and the next class meeting. The instructor shall immediately report the removal to the Vice President of Student Services. During the period of removal, a student shall not be returned to the class from which he or she was removed without the concurrence of the instructor of the class.