

STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT & DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Standards of Student Conduct and Disciplinary Action for violation of rules were established by the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District on September 2, 1969. A student enrolling in one of the Los Angeles Community Colleges may rightfully expect that the faculty and administrators will maintain an environment in which there is freedom to learn. This requires that there be appropriate conditions and opportunities in the classroom and on the campus. As members of the college community, students should be encouraged to develop the capacity for critical judgment, to engage in a sustained and independent search for truth, and to exercise their rights to free inquiry and speech in a responsible,

non-violent manner. Students shall respect and obey civil and criminal laws, and they shall be subject to legal penalties for violation of laws of the city, county, state, and nation. Student conduct in all of the Los Angeles Community Colleges must conform to District and college rules and regulations.

Violations of such rules are subject to the following types of disciplinary actions, which are to be administered by appropriate college authorities against students who stand in violation. Each of the Los Angeles Community Colleges shall establish due process of law for administration of the penalties enumerated here. Penalties are listed in degree of severity but not as chronological administration. College authorities will determine which type of penalty is appropriate.

1. *WARNING*

Notice to the student that continuation or repetition of specified conduct may be cause for other disciplinary action.

2. *REPRIMAND*

Written reprimand for violation of specified rules. A reprimand serves to place on record that a student's conduct in a specific instance does not meet the standards expected at the college. A person receiving a reprimand is notified that this is a warning that continued conduct of the type described in the reprimand may result in formal action against the student.

3. *REMOVAL BY INSTRUCTOR*

An instructor may remove (suspend) a student from his or her class for the day of the incident and the next class meeting. During this period of removal, a Summary Investigation should take place as to determine the length of the suspension. Any classes missed during this process will be considered excused absences.

4. *DISCIPLINARY PROBATION*

Exclusion from participation in privileges or extracurricular college activities set forth in the notice of disciplinary probation for a specified period of time.

The imposition of disciplinary probation involves notification in writing of the reason for disciplinary

probation to the student(s) or president of the student organization involved.

5. *RESTITUTION*

Reimbursement for damage or for misappropriation of property. Reimbursement may take the form of appropriate service to repair or otherwise compensate for damage.

6. *SUMMARY SUSPENSION*

A summary suspension is for purposes of investigation. It is a means of relieving the tension of the student body or individual class due to a serious infraction of student behavior standards, removing a threat to the well-being of the students, or removing for the good order of the college a student or students whose presence would prevent the continued normal conduct of the academic community. Summary suspension is limited to that period of time necessary to insure that the purposes of the summary suspension are accomplished, and in any case, no more than a maximum of ten school days.

Summary suspension is a type of suspension other than that ordinarily invoked by the instructor in the classroom. The College President, appropriate administrator, or other staff member designated by the President may summarily suspend a student when he/she deems it necessary for the safety and welfare of the college.

7. *DISCIPLINARY SUSPENSION*

Disciplinary suspension follows a hearing based on due process of law. It shall be invoked by the College President, appropriate administrator, or other staff member designated by the President upon students for misconduct when other corrective measures have failed or when the seriousness of the situation warrants such action.

8. *EXPULSION*

An expulsion is a long-term or permanent denial of all campus privileges including class attendance. The President of the college and/or the Board of Trustees may expel a student who has been convicted of a crime arising out of a campus disturbance or, after a hearing by a campus body, has been found to have willfully disrupted the orderly operation of the campus. The President shall submit periodic reports on all expulsion cases to the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees.

Violations of the Standards of Student Conduct are as follows:

9803.10 Willful Disobedience: Willful disobedience to directions of college officials acting in the performance of their duties.

9803.11 Violation of College Rules and Regulations: Violation of college rules and regulations, including those concerning student organizations, the use of college facilities, or the time, place, and manner of public expression or distribution of materials.

9803.12 Dishonesty: Dishonesty, such as cheating or knowingly furnishing false information to colleges.

9803.13 Unauthorized Entry: Unauthorized entry to or use of the college facilities.

9803.14 College Documents: Forgery, alteration, or misuse of college documents, records, or identification.

9803.15 Disruption of Classes or College Activities: Obstruction or disruption of classes, administration, disciplinary procedures, or authorized college activities.

9803.16 Theft of or Damage to Property: Theft of or damage to property belonging to the college, a member of the college community, or a campus visitor.

9803.17 Interference with Peace of College: The malicious or willful disturbance of the peace or quiet of any of the Los Angeles Community

Colleges by loud or unusual noise, or any threat, challenge to fight, fight, or violation of any rules of conduct as set forth in this Article.

9803.18 Assault or Battery: Assault or battery, abuse, or any threat of force or violence directed toward any member of the college community or campus visitor engaged in authorized activities.

9803.19 Alcohol and Drugs: Any possession of controlled substances which would constitute a violation of Health and Safety Code Section 11350 or Business and Professions Code Section 4230; any use of controlled substances the possession of which are prohibited by same, or any possession or use of alcoholic beverages while on any property owned or used by the District or colleges of the District. "Controlled substances," as used in this section, includes, but is not limited to, the following drugs and narcotics:

- a. Opiates, opium, and opium derivatives
- b. Mescaline
- c. Hallucinogenic substances
- d. Peyote
- e. Marijuana
- f. Stimulants and depressants
- g. Cocaine

9803.20 Lethal Weapons: Possession, while on a college campus or at a college-sponsored function, of any object that might be used as a lethal weapon is forbidden by all persons except sworn peace officers, police officers, and other government employees charged with policing responsibilities.

9803.21 Discriminatory Behavior: Behavior while on a college campus or at a college-sponsored function inconsistent with the District's non-discrimination policy, which requires that all programs and activities of the Los Angeles Community College District be operated in a manner which is free of discrimination on the basis of race, color, natural origin, ancestry, religion, creed, sex, pregnancy, marital status, sexual orientation, age, handicap, or veteran status.

9803.22 Unlawful Assembly: Any assemblage of two or more persons to do an unlawful act, or do a lawful act in a violent, boisterous or tumultuous manner.

9803.23 Conspiring to Perform Illegal Acts: Any

agreement between two or more persons to perform an illegal act.

9803.24 Threatening Behavior: A direct or implied expression of intent to inflict physical or mental/emotional harm and/or actions (such as stalking) that a reasonable person would perceive as a threat to personal safety or property. Threats may include verbal statement, written statements, telephone threats or physical threats.

9803.25 Disorderly Conduct: Conduct that may be considered disorderly includes lewd or indecent attire, behavior that disrupts classes or college activities, breach of the peace of the college, or aiding or inciting other persons to breach the peace of college premises or functions.

9803.26 Theft or Abuse of Computer Resources: Theft or abuse of computer resources including but not limited to the following:

- a. Unauthorized entry into a file to use, read, or change the contents or for any other purpose
- b. Unauthorized transfer of a file
- c. Unauthorized use of another individual's identification or password
- d. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of a student, faculty member, or college official or to alter college or District records
- e. Use of unlicensed software
- f. Unauthorized copying of software
- g. Use of computing facilities to access, send, or engage in messages which are obscene, threatening, or defamatory; present a clear and present danger; violate a lawful regulation; and/or substantially disrupt the orderly operation of a college campus
- h. Use of computing facilities to interfere with the regular operation of the college or District computing system

9804 Interference with Classes: Every person who by physical force willfully obstructs or attempts to obstruct any student or teacher seeking to attend or instruct classes at any of the campuses or facilities owned, controlled, or administered by the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles Community College District, is punishable by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

9805 Interference with Performance of Duties of Employees: Action to cause, or attempt to cause, any employee of the District to do, or refrain from doing, any act in the performance of his or her duties by means of a threat to inflict any injury upon any person or property.

9805.10 Assault or Abuse of an Instructor: Assault or abuse of any instructor employed by the District in the presence or hearing of a community college student, or in the presence of other community college personnel or students, and at a place which is on District premises or public sidewalks, streets, or other public ways adjacent to school premises, or at some other place where the instructor is required to be in connection with assigned

college activities.

9806 Unsafe Conduct: Conduct which poses a threat of harm to the individual and/or to others. This includes, but is not limited to, the following types of conduct: unsafe conduct in connection with a

Health Services Program (e.g., Nursing, Dental Hygiene, etc.); failure to follow safety direction of District and/or college staff; willful disregard of safety rules as adopted by the District and/or college; negligent behavior which creates an unsafe environment.