

# STANDARDS OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Students and visitors to San José City College and Evergreen Valley College are expected to adhere to academic and behavioral Standards of Student Conduct and Academic standards which include honesty, satisfactory academic performance, and regular attendance.

By following these standards, students will conduct themselves in a manner that fosters a positive learning and working environment for students and staff, maintains order on the campus, and protects the rights of the individual and the interests of the District. Violation of these standards on District-owned or controlled property, or at a District-sponsored activity, could result in the consequences outlined in this section. Decisions will be made based on factual information in accordance with due process procedures as outlined by the college and the California Education Code.

## Academic Standards and Consequences

### Academic Integrity

Evergreen Valley College values academic integrity. Students are expected to complete and submit their own work. These values ensure that every student is graded fairly. Academic dishonesty is unethical and does not support student learning.

Violations of standards include the following:

- Altering grades
- Altering or forging college documents, records, or identification
- Copying from someone's test or allowing someone to copy your test
- Copying from an author's work without giving credit (plagiarism)
- Doing an assignment (e.g., a term paper or essay) for another student or asking, paying, bribing, or blackmailing someone to do an assignment for you
- Sitting in for someone in class, or on a test, or having someone sit in class for you, if not authorized by the instructor
- Submitting work previously presented in another class if not authorized by the instructor
- During an exam, using or consulting other test or course material not authorized by the instructor
- Possession of an examination or materials not authorized by the instructor

Consequences may include one or more of the following actions by appropriate college officials:

- Receiving a failing grade on the test, paper, or exam
- Course grade lowered, possibly resulting in course failure
- Verbal or written reprimand/warning
- Suspension for a longer specified time
- Expulsion from college

## Behavioral Standards and Consequences

Evergreen Valley College is committed to fostering a safe, positive, learning environment where students can pursue their educational goals and participate in college-sponsored activities that promote intellectual growth and personal development. To this end, students are provided

protection and due process of their individual rights against unfair or improper actions by any member of the district community.

Students are expected to adhere to State and Federal laws, and to the rules and regulations of the District, and of the College. Violations may result in disciplinary action against the student and in certain cases criminal arrests can be made and charges filed by the District Attorney's Office.

### Definitions

The following are examples of conduct that shall constitute good cause for discipline, including but not limited to the removal, suspension or expulsion of a student.

- Causing, attempting to cause, or threatening to cause physical injury to another person.
- Persistent bullying, either online and/or in person
- 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, which is concurred in by the Police Chief.
- Unlawful possession, use, sale, offer to sell, or 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 Section 11014.5.
- Committing or attempting to commit robbery or extortion.
- Causing or attempting to cause damage to District property or to private property on campus.
- Stealing or attempting to steal District property or private property on campus, or knowingly receiving stolen District property or private property on campus.
- Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the College or the District.
- Committing sexual harassment as defined by law or by District policies and procedures.
- Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on race, sex, religion, age, national origin, disability, or any other status protected by law.
- Willful misconduct that results in injury or death to a student or to District personnel or which results in cutting, defacing, or other injury to any real or personal property owned by the District or on campus.
- Disruptive behavior, willful disobedience, habitual profanity or vulgarity, or the open and persistent defiance of the authority of, or persistent abuse of, College personnel.
- Cheating, plagiarism (including plagiarism in a student publication), or engaging in other academic dishonesty as defined by the college and the consequences that will be applied.
- Dishonesty; forgery; alteration or misuse of District documents, records or identification; or knowingly furnishing false information to the District.
- Unauthorized entry upon or use of District facilities.
- Lewd, indecent or obscene conduct or expression on District-owned or controlled property, or at District sponsored or supervised functions.
- Engaging in expression which includes but is not limited to obscene, libelous or slanderous remarks, or which so incites students as to

create a clear and present danger of the commission of unlawful acts on District premises, or the violation of lawful District regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the District.

- Persistent, serious misconduct where other means of correction have failed to bring about proper conduct.
- 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 typewritten class notes, except as permitted by any district policy or administrative procedure.
- Sexual assault or stalking.

## **Due Process Procedures**

For detailed information on Due process Procedures, please see the Student Discipline Procedures in the Administrative Procedures section at <https://www.sjccd.edu/discover-sjccd/board-of-trustees/board-policies>.