

Board Policy 5130

Financial Aid

The District is committed to helping students afford a college education by awarding and disbursing federal, state, and local financial aid to eligible students. Students need to complete the appropriate financial aid applications and submit all required documentation to the college's Financial Aid Office in accordance with established deadlines, standards, and protocols.

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 Superintendent/President or designee 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 Superintendent/President or designee 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 Superintendent/President or designee 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.

References:

Education Code Sections 66021.6 and 76300;

Title 5 Sections 58600 et seq.;

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 Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

El Camino College

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