

# **Palomar College Student Code of Conduct**

## **Student Behavior, Rules and Regulations**

Students at Palomar College are responsible for regulating their own conduct and for respecting the rights and privileges of others. Palomar students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner compatible with the function of the College as an educational institution, and respect and obey all civil and criminal laws.

Failure to abide by the standards as set forth by Palomar College is cause for disciplinary action. Guidelines for student conduct are set forth in the California Education Code, California Administrative Code Title 5, policies of the Board of Trustees, and all civil and criminal codes. In compliance with California Education Code Section 66300, 72282, and 72292, and in keeping with the above, regulations have been established to effectively and efficiently provide standards of student conduct and behavior for the approved educational programs, approved student activities, and community services. For further information, contact the Office of Student Affairs, SU-201, or call (760) 744-1150, Ext. 2594.

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Student conduct must conform to District and College rules and regulations. Student Discipline Procedures (AP 5520) provide a prompt and equitable means to address violations of the Standards of Conduct, which guarantees to the student or students involved the due process rights guaranteed to them by the California and United States Constitutions.

If a Student Code of Conduct violation occurs while a student is enrolled at Palomar College, he or she may be disciplined. The Standards of Conduct categories of behavior are not intended to be an exhaustive list, but are examples of causes and are good and sufficient causes for discipline, including but not limited to, verbal and written reprimand, removal from class, probation, short-term and long-term suspension or expulsion of a student. Other misconduct not listed may also result in discipline if good cause exists (Education Code, 76034). Whenever it has been determined that "good cause" exists for student discipline, the District shall notify the student in writing. The student must attend a disciplinary hearing to ensure due process rights.

The Code of Conduct that details the standards is administered by the Director of Student Affairs. Also See BP 5030, titled Fees and BP 5130 titled Financial Aid, which addresses consequences of disciplinary action. The complete Student Code of Conduct is available in the Office of Student Affairs, SU-201, or on the Palomar College Student Affairs web page at [www.palomar.edu/studentactivities/](http://www.palomar.edu/studentactivities/) under policies.

## **Standards of Conduct (BP 5500, Spring 2002)**

Revised Standards of Conduct are under review and pending approval.

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

- A.** Students are expected to avoid any type of dishonesty, including but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, forgery, fabrication or counterfeiting documents, furnishing false information to the College, alteration or misuse of College documents or records, duplication of assignments, or aiding another in an act of dishonesty.

Violations of the Academic Integrity Code include, but not limited to:

- Cheating, plagiarism, or false representation of another's work as one's own
- Forgery, alteration, or misuse of District documents or records
- Use of false identification
- Knowingly furnishing false information to the District
- Unauthorized use or misuse of District equipment
- Unauthorized access, use, or alteration of computer hardware, software, or data
- Obstruction or disruption of the educational process
- Soliciting or assisting another to do any of the above

- B.** Disturbance of the peace, which includes but is not limited to, behavior which contributes to the obstruction or disruption of teaching, athletic events, meetings, or other College activities on or at any District property or facility, including but not limited to, classrooms, library, athletic field, locker room, bookstore, food service facility, student union, game room, any College office, parking lot, or roadway.
- C.** Assault, battery, or any threat of force or violence, physical or verbal, upon a student, personnel, or visitor.
- D.** Theft of, or damage to, or threat of damage to property of the District or an employee, student, or visitor to a District facility.
- E.** Unauthorized entry in to or unauthorized use of District facilities, supplies or equipment.
- F.** Violations of District policies and regulations, including but not limited to, regulations and policies related to parking bicycles, skateboards, scooters, computer, telecommunications, campus vehicles, and any and all other District equipment, and policies and regulations related to student organizations, extracurricular activities, and student and visitor symbolic expression.
- G.** Unlawful use, possession, sale, or distribution of a "controlled substance" as the term is defined by the California Health and Safety Code, Section 11007, and that which is listed in any schedule in Sections 11054, 11056, 11057, or 11058, while on District premises or at any District sponsored activity. Attendance at any College function or event, or activity sponsored by the College while under the influence of a controlled substance.
- H.** Disorderly conduct, including but not limited to, inappropriate, disrespectful, insulting, and/or obscene language, alcoholic intoxication, lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct.

- I. Possession and/or consumption of any alcoholic beverage on any district property or in any District vehicle.
- J. Disruptive behavior, profanity or vulgarity, or defiance of faculty or staff, including but not limited to, cafeteria and bookstore employees, counselors and financial aid staff, campus police employees, other students or visitors to the College.
- K. Defiance of abuse of personnel, including but not limited to, faculty administrators, counselors, librarians, office staff, athletic coaches, club advisors, or campus police.
- L. Possession of any type of object that can be reasonably assumed to be a weapon or used as a weapon (as defined by the California Penal Code), on or at any District facility, or District sponsored event or activity.
- M. Willful or persistent smoking or use of tobacco products on College premises where smoking and use of tobacco products has been prohibited by regulations of the Governing Board of Palomar College.
- N. Misuse of District computers, telephones, or telecommunications devices.

It is the expectation of Palomar College that minor children will be under the constant supervision of parents or guardians (notwithstanding those minor children enrolled in Palomar College classes and programs) and that said parents or guardians are responsible for assuring appropriate behavior of minor children. Parents or guardians will be held responsible when the behavior of minor children constitutes a violation of the Palomar College Code of Conduct and these parents or guardians will be directed to remove the minor children from District facilities (classrooms, libraries, food services, operations, athletic events, public areas, etc.) should violations occur.

## **Consequences for Violations of the Student Code of Conduct**

This section provides information regarding the possible consequences for violations of the Palomar College Student Code of Conduct, including incidents of academic dishonesty.

Disciplinary actions may include:

**A. Warning** (verbal and/or written)

**B. Reprimand**

**C. Removal by the Instructor:** Suspension by a District instructor for good cause from class for the day of suspension, and the following class meeting. The instructor's decision is final, and may not be appealed. Instructors must notify the Office of the Director of Student Affairs when this sanction is utilized so that accurate records can be maintained, and repeat offenders will be identified. (California Education Code, Section 76032)

**D. Probation**

**E. Restitution**

**F. Community Service**

- G. Suspension**
- H. Expulsion**
- I. Appeals**

Additionally, the Director of Student Affairs should be considered a resource person for students and staff desiring additional information of assistance with policy.