



TITLE IX AND THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 is a federal civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. The Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) is federal legislation that addresses prevention of violence against women, including requirements to offer services for victims of violence and to hold offenders accountable.

Some examples of behavior that could violate Title IX and VAWA include:

- Sexual comments, sexual jokes, or sexually explicit questions
- Spreading rumors about a person's sexuality or gender identity
- Sending or displaying sexually suggestive content over email, text, or social media
- Requests for sexual favors or pressuring someone for sexual activity
- Unwelcome touching, hugging, stroking, or other physical contact
- Stalking, both in person and online
- Dating or domestic violence
- Attempted or actual sexual violence

FILING A TITLE IX COMPLAINT

Students can file a Title IX complaint with the SWC Title IX Administrator in the Office of Human Resources, Room 1670, or by phone at 619-482-6395.

The Office of Student Services webpage contains additional information, or you can contact the Dean of Student Services in the Cesar Chavez Student Services Center, Room S109, with any questions.

Southwestern College promptly and thoroughly investigates complaints alleging sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Claims of other unlawful discrimination can be made to the Human Resources Office, Room 1670, or through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office complaint process State Complaint Process.

CONFIDENTIAL RESOURCES

If a student is seeking strictly confidential support, Personal Wellness Services on the Chula Vista campus is designated as a confidential resource. See the Personal Wellness Services webpage for information on how to make an appointment and for other confidential resources.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Southwestern Community College is committed to providing a drug-free environment. The Drug Free Schools and Campuses Regulations (34 CFR, Part 86) of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) requires Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) to provide written information regarding the institution's Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Program. The purpose of this regulation is to inform and assist students concerning the prevention and unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on school premises, or as part of any of its activities.

A copy of the District's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention report and additional information is available upon request in the Office of Student Services or on the SWC website under the Office of Student Services webpage.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT - BP #3420

The Southwestern Community College District shall not discriminate against any person in employment or in any program affiliated with the District on the basis of age, ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, national origin, religion, race, gender or sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, veteran status, or on the basis of these perceived characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

The District is committed to the implementation of its EEO Plan and to overcoming all forms of institutional and/or personal exclusion or discrimination within the District, whether purposeful or inadvertent. The Governing Board, administration, faculty and staff must recognize that equal employment opportunity is a shared responsibility. Each employee must be held accountable for application and enforcement of the EEO Plan within his or her area of authority. It is only through combined efforts that the District will successfully develop and maintain a workforce that is welcoming to all persons. The District will ensure that the recruitment, screening, selection, hiring and promotional processes are in accordance with principles of equal employment opportunity. In addition, the District will comply with Title I and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, thereby promoting the values of diversity and inclusion, benefiting all members of the Southwestern Community College District, including individuals from all ethnic and other groups protected from discrimination by Title 5, section 53000 et seq.

The Governing Board supports the intent set forth by the California Legislature to assure continuing good faith efforts are made to build a community in which opportunity is equalized. Its goal is to foster a climate of acceptance, with the inclusion of faculty and staff from a wide variety of backgrounds. It agrees that diversity in the academic environment fosters cultural awareness, mutual understanding, harmony and respect, increased student success and better enables students to flourish as citizens of the world. The Governing Board therefore commits itself to promoting the total realization of equal employment through a continuing equal employment opportunity program.

Note: The District's EEO Plan is posted on the website, and is available in hard copy in the Offices of the Superintendent/President, the Vice President for Human Resources, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice President for Business & Financial Affairs.