

FINANCIAL AID

References: *Education Code, Sections 66021.6 and 76300; 20 U.S. Code, Sections 1070 et seq.; Code of Federal Regulations , 34 CFR Section 668; U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under the Title IV of the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended*

The Southwestern Community College District shall establish and support financial assistance programs and services for students who might otherwise not have equal opportunity and access to educational program due to financial need. The Financial Aid Office is responsible for the administration of these federal, state and institutional programs which may include, but are not be limited to grants, scholarships, fee waivers, 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 and institutional requirements.

The Financial Aid Office 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 College 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 College District’s website and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and for training District employees and vendors providing covered services concerning the College District’s educational programs, financial charges and employment of graduates to ensure compliance with this policy.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures wherein the College 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 College District or any of its representatives or service providers. The College District and its Governing Board do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Financial Aid
See Procedure No. 5130 AP “Financial Aid”