

BP 5130 FINANCIAL AID

References:

Education Code Sections 66021.6 and 76300;
20 U.S. Code Sections 1070 et seq.;
34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 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);
ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.D.15

A program of financial aid to students will be provided, which may include, but is not limited to, waivers, scholarships, grants, loans, or work and/or employment programs.

All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures and standards issued by the funding agency and will incorporate federal, state, institutional and other applicable regulatory requirements.

Under the guidance of the Chancellor, the College Chief Student Financial Services officers 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 Chancellor 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 admissions services concerning the District's educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to assure compliance with this policy.

The Chancellor 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.

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Information about the various financial aid programs offered to the students at the Riverside Community College District, application procedures, eligibility, payments, accounting requirements, etc., can be found in the "Student Financial Services Consumer Guide, Helping to Build Dreams". This document is updated annually and is available on-line at

http://www.rcc.edu/services/studentFinancialServices/files/ConsumersGuide_08_09.pdf
or by hard copy in the office of Student Financial Services on any campus.

The College Chief Student Financial Services Officers and the College Chief Student Services Officers will continue to review processes and procedures and to ensure student access to appropriate financial services. Each College student financial services office will collaborate with other college student services departments to ensure accuracy in Title IV packaging.

The District's Office of Information Services is responsible for the programming and updating of the District's Datatel financial aid modules and other software necessary to administer financial aid. Accounting Services and Finance are responsible for disbursing financial aid funds. The College Chief Enrollment Services Officers are responsible for maintaining the accuracy of the data to ensure the financial aid offices have the ability to meet all regulations.

Misrepresentation

Misrepresentation is defined as any false, erroneous, or misleading statement that the District, a representative of the District, or a service provider with which the District has contracted to provide educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admissions services, makes directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student, a member of the public, an accrediting agency, a state agency, or the United States Department of Education.

A misleading statement includes any statement that has the likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse. If a person to whom the misrepresentation was made could reasonably be expected to rely, or has reasonably relied, on the misrepresentation, the misrepresentation would be substantial.

This procedure does not apply to statements by students through social media outlets or by vendors that are not providing covered services, as reflected herein.

Loss of Eligibility for BOG Fee Waiver

A student shall become ineligible for a Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver if the student is placed on academic or progress probation, or any combination thereof, for two consecutive primary terms. Loss of eligibility shall become effective at the first registration opportunity after such determination is made.

The District shall notify the students of their placement on academic or progress probation no later than thirty days following the end of the term that resulted in the student's placement on probation. The notification must clearly state that two consecutive primary terms of probation will lead to a loss of the BOG Fee Waiver until the student is no longer on probation. The notification must also advise students about the available student support services to assist them in maintaining eligibility.

The District shall adopt, prominently display, and disseminate policies ensuring that students are advised about the student support services available to them in maintaining and reestablishing BOG Fee Waiver eligibility. Dissemination includes, but is not limited to, information provided in college catalogs and class schedules.

The District shall establish written procedures by which a student may appeal the loss of a BOG Fee Waiver due to extenuating circumstances, or when a student with a disability applied for, but did not receive, a reasonable accommodation in a timely manner. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances that might include documented changes in the student's economic situation or evidence that the student was unable to obtain essential student support services. Extenuating circumstances also includes special consideration of the specific factors associated with Veterans, CalWORKS, EOPS, and DSPS student status.

Foster Youth shall not be subject to loss of BOG Fee Waiver due to placement on academic or progress probation. This exemption for Foster Youth is effective until the date specified in Education Code section 66025.9(c).

Office of Primary Responsibility: Student Financial Services

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