

BP 3130 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.

The Chancellor 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 websites 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 Board of Trustees do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

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References:

Education Code Sections 66021.3, 66021.6, 66025.9, 69514, 76300, and 94912.5;
Title 5 Sections 55031 and 58600 et seq.;
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

Information about the various financial aid programs offered to the students at the Riverside Community College District, will include all federal and state disclosure requirements such as application procedures and deadlines, student eligibility, payment procedures, overpayment recovery, accounting requirements and satisfactory progress; this information is located in the consumer guide or by hard copy in the office of Student Financial Services on any campus.

Financial Aid programs offered usually include:

- *California College Promise Grant*
- *CalWORKS*
- *Federal Work-Study*
- *State Grants*
- *Federal Grants*
- *Federal Direct Student Loan Program*
- *Other College Resources*

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 student information system 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.

Riverside Community College District California College Promise Grant

RCCD financial aid offices encourage all potential students who wish to apply for a California College Promise Grant pursuant to Education Code Section 76300 to complete and submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application in lieu of completing the California College Promise Grant/Board of Governors Fee Waiver application.

All students participating in the Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program must complete and submit either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California Dream Act application, as applicable, in lieu of completing the California College Promise Grant/Board of Governors Fee Waiver application for determination of eligibility for the California College Promise Grant/Board of Governors Fee Waiver.

Loss of Eligibility for California College Promise Grant

A student shall become ineligible for a California College Promise Grant 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 California College

Promise Grant 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 assist them in maintaining and reestablishing California College Promise Grant 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 California College Promise Grant 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, CaWORKS, EOPS, and DSPS student status.

Foster Youth shall not be subject to loss of a California College Promise Grant 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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