

# SCC CLASS CATALOG

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## SCC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF COLLEGIATE EXCELLENCE



As the second campus in the Rancho Santiago Community College District, Santiago Canyon College was originally called "Orange Campus". It wasn't until 2000 that SCC officially became an independently accredited college. While once a small campus with only two buildings on 30 acres, Santiago Canyon College has grown to hold 440,517 square feet of building space and is home to over 16,000 eager students ready to learn!

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### *Mission Statement*

Santiago Canyon College is an innovative learning community dedicated to intellectual and personal growth. Our purpose is to foster student success and to help students achieve these core outcomes: to learn, to act, to communicate and to think critically.

We are committed to maintaining standards of excellence and providing the following to our diverse community: courses, certificates, and degrees that are accessible, applicable, and engaging.



**WHAT HAPPENS HERE MATTERS.**



## COLLEGE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

### Academic Freedom

The teacher should be free to think and to express ideas, free to select and employ materials and methods of instruction, free from undue pressures of authority, and free to act within his/her professional group. Such freedom should be used judiciously and prudently to the end that it promotes the free exercise of intelligence and student learning. Academic freedom is not an absolute. It must be exercised within the law and the basic ethical responsibilities of the teaching profession. Those responsibilities include

1. An understanding of our democratic tradition and its methods.
2. A concern for the welfare, growth, maturity, and development of students.
3. The method of scholarship.
4. Application of good taste and judgment in selecting and employing materials and methods of instruction.

### Academic Honesty

#### Introduction

Students at Santiago Canyon College are expected to be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. To falsify the results of one's research, to steal the words or ideas of another, or to cheat on an examination corrupts the essential process by which knowledge is advanced. Academic dishonesty is seen as an intentional act of fraud, in which a student seeks to claim credit for the work or efforts of another without authorization or uses unauthorized materials or fabricated information in any academic exercise. We, as an institution, also consider academic dishonesty to include forgery of academic documents, intentionally impeding or damaging the academic work of others, assisting other students in acts of dishonesty or coercing students into acts of dishonesty.

#### Procedures

In cases where a violation of academic honesty is discovered, the faculty member is encouraged to file an "Academic Honesty Incident Report" form and distribute the form as specified.

There are two categories of sanctions: Limited and College-wide. Limited sanctions include an academic action such as assigning a lower grade or a grade of "F or zero" for the test or project. College-wide sanctions include any sanction that will affect a student's standing with the college-at-large, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the college.

In matters relating to academic honesty violations, the primary responsibility for employing the Limited Sanctions rests with the instructor and the academic division where the violation allegedly occurred. The Associate Dean of Student Development will assist in all College-wide disciplinary sanctions at Santiago Canyon College.

### Academic Honors

#### Academic Honors at Graduation

Academic honors are awarded to students who do outstanding coursework leading to graduation from Santiago Canyon College. The graduate must have completed at least 30 units of coursework within the Rancho Santiago Community College District of which 18 units or more must be letter grades of "C" or better. Effective Fall 2020, students with Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition are eligible for Academic Honors.

Rancho Santiago Community College District coursework and all transfer work will be computed in the Honors designated GPA. Graduation honors are awarded as follows:

**President's Scholar.** See Honors Program and Honors Courses on pages "President's Scholar" on page 33.

**With Highest Honors.** The highest honors designation is placed on the transcript and diploma of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 4.0.

**With High Honors.** The high honors designation is placed on the transcript and diploma of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.8.

**With Honors.** The honors designation is placed on the transcript and diploma of the graduate who has achieved an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.5.

**Departmental Honors.** Honors are awarded to students who do outstanding work in their majors. Eligibility is determined by inclusion in the academic honors categories listed above.

**Honors Program Completion.** See Honors Program and Honors Courses on pages 32-33.

### Academic Renewal

Inasmuch as past performance does not always reflect accurately a student's actual ability, Santiago Canyon College has established a policy of academic renewal.

### Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition

1. To be eligible, the student must have completed at least 15 units with a 3.0 G.P.A or 24 units with a 2.0 GPA or higher in sessions subsequent to the substandard work being petitioned. All units from all colleges attended will be counted from the semester immediately following the substandard work.
  2. The substandard academic renewal work will not count toward graduation or certification, and the permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work remains legible. Up to 30 units combined of below "C" work at Santiago Canyon College/Santa Ana College may be disregarded in the computation of the grade point average. The student may choose the 30 units of substandard grades to disregard.
  3. After a RSCCD associate degree or CSU-GE Breadth or IGETC certification is posted, academic renewal without course repetition is not accepted.
  4. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition is solely the policy of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and may not necessarily be followed by other institutions.
  5. Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition may be granted multiple times by Santa Ana College and/or Santiago Canyon College but is limited to a total of 30 units.
  6. As a result of AB705, a student may seek grade alleviation without course repetition when the substandard work occurred in an English or Mathematics course that is part of a remedial (pre-transfer level) sequence OR in an ACE or EMLS course that is part of the sequence leading to transfer-level English (CSU GE area A2 or IGETC GE area 1A) once the student has successfully passed the transfer-level course, regardless of the student's overall academic record since the semester in which the "D", "F", or "NP" was earned.
- A student seeking alleviation under this scenario will be eligible for alleviation subject to these limitations: If a student received a grade of "C" or better or "P" in a transfer-level English course (CSU GE area A2 or IGETC GE area 1A APPROVED course), the highest grade earned shall be used when computing the student's cumulative grade point average. Grades earned in courses in a remedial English sequence pre-requisite to a transfer-level





course may only be alleviated once the student earns a satisfactory grade ('C' or better or 'P') in the transfer-level course. Neither the student's academic record since earning the 'D', 'F', or 'NP' grade nor the time elapsed since earning the 'D', 'F', or 'NP' is relevant to this scenario. The units alleviated in this scenario shall not be counted as part of the maximum 30 units of substandard work allowed under the first provision of AR 4240.

- A student seeking alleviation under this scenario will be eligible for alleviation subject to these limitations: If a student received a grade of 'C' or better or 'P' in a transfer-level Mathematics or Quantitative Reasoning course (CSU GE Area B4 or IGETC GE 2A approved course), the highest grade earned shall be used when computing the student's cumulative grade point average. Grades earned in courses in a remedial Math sequence pre-requisite to a transfer-level Mathematics or Quantitative Reasoning course may only be alleviated once the student earns a satisfactory grade ('C' or better or 'P') in the transfer-level course. Neither the student's academic record since earning the 'D', 'F', or 'NP' grade nor the time elapsed since earning the 'D', 'F', or 'NP' is relevant to this scenario. The units alleviated in this scenario shall not be counted as part of the maximum 30 units of substandard work allowed under the first provision of AR 4240.
- A student seeking alleviation under this scenario will be eligible for alleviation subject to these limitations: If a student received a grade of 'C' or better or 'P' in a transfer-level English course (CSU GE area A2 or IGETC GE area 1A APPROVED course), the highest grade earned shall be used when computing the student's cumulative grade point average. Grades earned in the ACE or EMLS sequence pre-requisite to the transfer-level English course (CSU GE area A2 or IGETC GE area 1A APPROVED course) may only be alleviated once the student earns a satisfactory grade ('C' or better or 'P') in the transfer-level course. Neither the student's academic record since earning the 'D', 'F', or 'NP' grade nor the time elapsed since earning the 'D', 'F', or 'NP' is relevant to this scenario. The units alleviated in this scenario shall not be counted as part of the maximum 30 units of substandard work allowed under the first provision of AR 4240.

When Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition occurs under this section, the student's permanent academic record shall be annotated in such a manner that all work

remains legible, ensuring a true and complete academic history. This petition is submitted to Admissions and Records.

RSCCD Academic Renewal Without Course Repetition is established pursuant to Title 5 section § 55046.

### Academic Renewal With Course Repetition

1. Only units taken at Santiago Canyon College and/or Santa Ana College may be considered for Academic Renewal With Course Repetition, not units taken at any other institutions.
2. A student who earned a D, F or NP grade may repeat the course once up to two times to improve the grade of the substandard work. Once a grade of D, F, or NP has been recorded, subsequent withdrawals (notations of W) will count toward the two allowable repeats. No more than two substandard grades for the same course may be alleviated and excluded from the Grade Point Average.
3. A student may not repeat a course to change a grade of C or better. Courses repeated under this provision will be indicated as repeated on the student's academic transcript.
4. Course repetition at Santiago Canyon College does not guarantee that other institutions will approve such an action. This determination will be made by the respective transfer institution.

For courses designated as non-repeatable (Title 5, §55041), only the first two substandard grades may be excluded in computing the student's grade-point average (Title 5, §55042(c)).

The petition is submitted to the Admissions and Records Office of the student's home campus (SCC or SAC). Please consult with a college counselor about any questions regarding Academic Renewal eligibility.

### Academic and Progress Probation/Dismissal

A student's academic standing and progress is calculated at the end of the fall and spring semesters (calculations are not done after the summer session or intersession), based only on the SCC/SAC units and cumulative (RSCCD Total) grade point average (GPA). Academic and Progress Probation calculations begin after a student has attempted 12 units or more at SCC/SAC. Students are placed on Academic Probation when their RSCCD Total GPA for all SCC/SAC coursework falls below 2.0. Students are placed on Progress Probation when the

percentage of coursework at SCC/SAC has an entry of 'W', 'I', 'NP', and 'NC' which reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the coursework attempted.

### Academic Probation and Dismissal

- A1 Academic Probation – First Time**  
Students placed on academic probation for the first time (first semester under a RSCCD Total GPA of 2.0) are required to attend a counseling intervention workshop. An e-mail notification is sent to the student and a registration hold is placed on the student record until the completion of the workshop.
- A2 Academic Probation - Second Time**  
Students who have two consecutive semesters with a RSCCD Total GPA below 2.0 will lose priority registration for the next registration opportunity. Their registration date will be after all new applicants.
- AD Academic Dismissal**  
Students who have three consecutive semesters with a RSCCD Total GPA of below 2.0 at the end of the spring semester are dismissed. Students who are dismissed have a hold placed on their records and an e-mail is sent notifying them of their status. Students cannot register for classes at SCC or SAC for one full semester. When students return after "sitting out" one semester, they will return on academic probation and will continue to lose registration priority until their RSCCD Total GPA is at or above a 2.0.

Students who have three consecutive semesters with a RSCCD Total GPA of 2.0 at the end of the fall semester are "subject to dismissal" and a hold is placed on their student record. Since they have already registered for the spring semester they are given a grace period to improve their RSCCD Total GPA. If the RSCCD Total GPA remains below a 2.0 at the end of the spring semester, they will be academically dismissed and will not be able to register for classes at SCC or SAC for one full semester. When they return after "sitting out" one semester, they will return on academic probation and will continue to lose registration priority until their RSCCD Total GPA is at or above a 2.0.

### Progress Probation and Dismissal

- P1 Academic Probation – First Time**  
Students placed on Progress Probation for the first time (first semester where the total of W, NP, or I grades is 50% or more of all grades earned) will be notified and provided intervention services.



**P2 Progress Probation – Second Time**  
Students who have two consecutive semesters of progress probation will lose priority registration for the next registration opportunity. Their registration date will be after all new applicants.

**PD Progress Dismissal**  
Students who have three consecutive semesters with less than 50% of their coursework earning a grade at the end of the spring semester are dismissed. Students who are dismissed have a hold placed on their records and an e-mail is sent notifying them of their status. A student cannot register for classes at SCC or SAC for one full semester. When the student returns after “sitting out” one semester, the student will return on progress probation and will continue to lose registration priority.

Students who have three consecutive semesters with less than 50% of their coursework completed with a grade at the end of the fall semester are “subject to dismissal” and a hold is placed on their student record. Since the student has already registered for the spring semester, they are given a grace period to improve their course completion rate. If the percentage of completed coursework remains below 50% at the end of the spring semester, they will be dismissed and will not be able to register for classes at SCC or SAC for one full semester. When the student returns after “sitting out” one semester, the student will return on progress probation and will continue to lose registration priority.

**Important Note:** Registration priority shall be lost at the first registration opportunity after a student is placed on academic or progress probation or any combination thereof for two consecutive terms.

## Attendance and Drops

**Drop for Non-payment Policy:** Enrollment fees must be paid in full within 3 days of registration (including weekends and holidays) or all classes may be dropped and released to other students. The day you register is counted as day 1 of the 3 days.

Students are expected to attend all sessions of the classes in which they are enrolled. Students should report absences due to illness to the instructor prior to missing class.

A student may be dropped for not attending the first class meeting or for excessive absences when the total hours of absence exceed 10% of the total scheduled hours of the class.

Under extenuating circumstances, a student may be reinstated by the instructor. A student may also be dropped by the instructor when not appearing at the first class meeting.

It is the student's responsibility to withdraw officially from a course. Students are responsible for any and all charges incurred resulting from a failure to withdraw from classes within the refund period.

### Post-9/11 GI Bill® and VR&E Beneficiaries (Chapter 33 and Chapter 31 beneficiaries)

The Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-407) allows students that will be utilizing Ch. 33 or Ch. 31 VA benefits to attend a course of education or training for up to 90 days from the date the beneficiary provides a certificate of eligibility (COE), or valid authorization from VOC Rehab counselor. Students must submit all required certification request forms directly to the Veterans Service Office (VSO) for processing. Submission of forms will allow students to attend the course until the VA provides payment to the institution without penalty or requiring to borrow additional funds to cover mandatory tuition and fees due to late payments from the VA. Any student that does not have 100% entitlement for Ch. 33 VA benefits, will be responsible for any remaining balance after the VA submits payments directly to the school. For further information, please contact the VSO directly.

**Online Drop Policy:** Students are expected to complete regular and substantive coursework in online classes. In distance education context, coursework will be used to determine student attendance. Simply logging into an online class is not sufficient to demonstrate academic attendance by the student. Examples of coursework for online classes might include, but are not limited to, class discussions, completed assignments, completed quizzes or exams, group work, etc. Students who fail to submit substantive coursework by the due date may be dropped from the class. Completing an assignment on the first day of the class may also be required in order to avoid being dropped from the class. Please refer to the class syllabus and the class section information, found in the class schedule, for the specific attendance (regular and substantive coursework) requirements.

**Online Drop Policy for Emergency Situations:** During the current pandemic and in emergency situations, students are expected to complete regular and substantive coursework in online classes. In distance education context, coursework will be used to determine student attendance. Simply logging into an online class is not sufficient to demonstrate academic attendance by the

student. Examples of coursework for online classes might include, but are not limited to, class discussions, completed assignments, completed quizzes or exams, group work, etc. In Hybrid classes, students are expected to attend all scheduled classroom hours. Students who fail to submit regular and substantive coursework may be dropped from the class. Completing an assignment on the first day of the class may also be required in order to avoid being dropped from the class. Please refer to the class syllabus and the class section information, found in the class schedule, for the specific attendance (regular and substantive coursework) requirements.

## Auditing

Santiago Canyon College does not permit auditing of classes.

## Basic Skills Course Limit

Students are limited to 30 units of basic skills coursework. Basic skills courses include nondegree, basic skill classes in Mathematics, English, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Reading. Students who reach 30 units of remedial coursework are prevented from further registration. The student must complete a petition form and meet with a counselor who advises the student on a comprehensive student education plan or refers the student to continuing education.

A waiver is required beyond 30 units. Students must show a “C” or better or a 2.0 GPA in basic skills courses to qualify for a waiver. Waiver forms are available in the Admissions and Records Office and the Counseling Office.

## Career Technical Education (CTE) Transitions

CTE Transitions is funded through the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) and it provides students an opportunity to earn college credit in an identified career pathway while still in high school. CTE Transitions focuses on helping Career Technical Education students' transition from high school to community college and on to the world of work. There is no cost to students participating in the CTE Transitions program. For more information on which courses articulate with the local Central Orange County Career Technical Education Partnership (CTEp), please contact the CTE Transitions Coordinator at 714-628-4889, or visit [www.sccollege.edu/transitions](http://www.sccollege.edu/transitions).

## Classification of Students

Special Admit Student - one who is concurrently enrolled in high school.

Freshman - one who has completed 0-29 units.



Sophomore - one who has completed 30 or more units.

Graduate - one who has received an associate degree.

### Course Repeatability and Repetition

State regulations (Title 5, sections 55040-55045) restrict the number of times a student may enroll in a course within a community college district. The number of times a student may enroll in a course is based on whether the course is designated "repeatable" or "non-repeatable." Any student registering to repeat a course not identified as repeatable or repeating a course more often than permitted may be dropped from the course.

Courses may be repeated only under the following circumstances:

**Substandard Work for Non-Repeatable Courses:** A student has up to three enrollments in the same course (SCC and SAC combined) to receive a satisfactory grade. After three enrollments, the student can no longer register for the course within this college district. After two enrollments, the student loses the ability to register for the class online. A repeat form must be completed in Admissions and reviewed by an Admissions Office administrator. The last grade earned will count in the GPA calculation. Courses repeated under the provisions of this section will be indicated as repeated on the permanent academic record of the student. A student may not repeat a course to change a grade of C or above.

**Significant Lapse of Time:** Students may re-enroll in a course where the student has received a satisfactory grade of "C" (or Pass) or better in their last enrollment and there has been a significant lapse of time since completion of the course. California Code of Regulations defines a "significant lapse of time" as three (3) calendar years and an institution of higher education to which the student wishes to transfer has established a recency requirement that the student cannot satisfy without repeating the course (Title 5, §55043). Students must submit a petition to the Admissions and Records office to re-enroll in the course. Grades awarded for courses repeated under this provision shall replace the original grade. Only one repetition may be used for significant lapse of time (W grade counts towards repetition).

**Repeatable Courses:** Repeatable Courses: As of January 2013, only three types of courses are repeatable under state regulations:

- 1) Courses for which additional enrollments are necessary to meet the major requirements of California State University

or University of California for completion of a bachelor's degree. Such courses may allow for additional enrollments to allow the student to meet the lower division component of these major requirements. The number of maximum enrollments may not exceed four and might be fewer if the transfer institution requires fewer than four enrollments or if the course is related in content to other courses offered at the college.

- 2) Intercollegiate athletics. These courses include those in which student athletes are enrolled to participate in an organized competitive sport sponsored by the district or a conditioning course which supports the organized competitive sport. Student athletes are limited to no more than 350 contact hours within a fiscal year (July 1-June 30); they are permitted a maximum of 175 hours in courses dedicated to the sport and 175 hours in courses focusing on skill development and conditioning.
- 3) Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition. Such courses must be designed specifically for students to participate in non-athletic competitive events, the competitions must be between students from different colleges, the competition must be sanctioned by a formal collegiate or industry governing body, and participation in the event must be directly related to the course content. Students enrolled in these courses are required to participate in the academic or vocational competition.

Repeatable courses are identified in the catalog's course descriptions. A student may not re-enroll in a course to replace a grade of a course identified as repeatable in the college catalog. All grades earned within the repeatability sequence will count as completed courses regardless of grade earned.

**Legally Mandated Training:** Students may re-enroll in a course if the repetition is a requirement for continued paid or volunteer employment. Students must complete a petition and submit appropriate documentation to the Admissions and Records Office as evidence that a student is legally mandated to re-enroll in the course. All grades issued under this provision will count towards the students GPA.

**Significant Change in Industry or Licensure Standards:** Students may be permitted to repeat a previously completed course if there has been a significant change in industry or licensure standards since the student last took the courses such that the student could not obtain or maintain his or her employment or license without retaking the course and the student is

required to repeat the course for employment or licensure. Students must complete a petition and submit appropriate documentation to the Admissions and Records Office.

**Active Participatory Courses:** Active participatory courses in physical education, visual arts, or performing arts (including but not limited to Art, Dance, Kinesiology, Music, and Theatre) that are related in content to one or more other courses have additional restriction on repeatability and repetition. Course are defined as being related in content when they have "similar primary educational activities in which skill levels or variations are separated into distinct courses with different student learning outcomes for each level or variation." Students are limited to four semester enrollments in courses that are related in content; this limitation applies even if an active participatory course is designated as repeatable. Students may repeat active participatory courses in which a substandard grade or W was received, however all enrollments count toward the four enrollment maximum.

**Honors Courses:** A student who has completed a Santiago Canyon College Honors course and who has received a substandard grade may re-enroll in the course without the Honors notation attached to the course number. If a student participating in the Santiago Canyon College Honors program chooses to re-enroll in the non-Honors version of the course, there will be consequences relating to participation in the Honors program. Please refer to the Honors Program and Honors Courses section of the catalog.

### Computer and Network Use

The Rancho Santiago Community College District owns and operates a variety of information resources, including hardware, software, and Internet access. These information resources are provided solely for the use of RSCCD students, faculty, and staff in support of the education, research, academic development, and public service programs of RSCCD.

RSCCD information resources provide access to information content and communication worldwide. Access to, and use of, these information resources is a privilege, which is to be used responsibly. RSCCD information resources users must respect the rights of other users, respect the integrity of the information resources, and observe all relevant RSCCD Board Policies, Administrative Regulations, and federal, state, and local laws. All students, faculty, and staff are responsible for seeing that these RSCCD information resources are used in an appropriate, effective, efficient, ethical, and lawful manner, including but not limited to the illegal downloading and/





or unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including peer-to-peer file sharing. Violations of Federal copyright laws may subject the violator to civil and criminal penalties as well as disciplinary action.

Administrative regulations establish rules and prohibitions that define acceptable use of RSCCD resources. Unacceptable use is prohibited and is grounds for loss of use of information resources, as well as discipline or legal actions as provided for under RSCCD Board Policy and federal, state, and local laws.

## Credit By Examination

### Eligible Courses

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences:  
None

Business & Career Education:  
Criminal Justice 101  
Water Utility Science 050

Counseling & Student Support Services:  
None

Mathematics & Sciences:  
Mathematics 080, 086, 140, 170, 171,  
180, 219, 220  
Physics 150AC, 150BC

1. Applications for credit by examination may be obtained in the Admissions and Records Office at Santiago Canyon College. The student will be advised whether a testing fee is to be charged and where it should be paid. Applicants must be currently enrolled at Santiago Canyon College and be in good standing.

Fee charged for Credit by Examination is enrollment fee + number of units. Financial Aid cannot be used for Credit by Examination. Fee must be paid before exam takes place.

2. **A student must not enroll in a course which is to be challenged.** In the event a student decides to challenge a course in which he or she is already enrolled, he or she must withdraw from that course **prior to the end of the second week of instruction.**
3. Credit may be earned only for courses that are: 1) currently listed in the Santiago Canyon College catalog, and 2) specifically listed as eligible for credit by examination. A student may attempt credit by examination only once in a particular course.
4. Students should be aware that some divisions offer credit by examination only on specific dates; therefore, students should obtain examination schedules from the appropriate offices as early in the semester as possible.
5. The dean, in consultation with the department involved, will determine

whether a departmental or a standardized examination is to be administered and when and where it will be administered. At this same time, the student will be given a course outline and any other pertinent information detailing subject matter requirements of the course being challenged.

6. Students may apply for credit by examination in sequential courses, but may take examinations for the courses having prerequisites in the sequence only if credit has been earned by examination or coursework in the earlier course(s) of the sequence.
7. Grading of the examination is on a Pass/No Pass basis. Pass represents a grade of "C" or better and will be shown on the transcript as "credit by exam." Grades less than "C" will be reported to the Admissions and Records Office but not recorded on the transcript. "Pass" grades will be computed as units earned but will not be counted in the grade point average.
8. The examiner shall transmit examination results to the Santiago Canyon College division office. The division dean will review the examination results and will transmit this information to the Admissions and Records Office.
9. Units for which P is given in this category will not be counted in determining the residency requirement for a certificate or an associate degree.
10. A student cannot take Credit by Examination to improve a substandard grade.

### Drug Free Environment and Drug Prevention Program

The district shall be free from all drugs and from the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in all facilities under the control and use of the district. Any student or employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include referral to an appropriate rehabilitation program, the Employee Assistance Program, suspension, demotion, expulsion, or dismissal.

The RSCCD Chancellor shall assure that the district distributes information annually to students and employees as required by the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and in compliance with other requirements of the Act. Please refer to Board Policy (BP 3550) for specific information or contact the Student Health and Wellness Services at 714-628-4773.

## Dual Enrollment Program

The steps listed below allow high school students to use college credit coursework to meet high school graduation requirements.

1. Download at [www.sccollege.edu/dualenrollment](http://www.sccollege.edu/dualenrollment) a Special Admit Form and obtain approval from your high school to enroll at Santiago Canyon College. Only approved signatures from your high school will be accepted. Signatures that do not match what Santiago Canyon College has on file will not be accepted. For a list of approved signatures from your high school, please contact Admissions and Records Office.
2. All college class prerequisites must be met.
3. Math and English placement testing are not required. High school performance and/or Guided Self-Placement will be used to provide the student with course recommendations.
4. Any student who is not yet 15 years of age or below 9th grade must have approval from the Santiago Canyon College Division Dean.
5. Any Special Admit student below the 9th grade as well as any Special Admit student who registers as a full-time student will be charged the regular community college enrollment fees.
6. Santiago Canyon College will charge enrollment fees to nonresident students who hold an F1/F2 visa. F1/F2 students are not exempted from enrollment fees.
7. Special Admit students by law do not have priority registration.

## Email

During the application process, students at Santiago Canyon College will provide an email account. This email address may be updated in WebAdvisor as desired by the student. The College will email students to share college information and as a means of communication regarding college business.

## Enrollment Priority

The State of California has adopted a law under Title 5 Regulation 58108, establishing enrollment priorities for students attending California Community Colleges. Districts shall provide highest and equal priority to students eligible for registration priority who are:

1. A member of the armed forces or a veteran pursuant to Education Code section 66025.8,



2. A foster youth or former foster youth pursuant to Education Code section 66025.9,
3. Determined to be eligible for Disabled Student Program and Services as set forth in Education Code section 66025.91,
4. Receiving services through the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services as set forth in Education Code section 66025.91, or
5. Receiving aid from the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids Program as set forth in Education Code section 66025.92

Registration times will be assigned each term to students in the following order:

1. Title 5 mandated groups (see above).
2. Continuing students by units completed at R.S.C.C.D.
3. New/returning students.
4. Loss of Priority students and those who have completed 100 or more degree-applicable units at R.S.C.C.D.
5. Dual Enrollment Program.

Check online for enrollment priority dates.

### Loss of Enrollment Priority

Continuing students at Santiago Canyon College will lose their enrollment priority for the following reasons:

- 1) Student has attempted 12 units and their RSCCD cumulative GPA has fallen below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters and is on academic probation.
- 2) Student has attempted 12 units and the percentage of all coursework at SCC/SAC has an entry of "W", "I", "NP", and "NC" which reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50%). § 55031.
- 3) Student has earned 100 or more degree applicable units from Santiago Canyon and Santa Ana Colleges.

Students who have SCC as their home campus can submit a petition for appeal to the Admissions and Records Office at SCC. Students who are not in good academic standing can appeal for one of the following reasons: 1) there were extenuating circumstances (verified cases of accident, illness) and can provide documentation; 2) the student can demonstrate SIGNIFICANT academic improvement in a subsequent term. Students who have earned 100 or more degree applicable units can appeal if they have declared a high-unit major and are currently working toward a degree. Forms for these appeals can be obtained in Admissions and

Records Office or downloaded from the college website.

### Experimental Courses

The college may offer Experimental courses, N98 (non-degree applicable), 098 (non-transfer), or 198 (transfer) under any discipline listed in the announcement of courses. Experimental courses are specialized courses on topics related to the immediate and changing needs of students. A student who received a satisfactory grade in an Experimental course may not re-enroll in a course with the same discipline name and number, even though the topics may be different.

### Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

As required under the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Santiago Canyon College will make public without student consent only certain directory information. This consists of the following: a student's name; city of residence; major field; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; weight, height and age if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance; degree and awards received; and the most recent previous educational institution or agency attended by the student.

A student initially agrees or denies a FERPA release at the point of application. However, a student may come to Admissions and Records Office at any time to opt out of the FERPA disclosure or agree to the release of directory information. Admissions Forms: "FERPA Consent to Release" or "FERPA Consent NOT to Release" directory information.

### FERPA Family Education Rights and Privacy Notification

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 provides colleges the right to consent to disclose personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records to third party vendors who are identified as School Officials and who have legitimate educational interests. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his/her professional responsibility.

A school official is a person employed by the College in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including district safety personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the College has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees or a member of an official college committee.

Santiago Canyon College contracts with the following School Officials:

Auditors (Vicenti-Lloyd-Stutzman)  
 Barbering/Cosmetology  
 Unilateral Training Committee  
 California/Nevada Training Trust  
 CCCApply (Unicom)  
 Credentials (Online transcript request)  
 Ellucian Colleague  
 ECS Imaging (optical imaging)  
 Electrical Training Trust  
 Image Now (optical imaging)  
 Medpro and Quest (Health Center)  
 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
 National Student Clearinghouse  
 Operating Engineers Training Trust  
 Santa Ana Beauty Academy  
 SARS (Counseling center)  
 Southern California Surveyors  
 Southwest Carpenters Training Fund  
 Xerox

### Free Expression

Santiago Canyon College supports liberal policies regarding free speech for individual students, college staff, nonofficial college groups, and visiting speakers. Please refer to Board Policy (BP 3900) for specific information.

### Grades and GPA

Grades are based upon the quality of work completed, that is, upon actual accomplishment in courses offered for credit. Credit by Examination, Class In Progress (CIP), Incomplete (I), Pass/No Pass (P or NP), Report Delayed (RD), and Withdrawals (W, EW, or MW) are not figured into Grade Point Average (GPA). The grade point average is computed by dividing all other units attempted into all grade points received. The meaning of each Grade and its value in Grade Points is as follows:

Grade	Grade Points
A - Excellent	4 per unit earned
B - Good	3 per unit earned
C - Satisfactory	2 per unit earned
*D - Passing, Less than satisfactory	1 per unit earned
*F - Failing	0 per unit attempted
P - Pass	0 per unit earned
NP - No Pass	0 per unit attempted
W - Withdrawal	0 (no units earned)
EW - Excused Withdrawal	0 (no units earned)
MW - Military Withdrawal	0 (no units earned)
UF - Unauthorized Withdrawal	0 (no units earned)
WF - Withdrawal, Failing	0 (no units earned)
I - Incomplete	0 (no units earned)
CIP - Class In progress	0 (no units earned)
RD - Report delayed	0 (no units earned)

**\*Does not satisfy prerequisite requirements.**



## Incomplete Work

When a student has attended regularly but because of illness or other unavoidable circumstances is unable to complete coursework or take the final examination, a grade of "I" may be assigned. If an "I" is issued, the instructor completes the Incomplete Grade Form which includes the condition(s) for removal of the "I", and the grade to be assigned if the condition(s) are not completed. A student may not re-register in the same course in which an Incomplete grade is pending. The work thus missed must be made up **no later than one year** following the end of the term in which it was assigned.

A final grade will be assigned when the work stipulated has been completed and evaluated according to the conditions set forth by the instructor or when the time limit for completing the work has passed. If condition(s) are not met after one year, the incomplete grade will be changed to an "F" grade or the grade specified by the instructor on the Incomplete Grade Form.

## Pass/No Pass

Pass/No Pass encourages students to explore academic areas outside a major field.

1. Courses in the student's major field may not be taken under the Pass/No Pass policy except for major courses for an Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT), courses for which Pass/No Pass is the only grading option, and units earned through Credit by Examination (CBE) or assessment.
2. Every university has a limitation on the number of courses/units that can be taken for Pass/No Pass and applied to graduation and may require General Education taken Pass/No Pass to be retaken for a letter grade. Universities sometimes prefer that students have letter grades in English, mathematics, speech, and critical thinking courses. Courses that meet major requirements at a university (other than major requirements for ADTs) typically must be taken for a letter grade. Also, Pass/No Pass grades could have a negative effect on scholarships and international students. In addition, students who plan to pursue graduate or professional studies later are advised to be selective in opting for courses on a Pass/No Pass basis.  
If the student is unclear about requirements, it is best to consult with a counselor before using the Pass/No Pass option.
3. Except as in item number one above, a maximum of 6 Pass/No Pass units may be carried during any one semester.
4. A maximum of 14 Pass/No Pass units is allowed for any degree program. This does not include units taken under credit by examination or assessment, or units

earned in courses for which Pass/No Pass is the only grading option.

5. Pass/No Pass petitions are available at the Admissions and Records Office. The Pass/No Pass petition must be signed by a counselor and be submitted between the first and fifth week of the fall and spring terms or thirty percent (30%) of the class meeting dates, whichever is less. **Pass/No Pass status cannot be changed back to a letter grade.**
6. Pass indicates a "C" or better.

## Grade Grievances

### Procedures for Student Grievances Regarding Grades

Education Code 76224 states:

- (a) When grades are given for any course of instruction taught in a community college district, the grade given to each student shall be the grade determined by the instructor of the course and the determination of the student's grade by the instructor, in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency, shall be final.

### Procedure

1. Students may request a grade change no later than one year following the awarding of the original grade.
2. Student shall meet with the instructor to discuss the grade.
3. If the issue is not resolved and the student believes that the grade is based on mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetency (EC 76224), he/she may appeal in writing to the Division Dean.  
  
Forms for the written appeal may be found in Division offices or by searching the Santiago Canyon College website.
4. The student may be requested to set up an appointment with the Division Dean to discuss the written grievance.
5. The Division Dean will review the allegations and consult with the instructor.
6. The Division Dean will review the issue and will notify the student and instructor in writing of his/her decision.
7. The decision of the Division Dean is final.

## Grade Notification

Grades are available on WebAdvisor upon grade submission by the instructor. Log into WebAdvisor and select grades under Academic Profile.

## General Grievances

Most complaint or grievance matters should be resolved at the department/division dean level. If a complaint does not fall into one of the previously mentioned, please see the dean that supervises the department.

### Procedure

1. Students shall first confer with the person who took the action or made the ruling to which they object no later than ten (10) days following the event which prompted the grievance.
  - a. The Associate Dean of Student Development will assist the student in arranging an appointment between the student and staff member.
2. If the difference is not satisfactorily resolved, the student shall confer with the person's supervisor.
  - a. The Associate Dean of Student Development will assist the student in arranging an appointment between the student and the staff member's supervisor.
3. If the grievance is still unresolved, the student may file a written statement setting forth the nature of the grievance on the prescribed form with the Vice President of Student Services, no later than ten (10) days after conferring with the person's supervisor.
4. The grievance form shall be completed in full and shall include a full description of the grievance, times, dates and pertinent facts and the remedy sought by the student.
  - a. A Student Grievance Staff Response form will be sent to both the staff member and a supervisor for completion.
5. The Vice President of Student Services shall select a Student Grievance Panel. The administrator involved then shall forward the completed forms to the panel chair for review and recommendation. The panel shall have the power to make an appropriate investigation of the grievance and shall state the findings and make a recommendation.
6. If the grievance is sustained by the panel, it will recommend appropriate action for relief of the grievance and communicate this in writing to the person(s) to whom the grievance was directed. If the findings of the panel do not sustain the grievance, the panel shall communicate this finding in writing to the student who filed the grievance. The ruling of the Student Grievance Panel is final.





### Student Grievance Panel Structure

- one non-voting chair (except in situations of a tie vote)
- one student representative
- one classified representative
- one faculty representative
- one administrative representative

### Other Possibilities for Complaints/ Grievances

Information on student grievance procedures is available at Santiago Canyon College. Grievances should be filed with the Associate Dean of Student Development, in room A-201. Complaint and/or grievance issues that are not resolved at the campus level may be presented to the agencies provided below.

- If your complaint is associated with the institution's compliance with academic program quality and accrediting standards, contact the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) at [www.accjc.org/complaint-process](http://www.accjc.org/complaint-process)
- If your complaint does not concern California Community College's (CCC) compliance with academic program quality and accrediting standards, complete the CCC Chancellor's Office Web form at [www.californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/ComplaintsForm.aspx](http://www.californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu/ComplaintsForm.aspx)
- If your complaint involves unlawful discrimination, contact the Chancellor's Office Web site at [www.cccco.edu/ChancellorsOffice/Divisions/Legal/Discrimination/tabid/294/Default.aspx](http://www.cccco.edu/ChancellorsOffice/Divisions/Legal/Discrimination/tabid/294/Default.aspx).

### Independent Study

Independent study allows students to pursue projects under faculty advisement and supervision. The projects may be directed field experience, research, or development of skills and competencies. Transfer credit is indicated as Independent Study 199.

Independent study projects are normally for one unit of credit and require a minimum of 48 hours of directed work per unit of credit. Within the 48-hour minimum the instructor meets with each student on a weekly basis for at least one hour or a minimum of 16 hours for each one-unit project. The proposed project must be approved by the supervising instructor and the dean, with notification to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. Independent study is offered on a Pass/No Pass basis.

Independent study projects are normally undertaken in the department or division of the student's academic major. Exceptions to this rule must be approved by both the division dean of the student's academic major and the

division dean to whom the student is applying for exception.

To be eligible for independent study, a student must be concurrently enrolled in at least one other class at either Santiago Canyon College or Santa Ana College and must show evidence of competence in the academic major and in the area of proposed independent study.

### Lost and Found

In the event of losing an item on campus, please contact Safety and Security either in person in U-90 or by telephone at 714-628- 4730. An officer will review the lost and found register to see if your item has been found. If so, you may claim your item with approved identification. In the event the item has not been found, the officer will record a description of the item and your contact information in order to contact you if the item is found. All lost items will be stored until the fourth week of the following semester. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a local thrift store.

### Open Enrollment

The policy of the Rancho Santiago Community College District and Santiago Canyon College is that, unless specifically exempted by statute or regulation, every course, course section, or class, reported for state aid, wherever offered and maintained by the college, shall be fully open to enrollment and participation by any person who has been admitted to the college and who meets such prerequisites as may be established pursuant to section 55003 of division 6 of title 5 of the *California Code of Regulations*.

### Parking

#### Campus Parking Information

RSCCD requires parking permits for student and staff lots at Santiago Canyon College during the fall and spring semesters and summer session. Parking permits are not required during intersession. Parking permits must be displayed on the first day of the semester/session. There is no grace period. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase their parking permits via the online WebAdvisor system when they register for classes. Parking permits may also be purchased using the link on the Safety & Security website. Day permits may be purchased through dispensers located in parking lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7. The purchase of your permit helps fund parking services and vehicle security when parked on campus.

#### Accessible Parking

Several areas on campus are designated for accessible parking. Vehicles in these areas are

NOT required to display a current SCC parking permit or daily permit, but must display a state-issued Disabled Person (DP) or Disabled Veteran (DV) parking placard or license plate. Temporary SCC parking permits may be granted by contacting Disabled Students Programs and Services (DSPS) or Administrative Services while students await a state-issued placard or license plate. Verification of disability will be required and temporary permits can only be used in the parking stalls indicated on permit.

### Citation Information

Vehicles that do not display either a current parking permit or a daily parking permit will be issued a citation. Other citations will be issued if students park their vehicles in reserved parking, staff parking or visitor parking. Disabled parking spaces are strictly enforced with citations of \$350 being issued to vehicles that violate the regulations. More information on parking citations and enforcement can be found on the SCC website at [www.sccollege.edu/parking](http://www.sccollege.edu/parking). A listing of all campus parking and traffic regulations can be found at [www.sccollege.edu/Departments/Security/Pages/parking-regulations.aspx](http://www.sccollege.edu/Departments/Security/Pages/parking-regulations.aspx).

### Refund of Parking Fee

Students who withdraw from full-semester classes through the first two weeks of instruction may request a refund of their parking permit.

Students must return the parking permit in its original condition to receive a refund. No refund will be allowed after the second week of instruction. No refund will be allowed if the parking permit is lost or stolen. Receipts must be presented.

Students who lose or have their parking permit stolen must purchase a new permit at full price.

### Parking Lot Disclaimer

Rancho Santiago Community College District is not responsible for damages to, loss of, or thefts from vehicles parked on campus, except as defined under the applicable Government Codes of California, including [810-966.6].

### Photography

Santiago Canyon College, a non-profit California Community College, reserves the right to use photography and video images of students and visitors, age 18 and older, taken on our property and at college-sponsored events for marketing and promotional purposes. Objection to the use of an individual's photography may be made in writing to Public Affairs and Publications, RSCCD District Office, 2323 N. Broadway, Suite 408, Santa Ana, CA 92706.



## Requisites and Advisories

Santiago Canyon College has adopted a policy on course prerequisites, corequisites, and advisories in order to provide for the establishing, reviewing, and challenging of prerequisites, corequisites, recommended preparation, and certain limitations on enrollment in a manner consistent with law and good practice. The policy, which is specified for implementation as an administrative regulation, is established pursuant to regulations contained in section 55003 of Chapter 6 of Title 5 of *California Code of Regulations*. The RSCCD Board of Trustees recognizes that if these prerequisites, corequisites and limitations are established unnecessarily or inappropriately they constitute unjustifiable obstacles to student access and success and, therefore, the board adopts this policy which calls for caution and careful scrutiny in establishing them. Nonetheless, the board also recognizes that it is as important to have prerequisites in place where they are a vital factor in maintaining academic standards and in assuring the health and safety of students as it is to avoid establishing prerequisites where they are not needed. For these reasons, the board has sought to establish a policy that fosters the appropriate balance between these two concerns.

### Important Definitions

It is very important to understand the definitions of the terms **Prerequisites**, **Corequisites** and **Advisory**. Note that prerequisites and corequisites may be challenged. See *Prerequisite Challenge Policy*, for more information.

**Prerequisite** indicates a condition of enrollment that a student is required to meet in order to demonstrate current readiness for enrollment in a course or educational program. A prerequisite represents a set of skills or a body of knowledge that a student must possess prior to enrollment and without which the student is highly unlikely to succeed in the course or program. Students will not be permitted to enroll in such courses and programs without the appropriate prerequisite. **All prerequisite courses must be completed with a letter grade of "C" or better.**

**Corequisite** indicates a condition of enrollment consisting of a course that a student is required to simultaneously take in order to enroll in another course. A corequisite represents a set of skills or a body of knowledge that a student must acquire through concurrent enrollment in another course and without which the student is highly unlikely to succeed. **Students must concurrently enroll in the corequisite course.**

**Advisory** indicates that while a course is not required prior to enrollment, it is highly advised in order to strengthen the likelihood of success in subsequent courses.

### Prerequisite Policy

Prerequisite means the preparation or previous course work considered necessary for success in the course. The College requires students to complete prerequisites as pre-enrollment preparation. Prerequisites which are listed in the College Catalog include

- 1) Courses for which specific prerequisites have been established,
- 2) Sequential course work in a degree-applicable program, and
- 3) Courses in which an equivalent prerequisite exists at a four-year transfer college or university.

Questions about prerequisites are best resolved with a counselor or instructor prior to the first day of class.

### Prerequisite Challenge Process

A prerequisite challenge requires written documentation, explanation of alternative course work, and/or background or abilities which adequately prepare the student for the course. A Requisite Challenge Form can be obtained from the appropriate instructional office. Prerequisites may be challenged for one or more of the following reasons:

- 1) The college has not developed the prerequisite according to its established procedures or has not developed the prerequisite in accord with existing statutes.
- 2) The prerequisite is discriminatory or is being applied in a discriminatory fashion.
- 3) The college has not made the prerequisite course reasonably available.
- 4) The student has documented knowledge and abilities equivalent to those specified in the prerequisite course.

The challenge will be reviewed by a committee consisting of the dean, or designee, department chair, or designee, and one department or division representative or designee.

If space is available in a course when a student files a challenge to the prerequisite or corequisite, the district shall reserve a seat for the student and resolve the challenge in a timely manner. If no space is available in the course when a challenge is filed, the challenge shall be resolved prior to the beginning of

registration for the next term and, if the challenge is upheld, the student shall be permitted to enroll if space is available when the student registers for that subsequent term.

**NOTE:** Students who are challenging a course which is a requirement for a degree or certificate may wish to use the *Credit by Examination* process to receive credit for the challenged course.

*Specific regulations and procedures relating to course prerequisites, corequisites, and advisories are on file in the office of the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Santiago Canyon College.*

## Student Right to Appeal

A student has the right to appeal an exception to a current Santiago Canyon College academic policy, including academic probation and progress probation, to be made on their behalf. The student must complete and submit a petition. Petitions are obtained and submitted to the Admissions Office. Students must provide valid justification and documentation to support their request. The Exceptions to Academic Regulations Committee will review and make decisions on all requests. Students will be informed of the outcome in a timely manner. Petitions are obtained and submitted to the Admissions Office.

### Publicity

All announcements, publicity and advertisements posted on college facilities must be approved by the Administrative Services Office in A-204.

### Sequential Courses

Courses arranged in order of a sequence (i.e. beginning, intermediate and advanced) must be taken chronologically. Students may not enroll in a lower level course after passing a higher level version of the same course. (e.g. enrolling in Basic Aerobics after passing Intermediate Aerobics).

## Sexual Misconduct, Intimate Partner Violence, and Stalking

Any sexual harassment and sexual misconduct or physical abuse, including, but not limited to, rape, as defined by state and federal law, whether committed by an employee, student, or member of the public, may be a violation of district policies and procedures, and is subject to all applicable punishment, including criminal procedures, civil litigation and employee or student discipline procedures. Students, faculty, and staff who report sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, dating or



domestic violence (intimate partner violence) and stalking shall be treated with dignity and provided comprehensive assistance.

The District has established administrative procedures that ensure that students, faculty, and staff who are victims of sexual and other forms of misconduct receive appropriate information and treatment, and that educational information about preventing sexual violence is provided and publicized as required by law (please see Administrative Regulation and Interim Administrative Regulations 3425 for complete procedures). The use of alcohol or drugs never makes the Complainant at fault for reports of misconduct, intimate partner violence or stalking; therefore, Complainants should not be deterred from reporting incidents out of a concern that they might be disciplined for related violations of drug or alcohol policies. Except in extreme circumstances, Complainants shall not be subject to discipline for related violations of the Standards of Student Conduct.

Santiago Canyon College has the resources to assist and refer students who experienced sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, dating or domestic violence, and stalking. Immediate care and confidential counseling can be provided by the Student Health and Wellness Services, in Building T-102 or call (714) 432-6858. When the Student Health and Wellness Services is closed, contact Campus Safety and Security (not a confidential resource) directly in U-90 or call (714) 628-4730. If you have questions regarding an allegation, specific behavior or if you would like to discuss a concern with an administrator, please contact the Title IX Coordinator at (714) 480-7404. Additional off-campus resources can be found below:

Waymakers: 949-831-9110  
<https://waymakersoc.org/>

Human Options: 1-877-854-3594  
<https://humanoptions.org/>

Supporting Survivors: 714-517-6100 <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/bhs/services/support/ss>

Laura's House: 866-498-1511  
<https://www.laurashouse.org/>

National Suicide Prevention  
 Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255  
<https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Rape, Abuse & Incest National  
 Network: 1-800-656-HOPE  
<https://hotline.rainn.org/online>

### Harassment and Discrimination

Board Policy 3430 (BP 3430) prohibits all forms of harassment that are contrary to basic standards of conduct between individuals and

are prohibited by state and federal law, as well as this policy, and will not be tolerated. Interim Administrative Regulation 3425 details the procedures for the resolution of such complaints (<https://www.rscdd.edu/Trustees/Pages/policies-and-regulations.aspx>). This policy is widely published and publicized to all employees and students, including incoming employees and students. The District is committed to providing an academic and work environment that respects the dignity of individuals and groups. The District shall be free of sexual harassment and all forms of sexual intimidation and exploitation, including acts of sexual misconduct, dating or domestic violence, and stalking. The District shall also be free of other unlawful harassment or discrimination, including that which is based on any of the following statuses: race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, or sexual orientation of any person, or military and veteran status, or because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics. The Title IX Coordinator is responsible for resolving reports of sexual misconduct, sex or gender-based discrimination or harassment, dating or domestic violence, and stalking. To report an incident or file a complaint, please contact the following individuals:

Jean Pryor Estevez  
 Title IX Coordinator  
 Rancho Santiago Community College District  
 2323 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, California 92706-1640  
 Email: [Estevez\\_jean@rscdd.edu](mailto:Estevez_jean@rscdd.edu)  
 Phone: 714-480-7404  
 Web: [www.rscdd.edu/titleix](http://www.rscdd.edu/titleix)

Dr. Loretta Jordan  
 Deputy Title IX Coordinator  
 Santiago Canyon College  
 8045 E. Chapman Ave., Orange, CA 92869  
 Email: [Jordan\\_loretta@sccollege.edu](mailto:Jordan_loretta@sccollege.edu)  
 Phone: 714-628-4933

Any individual can submit a report by using the following link:  
[www.rscdd.edu/incidentreportingform](http://www.rscdd.edu/incidentreportingform)

Applicable regulations, resources, and additional information can be found at [www.rscdd.edu/titleix](http://www.rscdd.edu/titleix) or [www.rscdd.edu/civilrights](http://www.rscdd.edu/civilrights)

The District seeks to foster an environment in which all employees and students feel free to report incidents of harassment without fear of retaliation or reprisal. Retaliation for exercising one's right of protection from discrimination and/or harassment or for participating in the investigation of a complaint is prohibited by law and this policy, and will not be tolerated. All allegations of retaliation will be swiftly and thoroughly investigated. If the District

determines that discrimination, harassment, or retaliation has occurred, it will take all reasonable steps within its power to stop such conduct. Students or employees who engage in discrimination, harassment, or retaliation are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination or expulsion.

### Duty to Report

Except for psychologists in the College's Student Health Center, any District employee who knows of or has reason to know of sexual misconduct, dating or domestic violence, and stalking shall promptly inform the Title IX Coordinator. These employees are considered mandated reporters under Title IX and are required to disclose all information, including the names of the parties, even where the person has requested that their name remain confidential. Supervisors are mandated to report all incidents of harassment and retaliation that come to their attention.

The Title IX Coordinator or employees designated as "Officials with Authority" under Title IX will determine whether confidentiality is appropriate given the circumstances of each such incident as the District must then take appropriate steps to eliminate any gender discrimination/harassment/misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects. The District is required by the federal Clery Act to report certain types of crimes (including certain sex offenses) in statistical reports. However, while the District will report the type of incident in the annual crime statistics report known as the Annual Security Report, victim names/identities will not be revealed.

BP 3430 and AR 3425 applies to all aspects of the academic environment, including but not limited to classroom conditions, grades, academic standing, employment opportunities, scholarships, recommendations, disciplinary actions, and participation in any community college activity. In addition, this policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including but not limited to hiring, placement, promotion, disciplinary action, layoff, recall, transfer, leave of absence, training opportunities and compensation.

### Supportive Measures

The District will offer and implement appropriate and reasonable supportive measures to the Parties upon notice of alleged sexual harassment and/or retaliation. Supportive measures are non-disciplinary, non-punitive individualized services, offered as appropriate, as reasonably available and without fee or charge to the Parties, which are intended to restore or preserve equal access to the District's education program or activity, to protect the safety of all Parties or





the District's educational environment, and/or deter sexual harassment and/or retaliation.

The Title IX Coordinator will promptly make supportive measures available to the Parties upon receiving notice or a complaint, and will coordinate the effective implementation of such measures. At the time that supportive measures are offered, the District will inform the Complainant, in writing, that they may file a formal complaint with the District either at that time or in the future, if they have not done so already.

The District will maintain the privacy of the supportive measures, provided that privacy does not impair the District's ability to provide the supportive measures. The District will act to ensure as minimal an academic/occupational impact on the Parties as possible. The District will implement measures in a way that does not unreasonably burden the other party. Supportive measures may include, but are not limited to:

- Counseling and referral to medical and/or other healthcare services
- Referral to the Employee Assistance Program
- Referral to community-based service providers
- Student financial aid counseling
- Altered work arrangements for employees or student-employees
- Safety planning
- Campus safety escorts
- Implementing mutual contact limitations (no contact orders) between the Parties
- Academic support, extensions of deadlines, or other course/program-related adjustments
- Trespass orders
- Class or work schedule modifications, withdrawals, or leaves of absence
- Increased security and monitoring of certain areas of the campus
- Any other actions deemed appropriate by the Title IX Coordinator

Violations of no contact orders will be referred to appropriate student or employee conduct processes for enforcement.

### Student Sanctions

In cases involving Respondents who are students, the hearing process detailed herein shall serve as the due process hearing outlined in Section IV of Board Policy 5500. The following are the usual sanctions that may be imposed upon students or organizations singly or in combination:

- **Warning:** A verbal statement that the conduct was unacceptable and that further violation of any District policy, procedure, or directive will result in more severe sanctions/responsive actions.
- **Reprimand:** A written statement, included in the student's disciplinary file that the conduct was unacceptable and that further misconduct will result in more severe sanctions /responsive actions.
- **Required Counseling:** A mandate to meet with and engage in either District-sponsored or external counseling to better comprehend the misconduct and its effects.
- **Probation:** Authorization for the Respondent to return to classes, but with an understanding of expected appropriate future behavior and terms that may include denial of specified social privileges, exclusion from co-curricular activities, exclusion from designated areas of campus, no-contact orders, and/or other measures deemed appropriate. Any violations of the Standards of Student Conduct during this probationary period will result in further, more serious disciplinary action against the Respondent.
- **Suspension:** Termination of student status for a definite period of time not to exceed two academic years.
- **Expulsion:** Permanent termination of student status and revocation of rights to be on campus for any reason or to attend District-sponsored events.
- **Withholding Diploma:** The District may withhold a student's diploma for a specified period of time and/or deny a student participation in commencement activities if the student has an allegation pending or as a sanction if the student is found responsible for an alleged violation.
- **Revocation of Degree:** The District reserves the right to revoke a degree previously awarded from the District for serious violations committed by a student prior to graduation.
- **Student Organizational Sanctions:** Deactivation, loss of recognition, loss of some or all privileges for a specified period of time.
- **Other Actions:** In addition to or in place of the above sanctions, the District may assign any other sanctions as deemed appropriate.

### Employee Sanctions

Responsive actions for an employee who is found to have engaged in Prohibited Conduct, as defined herein include:

- Warning – Verbal or Written
- Performance Improvement Plan
- Enhanced supervision, observation, or review
- Required Counseling
- Required Training or Education
- Demotion
- Transfer
- Reassignment
- Assignment to new supervisor
- Restriction of stipends, research, and/or professional development resources
- Suspension with pay
- Suspension without pay
- Termination
- **Other Actions:** In addition to or in place of the above sanctions/responsive actions, the District may assign any other responsive actions as deemed appropriate.

Any individual can submit a report by using the following link: [www.rscdd.edu/incidentreportingform](http://www.rscdd.edu/incidentreportingform)

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### Definitions

The District has adopted the following definitions so as to address the unique environment of an academic community.

**Affirmative Consent** means an affirmative, conscious, and voluntary agreement to engage in sexual activity. It is the responsibility of each person involved in sexual activity to ensure that they have the affirmative consent of the other or others to engage in the sexual activity. Lack of protest or resistance does not mean consent, nor does silence mean consent. Affirmative consent must be ongoing throughout a sexual activity and can be revoked at any time. The existence of a dating relationship between the persons involved, or the fact of past sexual relations between them, should never by itself be assumed to be an indicator of consent. In California, a minor (meaning a person under the age of 18) cannot consent to sexual activity.

It shall not be a valid response to alleged lack of affirmative consent that the Respondent believed that the Complainant consented to the sexual activity under either of the following circumstances:

The Respondent's belief in affirmative consent arose from the intoxication or recklessness of the Respondent. Any allegation that alcohol or other drugs were involved in an incident will be reviewed.



The Respondent did not take reasonable steps, in the circumstances known to the Respondent at the time, to ascertain whether the complainant affirmatively consented.

It shall not be a valid response that the Respondent believed that the Complainant affirmatively consented to the sexual activity if the Respondent knew or reasonably should have known that the Complainant was unable to consent to the sexual activity under any of the following circumstances:

The Complainant was asleep or unconscious.

The Complainant was incapacitated due to the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication, so that the Complainant could not understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual activity.

The Complainant was unable to communicate due to a mental or physical condition.

**Complainant** means an individual who is alleged to be the victim of conduct that could constitute Sexual Harassment, as defined herein, whether the notice/complaint is presented by the individual or someone on the individual's behalf, such as a report by one who learned of the conduct in his or her official capacity as a faculty member or administrator.

**Formal Complaint** means a document submitted or signed by a Complainant or signed by the Title IX Coordinator alleging Prohibited Conduct against a Respondent and requesting that the District investigate the allegation.

**Notice** means that an employee, student, or third-party informs the Title IX Coordinator or other Official with Authority of the alleged occurrence of harassing, discriminatory, and/or retaliatory conduct.

**Official with Authority (OWA)** means an employee of the District explicitly vested with the responsibility to implement corrective measures for sexual harassment and/or retaliation on behalf of the District.

**Prohibited Conduct** means any sexual misconduct, gender or sex-based discrimination or harassment, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and retaliation.

**Remedies** are actions taken to address safety, prevent recurrence of Prohibited Conduct, and restore equal access to the District's educational program.

**Resolution Process** refers broadly to the process for addressing Formal Complaints either by informal resolution or through a Formal Grievance Process that includes investigation, live hearing, and appeal.

**Respondent** means an individual who has been reported to be the perpetrator of Prohibited Conduct, as defined herein.

**Sanction** means a consequence imposed by the District on a Respondent who is found to

have engaged in Prohibited Conduct under this interim administrative regulation.

**Sexual Harassment** means conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following:

- A. **Quid Pro Quo Sexual Harassment:** When an employee of the District conditions (implicitly or explicitly) the provision of an aid, benefit, or service of the District on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct; or
- B. **Hostile Environment Sexual Harassment:** Unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person standing in the shoes of the Complainant to be so severe, pervasive, and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to the District's education program or activity; or
- C. Sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, as defined herein.

1. **Sexual assault** means any sexual act (forcible or non-forcible), directed against another person, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent. Sexual acts include the following:

- (a) **Rape**, which is defined as the penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the Complainant.

- (b) **Sodomy**, which is defined as oral or anal sexual intercourse with another person, forcibly committed and/or against that person's will (non-consensually), or not forcibly or against the person's will in instances in which the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

- (c) **Sexual Assault with an Object**, which is defined as the use of an object or instrument to penetrate, however slightly, the genital or anal opening of the body of another person, forcibly and/or against that person's will (non-consensually), or not forcibly or against the person's will in instances in which the Complainant is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

- (d) **Fondling**, which is defined as the touching of the private parts of another person for the purposes of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of age or because of temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.

- (e) **Incest**, which is defined as sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

- (f) **Statutory Rape**, which is defined as sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

2. **Dating violence** means violence committed, on the basis of sex, by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the Complainant. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: the length of the relationship, the type of relationship and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. For the purposes of this definition, dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. Dating violence does not include acts covered under the definition of domestic violence.
3. **Domestic violence** means conduct, on the basis of sex, that includes the requisite components of felony or misdemeanor crimes of violence committed by (a) a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; (b) a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; (c) a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse; (d) a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under California law; or (e) any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under California law.
4. **Stalking** means a course of conduct directed at a specific person on the basis of sex that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others, or to suffer substantial emotional distress. For the purposes of this definition: (a) A course of conduct is two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the



Respondent directly, indirectly, or through third parties, by any action, method, device, or means, follows, monitors, observes, surveils, threatens, or communicates to or about a person, or interferes with a person's property; (b) Reasonable person means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the Complainant; and (c) Substantial emotional distress means significant mental suffering or anguish that may but does not necessarily require medical or other professional treatment or counseling.

**Student/Students** means any as any individual who has accepted an offer of admission, or who is registered or enrolled for credit or non-credit bearing coursework, and who maintains an ongoing relationship with the District.

**Third Party** means a person other than the Complainant and the Respondent.

### Smoking and Tobacco Use

Smoking is prohibited in all campus areas including all District owned, rented or leased properties and vehicles, except in designated parking lot areas and within 20 feet of entrances, exits, and operable windows.

Smoking is defined as the use of products containing tobacco and/or nicotine, including but not limited to smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes, or any other smoking products, and any and all electronic or "e-cigarettes", which are unapproved nicotine delivery devices, unregulated by the FDA.

Public performances in which smoking is an integral and necessary part of the production are excluded from these regulations.

These regulations apply to employees, students, visitors and all other persons who use District owned or rented/leased facilities and vehicles. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in disciplinary action.

It is the responsibility of every District employee to comply with these regulations and report violations to District Safety.

These regulations do not supersede more restrictive policies which may be in force under State and Federal regulations.

### Standards of Student Conduct

Guidelines for Student Conduct are set forth in the California Education Code, California Administrative Code, Title V, policies of the Board of Trustees (including BP/AR 3430 Prohibition of Harassment), and all civil and criminal codes. Students enrolling in district educational programs assume an obligation

to obey state law and district rules and regulations governing the conduct of students.

Students who enroll in those instructional programs in which the college has affiliations with various outside associations must comply with the college's policies and procedures and also with the outside associations' policies and procedures. This includes but is not limited to students enrolled in the programs of Cosmetology, Fire Academies, Criminal Justice Academies and Nursing.

### I. GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT CONDUCT

The following represent violations for disciplinary action, up to but not limited to expulsion, that may be taken:

- A. Dishonesty, cheating, plagiarism, lying, or knowingly furnishing false information to the district or a college official performing their duties.
- B. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of district documents, records, or identification.
- C. Willful misconduct that results in damage to any real or personal property owned by the district or district employees (damage includes, but not limited to vandalism, such as cutting, defacing, breaking, etc.).
- D. Obstruction or disruption of pedestrian or vehicular traffic or of teaching, research, administration, or of other district activities on or off District premises. This includes obstruction or disruption of administration, disciplinary procedures or authorized college activities.
- E. Assault, battery, or any threat of force or violence upon a student, college personnel, or campus visitor; willful misconduct which results in injury or death to a student, college personnel, or campus visitor. This includes fighting on district property or at a district sponsored event, on or off district premises.
- F. Detention of any person on district-owned or controlled property or at district-sponsored or supervised functions or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of another.
- G. Theft of any property of the district which includes property of a member of the district community or a campus visitor.
- H. Unauthorized entry into or unauthorized use of district property, supplies, equipment, and/or facilities.
- I. Misrepresentation of oneself or of an organization to be an agent of the district.
- J. Sexual assault or physical abuse, including rape, forced sodomy, forced oral copulation, rape by a foreign object, sexual battery, or threat or assault, or

any conduct that threatens the health and safety of the alleged victim, which includes students, college personnel, or campus visitors.

- K. Use, possession, distribution, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverage on district property or at any district sponsored event.
- L. Use, possession, distribution, or being under the influence of narcotics, other hallucinogenic drugs or substances, or any poison classified as such by Schedule "D" in Section 4160 of the Business and Professions Code on District property or at any District-sponsored event except as expressly permitted by law.
- M. Engaging in expression which is libelous, slanderous, obscene (according to current legal standards) or which incites students so as to create a clear and present danger of commission of unlawful acts on district premises, or violation of district regulations, or the substantial disruption of the orderly operation of the college.
- N. Possession or use while on the district premises, or a district-sponsored function, of any firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object, including but not limited to any facsimile firearm, knife or explosive. Exceptions include those participating in a criminal justice educational program who are authorized such possession or those who are enrolled in a course which authorizes such possession.
- O. Unauthorized preparation, giving, selling, transfer, distribution, or publication, for any commercial purpose, of any contemporaneous recording of an academic presentation in a classroom or equivalent site of instruction, including but not limited to handwritten or typewritten class notes, except as permitted by any district policy or administrative regulation.
- P. Engaging in harassing or discriminatory behavior based on disability, gender, gender identity, gender expression, nationality, race, or ethnicity, religion, age, sexual orientation or any other status protected by law.
- Q. Continuous disruptive behavior or willful disobedience, harassment, habitual profanity or vulgarity, open and persistent abuse of college personnel, or open and persistent defiance of the authority of college personnel.
- R. Willful or persistent smoking in any area where smoking has been prohibited by law or by regulation of the Board of Trustees;
- S. Violation of the Computer Usage Policy is applicable to students using computer





classrooms, computer labs, the wireless network or other locations on and off district property. A violation is considered any of the following:

- (a) Accessing with or without permission, or causing to be accessed without authorization, altering, damaging, deleting, hacking, destroying, or otherwise using any data, computer, computer system, computer software and programs, or computer network belonging to or used by the college or any member of the District.
- (b) Accessing with or without permission, taking, copying, or making use of any data from a computer, computer system, or computer network, or taking or copying any supporting documentation, whether existing or residing internal or external to a computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to or used by the college or District.
- (c) Using or causing to be used, computer services without permission.
- (d) Disrupting or causing the disruption of computer services or denying or causing the denial of computer services to an authorized user of a computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to or used by the college or District.
- (e) Introducing any computer contaminant or virus into any computer, computer system, or computer network belonging to the college or District.
- (f) Sending any message using any computer system or network without authorization or sending any message in the name of another person or entity.
- (g) Using any account or password without authorization.
- (h) Allowing or causing an account number or password to be used by any other person without authorization.
- (i) Accessing or causing to be accessed, downloading or causing to be downloaded, pornographic or obscene materials except when accessing such material which is part of the instructional process or assignment for a class in which the student is currently enrolled.
- (j) Use of systems or networks for personal commercial purposes.
- (k) "Cyberstalking", which is to be understood as any use of the college or district computer system, computer network, or computer programs to stalk another person via excessive

messages or inquiries, inappropriate or threatening messages, racially motivated communications, photos or other means of communication.

- T. Any act constituting good cause for suspension or expulsion, or violation of district policies or campus regulations.

## II. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS FOR STUDENTS

Student conduct must conform to the standards established by the Board of Trustees. Violations are subject to the following types of disciplinary actions. (These disciplinary actions are listed in degree of severity, but not necessarily in sequential order. Disciplinary actions may be imposed singly or in combination.)

- A. **WARNING** - Verbal notice to the student that continuation or repetition of specific conduct may be cause for other disciplinary action.
- B. **REPRIMAND** - Written reprimand for violation of district rules, with copy to the student and to the student disciplinary file. A reprimand admonishes the offender to avoid any future infractions of district rules.
- C. **PROBATION** - Probation is a disciplinary action which allows the offender to return to the district with the understanding of expected appropriate future behavior. Probation may include exclusion of the individual(s) from extra-curricular district activities that would be set forth in the written notice of probation. The probation would be for a specified period of time and appropriate notice will be sent to any advisor(s) of student organizations(s) involved. Any further violations of the Standards of Student Conduct during this probationary period will result in further, more serious disciplinary action against the offender.
- D. **RESTITUTION** - Reimbursement by the offender(s) for damage(s) or for the misappropriation of district property may take the form of appropriate community service to repair or otherwise compensate for damage(s) or loss(es).
- E. **REMOVAL** - An instructor or department administrator may remove a student from his or her class or departmental service for up to two days, and shall report all such action to the academic dean of the appropriate division and to the administrative designee responsible for student discipline.

The administrative designee responsible for student discipline may suspend privileges from that class, campus service,

office, department, or the entire campus based upon the violation, for up to ten days.

During the period of the removal, the student shall not be returned to a class from which he or she was removed without the concurrence of the instructor and administrative designee responsible for student discipline; nor shall the student be returned to the service, department, office from which they were removed, or the campus, without concurrence of appropriate administrator.

If the student is a minor, the college president, or designee shall ask the parent or guardian to attend a conference regarding the removal as soon as possible, and if the parent so requests, the Dean of Student Affairs or designee at Santa Ana College or the Vice President of Student Services or designee at Santiago Canyon College shall attend (depending on the college).

- F. **SUSPENSION** - The Board of Trustees, the chancellor or the chancellor's designee may suspend a student for good cause, as defined in Section I, A-V herein, for any of the following periods:
  - (a) From one or more classes for less than the remainder of the school term.
  - (b) From one or more classes for the remainder of the school term.
  - (c) From all classes and activities of the college for up to two (2) academic years.

During the period of the suspension, the student is prohibited from being enrolled in or physically present on any campus of the district for the period of the suspension. The chancellor or designee may impose a lesser disciplinary sanction than suspension, including, but not limited to warning, reprimand, probation, restitution or ineligibility to participate in co-curricular activities or any combination of the listed options.

- G. **EXPULSION** - Expulsion may be for good cause (refer to Section I, A-V), when other means of correction fail to bring about proper conduct, or when the presence of the student causes a continuing danger to the physical safety of the student or others.

## III. DUE PROCESS

No student shall be suspended for more than ten days or expelled unless the conduct for which the student is being disciplined is related to college activity or attendance, and the student is afforded the right of due process.



The chancellor or designee shall, prior to the suspension or expulsion of any student, notify the appropriate law enforcement authorities of the county or city in which the college is situated of any acts of the student which may be in violation of Section 245 of the Penal Code. Violations of any law, ordinance, regulation, or rule regulating, or pertaining to, the parking of vehicles shall not be cause for suspension or expulsion. However, repeatedly ignoring or consistent violations of parking rules, regulations, laws or ordinances may result in vehicles being towed or loss of parking privileges.

During the due process investigation period and hearing, the designated investigating administrator may allow, disallow and/or select individuals who will be included in the process. For actions regarding minor students, parental notification and/or involvement is required.

#### A. Suspension

Any suspension of more than ten days must be accompanied by a due process hearing as outlined in Section IV of this policy.

Whenever a minor student is suspended from a college of the District, the parent or guardian shall be notified in writing by the chancellor, or a designee.

#### B. Expulsion

Only the Board of Trustees may expel a student. Expulsion shall be accompanied by a due process hearing as outlined in Section IV of this policy.

### IV. DUE PROCESS HEARING

1. A student who is being considered for suspension or expulsion shall be afforded a due process hearing before a Disciplinary Hearing Board designated by the chancellor or the chancellor's designee. The chancellor or designee shall provide that a reasonable opportunity for a hearing is afforded the student within ten days.

2. The Disciplinary Hearing Board shall be composed of the following individuals appointed by the chancellor or designee:

- 1 RSCCD Student
- 1 Administrator
- 1 Faculty Member
- 1 Classified Staff

3. The student shall be notified in writing at least two school days before the hearing of the following:

- (a) The time, date, and place set for the hearing;
- (b) The charges to be brought;
- (c) Documentary evidence that will be introduced at the hearing;
- (d) The right of the student to appear in person and present his or her position;

(e) The right to cross-examine the district's witnesses if the witness(es) elect(s) to be present;

(f) The right to present evidence or witness(es) on own behalf.

(g) In cases of alleged sexual assault, technical rules of evidence shall not apply; no past sexual history may be introduced as part of the testimony, except that the past sexual history of the alleged victim shall be permitted if offered as evidence of the character or trait of character of the victim for the purposes described in California Evidence Code 1103.

4. The hearing board shall hear evidence and witnesses presented by the district and by the student. In the event the student for whom the hearing is held, or other key parties, is not present at the hearing, the Hearing Board will proceed without the individual(s). The Hearing Board shall render its recommendation to the College President on the evidence presented within two school days of the close of the hearing. The College President will review the recommendation within three days and render a decision to the Vice President of Student Services. The Vice President of Student Services or their designee will notify the student by certified mail of the outcome. If the recommendation is for suspension or expulsion, the student will be notified in writing of their right to appeal the decision to the Board of Trustees.

Any request by the student to appeal the decision to the Board of Trustees must be made within forty-eight hours of receipt of the letter sent by the aforementioned administrator outlining the hearing board's decision. If the decision supports a recommendation for expulsion, the suspension will continue until the Board of Trustees can hear the appeal.

If the recommendation opposes suspension or expulsion, the recommendation shall be final, and, the chancellor or designee shall reinstate the student immediately to their status prior to the hearings.

The Board shall, unless a request has been made by the student for an open session, hold closed sessions under the following conditions:

- (a) If the Board is considering the suspension or expulsion of the student.
- (b) If a public hearing upon such question would lead to the giving of information concerning the student which would be in violation of Section 76243 of the Education Code.

5. Before calling such closed session, the chancellor or designee shall, in writing, by registered or certified mail, if the student

is a minor notify the parent or guardian, or the student, if the student is an adult, of the intent of the Board to call and hold such closed session. Unless the student, or the student's parents (if the student is a minor) within forty-eight hours after receipt of such written notice, request in writing that the hearing be held in open session, the appeal shall be conducted in closed session. If such written request is served upon the clerk or secretary of the Board, the meeting shall be public except that any discussion at such meeting that might be in conflict with the right to privacy of any other student shall be in closed session. Whether the matter is considered at a closed session or open meeting, final action of the Board shall be taken at a public meeting and the result of such action shall be a public record of the district.

6. The appeal before the Board of Trustees shall be a review of the evidence presented to the Hearing Board, and an opportunity for both sides to present oral argument. No new evidence or witnesses will be heard unless the Board of Trustees so requests.

7. The decision of the Board of Trustees shall be final. Students expelled or suspended for more than one academic year from attendance at colleges or programs of the district shall be entitled to make an annual appeal to the Board of Trustees of the expulsion or suspension by written request directed to the Secretary of the Board that the matter be placed on the agenda of the Board of Trustees. Such appeals shall be conducted as provided in this policy.

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### Standards of Conduct for Computer Classrooms and Computer Labs

In accordance with Board Policy (BP 3720) and Administrative Regulation (AR 3720) and to extend the life of hardware, comply with copyright laws, and adhere to appropriate computer network conduct and usage, the following standards of conduct are required of all students using computer classrooms, computer labs, and the wireless network.

Failure to comply with the following standards can result in the suspension of a student's privileges and possibly other sanctions such as removal from class, suspension, expulsion, or other disciplinary actions.

The primary use of computer systems/resources is for academic/educational purposes. The following are NOT allowed:

- 1. Using the Internet to access sexually explicit and/or pornography websites.
- 2. Sending and/or receiving any messages that are threatening, racist or inflammatory, abusive towards a specific gender



or culture, obscene, or use inappropriate language. threatening, harassing, defamatory, discriminatory, obscene, inflammatory, or use inappropriate language.

3. Using the network for personal or commercial advertising or political activity.
4. Using computers or the wireless network to play individual games, multiple-user games, or gambling.
5. Using the computers for illegal or malicious purposes.

Specific areas on campus, such as the Lorenzo A. Ramirez Library, computer labs, computer classrooms, and science labs may have additional restrictions to those listed above. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of these additional guidelines.

### Study Load

In order to meet the graduation requirements in four semesters, students should carry an average of 15 units each semester. Students will ordinarily not be allowed to register for more than 18 units.

When individual circumstances may require additional unit demand, an overload petition in excess of 18 units may be approved for students who have maintained a 3.0 GPA. Approval for such overloads may be secured from the counseling department.

A summer session load should not exceed the equivalent of one unit per week or approximately nine units for an 8-week session. If over 9 units for summer or over 6 units for intercession, an overload petition must be approved using the same criteria as above.

### Transfer Credit

Santiago Canyon College grants credit for coursework completed at regionally accredited institutions of higher education. Official transcripts are required and must be submitted to the Admissions and Records Office. Official transcripts submitted for evaluation must be printed/dated within the last 6 months. Any coursework marked as "in-progress" will need to have additional transcripts submitted once grades have been posted.

Transfer coursework may be used to meet a major requirement by approval. To seek approval, a Petition to Substitute a Major Requirement must be submitted along with supporting documentation. Petition can be obtained in the Admissions and Records Office or online.

Transfer coursework may also be used to meet CSU or IGETC Certification. If coursework was completed at an institution outside of the California Community College system, it must be approved through the Course Pass Along process (page 48).

Transfer coursework may also be used to meet SCC General Education. Course must

be listed in the college catalog, in the same academic year for which the course was taken, at the transfer institution. Upper-division courses may be used so long as it meets the lower-division requirements; however, a student is strongly encouraged to meet with a SCC counselor to discuss unintended consequences.

### Unit of Credit

Santiago Canyon College is on a semester system and awards college credit in semester units.

One unit of credit (or credit hour) of college credit represents 54 hours of student time in lecture, study, or laboratory work. For a 16-week semester, this is generally three hours of work per week per unit. For example, semester-long lecture classes are generally one-hour per week in class and two-hours per week outside preparation. Semester-long laboratory classes are generally three hours per week in the laboratory with minimal outside preparation.

When converting units from quarter to semester, the ratio is one quarter unit equals two thirds of a semester unit.

### Withdrawal From Class

Students who cannot continue in a course have an obligation to withdraw officially. Students are encouraged to consult with instructors and academic counselors concerning class withdrawals.

Students may officially withdraw on the web through the last day of the 12th week of instruction (or 75 percent of the class meetings, whichever is less) and receive a transcript symbol of "W".

All instructor-initiated "EA's" (excessive absence drops) through the 12th week or 75 percent of class meetings, whichever is less, will be assigned a "W".

The academic record of a student who remains in a class beyond the time allowed by district policy must reflect a symbol other than a "W", except under extenuating circumstances.

A student who has a withdrawal (grade of "W") in the same course two or more times loses the privilege of online registration for that course and must receive the approval of the Associate Dean of Admissions or the Registrar to enroll in the same course.

(See also Course Repeatability and Repetition.)

### Extenuating Circumstances

#### Excused Withdrawal (EW)

A student may petition for an Excused Withdrawal due to extenuating circumstances (reasons beyond the student's control). Extenuating circumstances are approved based upon verifiable documentation

supporting the request. If approved, the petitioned classes will be designated with an "EW" (Excused Withdrawal) on the transcript. An "EW" will not be counted in progress probation or dismissal calculations nor will it be counted towards the permitted number of withdrawals or counted as an enrollment attempt.

### Military Withdrawal (MW)

A student who is a member of an active or reserve U.S. military service and has received orders compelling a withdrawal from courses may request a military withdrawal. If approved an "MW" will appear on the transcript for each course. "MW" shall not be counted in the permitted number of withdrawals nor shall it be counted in progress and dismissal calculations.

Students should file the petitions as soon as possible. The petition must be filed no later than one year following the awarding of the original grade.

### Withholding of Student Records

Students, or former students, who have been provided with written notice that they have failed to pay a proper financial obligation shall have grades, transcripts, diploma, and registration privileges withheld.