Board Policy

Chapter 7 – Human Resources

BP - 7365 DISCIPLINE AND DISMISSAL, CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES

Also see the collective bargaining agreements/handbook for applicable employee groups.

The District Chancellor shall enact procedures for the disciplinary proceedings applicable to permanent classified employees of the District. Such procedures shall conform to the requirements of the Education Code. The District Chancellor shall assure collective bargaining agreements and employee organization handbooks reflect language regarding disciplinary proceedings.

The Board's determination of the sufficiency of the cause for disciplinary action of a classified employee shall be conclusive.

No disciplinary action shall be taken for any cause that arose prior to the employee becoming permanent, or for any cause that arose more than two years preceding the date of the filing of any charge against the employee, unless the cause was concealed or not disclosed by the employee when it could be reasonably assumed that the employee should have disclosed the facts to the District.

A permanent member of the classified service shall be subject to disciplinary action, including, but not limited to, oral reprimand, written reprimand, reduction in pay, demotion, suspension, or discharge, for any of the following grounds unless separate grounds are contained within collective bargaining agreements or within employee organization handbooks:

- Fraud in securing employment or making a false statement on an application for employment.
- Incompetence, i.e., inability to comply with the minimum standard of an employee's position for a significant period of time.
- Inefficiency or inexcusable neglect of duty, i.e., failure to perform duties required of an employee in the position.
- Willful disobedience and insubordination, a willful failure to submit to duly appointed and acting supervision, conform to duly established orders or directions of, or insulting or demeaning the authority of a supervisor or manager.
- Dishonesty involving employment.
- Being impaired by or under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs or narcotics while on duty, which could impact the ability to do the job.

- Excessive absenteeism.
- Unexcused absence without leave.
- Abuse or misuse of sick leave.
- The conviction of either a misdemeanor or a felony involving moral turpitude shall constitute grounds for dismissal of any employee. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred. A plea or verdict of guilty, or a conviction showing a plea of nolo contender made to charge a felony or any offense involving moral turpitude, is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section.
- Improper or unauthorized use of District property.
- Refusal to subscribe to any oath or affirmation which is required by law in connection with District employment.
- Any willful act of conduct undertaken in bad faith, either during or outside of duty hours which is of such a nature that it causes discredit to the District, the employee's department or division.
- Inattention to duty, tardiness, indolence, carelessness or negligence in the care and handling of District property.
- Mental or physical impairment which renders the employee unable to perform the essential functions of the job with reasonable accommodation or without presenting a direct threat to the health and safety of self or others.
- Acceptance from any source of a reward, gift, or other form of remuneration in addition to regular compensation to an employee for the performance of his/ or her official duties.
- The refusal of any officer or employee of the District to testify under oath before any
 court, grand jury, or administrative officer having jurisdiction over any then pending
 cause of inquiry in which the District is involved. Violation of this provision may
 constitute of itself sufficient ground for the immediate discharge of such officer or
 employee.
- Willful violation of policies, procedures and other rules which may be prescribed by the District, college(s) or departments.
- Working overtime without authorization.
- Sexual Harassment (also see BP/AP 3430 titled Prohibition of Harassment).

References: Education Code Sections 88013

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