



SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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Board of Trustees Policy

Chapter 5 – Student Services

BP 5140 – SUPPORT SERVICES, PROGRAMS AND DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

The District is committed to educational opportunity for students with disabilities and will comply with all provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disability Act, as amended, and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Students with disabilities will be reasonably accommodated in compliance with federal and state requirements in all applicable programs of the District. Disability Support Programs and Services (DSPS) shall be primarily responsible for authorizing academic adjustments, auxiliary aids, services, or instruction that facilitate equal educational opportunities for disabled students who can benefit from instruction as required by federal and state laws. The fundamental principles of nondiscrimination and accommodation in academic programs provide that:

1. DSPS services will be available to students with verified disabilities, including but not limited to, reasonable accommodations, academic adjustments, disability management, vocational and academic counseling, technology accessibility, accessible facilities, equipment, instructional programs;
2. No student with a qualified disability will, because of the disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefit of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any post-secondary education activity or program; and
3. The institution will create an educational environment where disabled students have equal access to instruction, including those taking place in work preparation and clinical settings, without compromising the essential components of the course, educational program, or degree.

The District will respond in a timely manner to academic accommodation requests. See *Administrative Procedure, AP 5140, Support Services and Disability Discrimination Procedures for Students with Disabilities*, for implementation of this policy, which provides for an interactive and individualized review of each request.

The District identifies DSPS, or the 504 Officer, as the office or individual to determine academic accommodations under Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. DSPS will notify the appropriate administrator when unable to resolve a student complaint about the provision of a requested accommodation.

The Site Compliance Officer (SCO) is identified as the campus individual to handle all discrimination grievances under the Americans with Disabilities Act and can also be found through the District's Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Office.

All programs and services of the District, including the DSPS program, shall conform to all requirements established by the relevant law and regulations.

Reference: Education Code Sections 67310 and 84850;
Title 5 Sections 56000 et seq. and 56027

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