
Note: This policy addresses complaints of sex and gender discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and retaliation targeting employees. For additional legally referenced material relating to discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, see DAA(LEGAL). For sex discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking, and retaliation targeting students, see FFDA.

**Statement of
Nondiscrimination**

The College District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any employee on the basis of sex. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of College District policy and is prohibited.

Definitions

Employee

Solely for purposes of this policy, the term “employee” includes former employees, applicants for employment, and unpaid interns.

Discrimination

Discrimination against an employee is defined as conduct directed at an employee on the basis of sex that adversely affects the employee’s employment.

In accordance with law, discrimination on the basis of sex includes discrimination on the basis of biological sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, gender stereotypes, or any other prohibited basis related to sex.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination defined as unwelcome sexual advances; requests for sexual favors; sexually motivated physical, verbal, or nonverbal conduct; or other conduct or communication of a sexual nature when:

1. Submission to the conduct is either explicitly or implicitly a condition of an employee’s employment, or when submission to or rejection of the conduct is the basis for an employment action affecting the employee; or
2. The conduct is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with the employee’s work performance or creates an intimidating, threatening, hostile, or offensive work environment.

Sexual Violence

Sexual violence is a form of sexual harassment. Sexual violence includes physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person’s will or where a person is incapable of giving consent due to the victim’s use of drugs or alcohol or due to an intellectual or other disability.

Dating Violence

“Dating violence” means violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

“Domestic violence” means violence committed by:

- A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim;
- A person with whom the victim shares a child in common;
- A person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner;
- Any other member of the victim’s family as defined by state law;
- Any other current or former member of the victim’s household as defined by state law;
- A person in a dating relationship with the victim as defined by state law; or
- Any other person who acts against the victim in violation of the family violence laws of this state or the jurisdiction where the conduct occurs.

“Stalking” means engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others or suffer substantial emotional distress.

For the purposes of this definition:

1. “Course of conduct” means two or more acts, including, but not limited to, acts in which the stalker 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.
2. “Reasonable person” means a reasonable person under similar circumstances and with similar identities to the victim.

Examples of sexual harassment of an employee may include sexual advances; touching intimate body parts; coercing or forcing a sexual act on another; jokes or conversations of a sexual nature; sexual assault as defined by law; offensive or derogatory language

directed at another person's gender identity; and other sexually motivated conduct, communication, or contact.

Examples may also include forms of dating violence, domestic violence, or stalking, such as physical or sexual assaults; name-call-

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of a formal complaint, the Title IX coordinator shall determine within three days if informal resolution is appropriate for the complaint. If the Title IX coordinator determines that informal resolution is appropriate, then the Title IX coordinator or designee may facilitate that resolution within ten days. If the Title IX coordinator does not determine informal resolution to be appropriate, then the complaint will be subject to the formal resolution process.

The investigator shall prepare a written report of the investigation. The investigation report shall be filed with the Title IX coordinator within five days following the completion of the investigation.

The Title IX coordinator shall provide the investigation report, within the extent permitted by law, to the complainant and the respondent promptly following receipt. The parties shall be given ten days to respond to the report.

The Title IX coordinator shall submit the investigation report to the decision maker as designated by the President promptly after receipt of the parties' response, but no later than the expiration of the parties' deadline to respond.

The decision maker as designated by the President shall summon the parties for a hearing to be held within a reasonable time, not to exceed ten days. The hearing shall be conducted in accordance with law and College District procedures.

After the hearing, the decision maker as designated by the President shall determine whether each individual allegation of prohibited conduct occurred using a preponderance of evidence standard and determine the appropriate disciplinary or corrective action. In making the determination, the decision maker as designated by the President shall evaluate all relevant evidence objectively and shall not make credibility assessments based on a person's status as the complainant, the respondent, or a witness. The decision maker as designated by the President shall create a written determination regarding responsibility in accordance with law and College

To the greatest extent possible, consistent with law, the College District shall respect the privacy of the complainant or the respondent or a person who makes a report or as a witness. Limited disclosures may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this policy and associated regulations and to comply with applicable law.

The College District prohibits retaliation against any person for the purpose of interfering with a right or privilege under this policy; the complainant; or a person who, in good faith, makes a report or complaint, serves as a witness, or otherwise participates or refuses to participate in an investigation, proceeding, or hearing under this policy. This prohibition does not apply to discipline of a person who perpetrated or assists in the perpetration of the prohibited conduct.

A person who is alleged to have experienced retaliation may pursue a claim under this policy or policy FFDA, as appropriate.

Examples of retaliation may include termination, refusal to hire, demotion, and denial of promotion. Retaliation may also include threats, unjustified negative evaluations, unjustified negative references, or increased surveillance.

An employee who fails to make a required report or an employee or student who intentionally makes a false claim, offers a false statement, or refuses to cooperate with a College District investigation regarding prohibited conduct shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

If the decision maker as designated by the President determines that a contract employee committed prohibited conduct that warrants suspension without pay or termination mid-contract, the decision maker as designated by the President shall inform the employee in writing of the determination, and if requested, a hearing shall be scheduled in accordance with DMAA.

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available at the College District's administrative offices and shall be distributed to an employee who makes a report.