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### AP 4010 Academic Calendar

#### References:

Education Code Section 79020;  
Title 5 Sections 55700 et seq. and 58142

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local procedures related to the establishment of the academic calendar may be inserted here, including:*

The number of days that define an academic year is [ **(traditionally, 175 days of instruction and evaluation)** ]

[ **Flexible calendar options, if any** ]

[ **Processes for determining the academic calendar** ]

The District's college[s] and offices of the District shall be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day (January 1)  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Third Monday in January)  
Lincoln Day (February 12 *or see Note below*)  
Washington Day (Third Monday in February)  
Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)  
Independence Day (July 4)  
Labor Day (First Monday in September)  
Veterans Day (November 11 *or see Note below*)  
Thanksgiving Day (Fourth Thursday in November)  
Christmas Day (December 25)

**NOTE:** *The following **optional language** may be added based on local practice or collectively bargained rights. (Education Code Sections 79020 subdivision (k) and 79020 subdivision (l)).*

Cesar Chavez Day  
Native American Day  
Juneteenth (June 19)  
Day after Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Eve Day  
New Year's Eve Day

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**Other Holidays** – The Board of Trustees may declare other days to be holidays and close the colleges and offices when good reason exists.

**NOTE:** *Please refer to Education Code Section 79020 for laws regulating the scheduling of Lincoln Day, Veterans Day, and holidays that fall on the weekends.*

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### AP 4020 Program and Curriculum Development

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 51021, 55000 et seq., and 55100 et seq.;  
34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 600.2;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A;  
U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

**NOTE:** *The following procedure is **legally required**. Districts may insert local procedures for program and curriculum development, which may include or address procedures for new, added, provisional or experimental, reinstated and deleted courses and procedures for changes in course number, title, units, or hours. Procedures for each action should, as good practice, address:*

- initiation, review, approval, and evaluation processes and related criteria
- designated responsibility and authority for initiation, review, and approval of courses (e.g., the academic affairs office, academic senate, faculty, departments, related disciplines, divisions, curriculum committee, articulation officer, etc.)
- time lines and limits for the process
- publication of changes and maintenance of records
- use of a range of delivery systems and modes of instruction

**[ Optional:** *The District shall develop and offer programs and curricula in ethnic studies, programs and curricula that infuse a global perspective into the curricular offerings, and programs and curricula that include instruction on the perspectives of persons with low socioeconomic status in the topic. ]*

The District shall provide annual certification to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office pertaining to the approval of credit courses and credit programs as required under Title 5 Sections 55100 and 55130.

#### Credit Hour

One credit hour of community college work (one unit of credit) shall require a minimum of 48 semester hours of total student work or 33 quarter hours of total student work, which may include inside and/or outside-of-class hours. **[ Select one of the following based on whether the district uses a semester or quarter system. For semester system:** A course requiring 96 hours or more total student work shall provide at least 2 units of credit. **For quarter system:** A course requiring 66 hours or more of total student work

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shall provide at least 2 units of credit. ] Cooperative work experience courses shall adhere to the formula for credit hour calculations identified in Title 5 Section 55256.5. Credit for clock hour designated programs shall be awarded consistent with 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 600.2.

**NOTE:** *The following language is **legally required**. Districts should insert their locally developed policy defining the standards for credit hour calculations which must include the following:*

- credit hour calculation method for all academic activities
- expected ratios of in-class to outside-of-class hours for each type of academic activity
- standards for incremental award of credit
- standard term length
- calculation methods for short term and extended term courses, and provisions for monitoring compliance with state and federal regulations related to credit hour calculations

**NOTE:** *The following language is **legally required** in an effort to show good faith compliance with the applicable federal regulations*

For purposes of federal financial aid eligibility, a “credit hour” shall be not less than:

- One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work each week for approximately [ **15 weeks for one semester or trimester hour of credit** ], [ **or 10 to 12 weeks for one quarter hour of credit** ], or the equivalent amount of work over a different amount of time; or
- At least an equivalent amount of work as required in the paragraph above, of this definition for other academic activities as established by the institution including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work, and other academic work leading to the award of credit hours.

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### AP 4021 Program Discontinuance

#### References:

Education Code Section 78016;  
Title 5 Sections 51022 and 55130;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.15

**NOTE:** *A procedure for discontinuance of career and technical programs is **legally required**. Procedures for discontinuance of other programs are **suggested as good practice**. Insert local practice.*

The procedure for discontinuance of career and technical programs should include a process for:

- Reviewing such programs every two years to ensure they meet legal standards.
- Terminating programs by the governing board if legal and other District standards are not met.
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**New 8/04, Revised 4/15**

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### AP 4022 Course Approval

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 55100 and 55150

**NOTE:** *This procedure applies to the processes for approving individual credit and non-credit courses. Local practice may be inserted, but **must address** the following requirements of Title 5 Section 55100 for credit courses and Title 5 Section 55150 for non-credit courses.*

#### Credit Courses

Procedures for submitting for Board approval individual degree-applicable credit courses offered as part of an educational program approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

Procedures for course approval of non-degree applicable credit courses and degree-applicable credit courses that are not part of a permitted educational program must address at least the following:

- These courses must be approved by the curriculum committee.
- The individuals on the curriculum committee must have received the training provided for in Title 5 Section 55100
- Unless modified to properly address the reasons for denial, no courses may be offered that were previously denied separate approval by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.
- Students may only count a limited amount of semester or quarter units approved toward satisfying the requirements for a certificate or completion of an associate degree.
- Regulatory limits on the number of courses that may be linked to one another by prerequisites or co-requisites.
- All courses approved must be reported to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

#### Non-Credit Courses

Districts may approve non-credit courses pursuant to Title 5 Section 55002 and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook. Procedures for course approval of non-credit course must address at least the following:

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- The curriculum committee and District governing board have approved each non-credit course pursuant to Title 5 Section 55002 and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook.
- The District promptly reported all non-credit courses approved by the District governing board to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Curriculum Inventory Management Information Systems.
- District personnel involved in the non-credit course approval process, including curriculum committee members, received training regarding the rules, regulations, and local policies applicable to the approval of non-credit courses, including but not limited to, the provisions of Title 5 Section 55002 and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Program and Course Approval Handbook.
- The District governing board has established a local policies or procedures specifying attendance counting consistent with Education Code Sections 84030 et seq.
- Annual certification to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office before the conclusion of each academic year that the District has complied with the requirements of Title 5 Section 55150 relating to the approval of non-credit courses.

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# AP 4025 Philosophy and Criteria for Associate Degree and General Education

### References:

Title 5 Section 55061;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A

**NOTE:** *This procedure is legally required. Local practice may be inserted here.*

The philosophy and criteria for the associate degree and general education should address the considerations contained in the references listed above. These include, but are not limited to:

- The programs of the District are consistent with the institutional mission, purposes, demographics and economics of its community.
- The philosophy and criteria regarding the associate degree references the policy of the Board of Governors that the associate degree symbolizes a successful attempt to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insight, including:
  - the ability to think and communicate clearly and effectively orally and writing;
  - use mathematics;
  - understand the modes of inquiry of the major disciplines;
  - be aware of other cultures and times;
  - achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems; and to develop the capacity for self-understanding.

The philosophy and criteria regarding general education references the policy of the Board of Governors that general education should lead to better self-understanding, including:

- General education is designed to introduce students to the variety of means through which people comprehend the modern world.
- General education introduces the content and methodology of the major areas of knowledge and provides an opportunity for students to develop intellectual skills, information technology facility, affective and creative capabilities, social attitudes, and an appreciation for cultural diversity.

**NOTE:** *The procedures should also include the process used to determine which courses implement the District's philosophy on the associate degree and general education.*

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1. AP 4026 Philosophy and Criteria for International Education

**Reference:**

Education Code Section 66015.7

**Note:** *This procedure is **optional**: AB 1342 amended Education Code to encourage districts to engage in international education as resources permit. Local practice may be inserted.*

International education should encourage programs that support learning about other cultures, global issues, and the exchange of Californians and international students and scholars, such as:

- Develop courses of study in as many fields as possible to increase students' understanding of global issues and cultural differences.
- Offer courses in languages other than English to train students to communicate effectively in other cultures and to enhance their understanding of other nations' values.
- Provide opportunities for students in all majors to participate in study abroad programs to enrich their academic training, perspectives, and personal development.
- Provide opportunities for domestic and international students to interact effectively and routinely share their views, perceptions, and experiences in educational settings.
- Develop innovative public educational forums and venues to explore global issues and showcase world cultures.

For international students and scholars,

- Encourage the presence of qualified students from other countries with sufficient geographic diversity to inspire an appreciation for differences among cultures and a deeper understanding of the values and perspectives of other people.
- Facilitate faculty exchange and collaborative partnership programs with institutions in other countries.
- Initiate collaborative research undertakings to address issues of global significance.
- Recruit and retain the world's best and brightest faculty to educate California's students as globally competent citizens.

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### AP 4030 Academic Freedom

#### References:

Title 5 Section 51023;  
ACCJC Accreditation Eligibility Requirement 20;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard I.C.7

**NOTE:** *This procedure is optional so long as there is a board policy in place which complies with Title 5 and the accreditation standard. Local practice may be inserted here to implement board policy, if necessary.*

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### AP 4040 Library and Learning Support Services

**References:**

Education Code Section 78100;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.B

**NOTE:** *Every District must provide a library and may provide other learning support services, but an actual procedure is optional. Local practice may be inserted here.*

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### AP 4050 Articulation

#### References:

Education Code Sections 66720-66744;  
Title 5 Sections 51022 subdivision (b) and 55051;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.10

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Districts may insert local practice here, which, as good practice, should address designated responsibility and processes for the development, maintenance, and distribution of articulation agreements.*

*Procedures may also identify schools and baccalaureate-level institutions with which the institution articulates that are not geographically proximate (as required by law) but that are determined to be appropriate and advantageous for the college.*

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### AP 4060 Delineation of Functions Agreements

**References:**

Education Code Sections 8535 and 8536

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **optional** but is **legally advised** if districts are engaged in adult noncredit instruction. Insert local practice here, if any, regarding memoranda of understanding related to noncredit continuing education programs.*

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2. AP 4070 Course Auditing and Auditing Fees

**Reference:**

Education Code Section 76370

**Note:** *This procedure is **legally advised** only if the District permits auditing. Districts may insert local procedures for auditing courses, including:*

- 
- Who may audit
- Application process
- Required approvals
- Priority to be given to student desiring to take the course for credit towards a degree or certificate
- Payment of fees not to exceed \$15.00 per unit, unless student is enrolled in classes to receive credit for 10 or more semester units, and is auditing three or fewer semester units
- Refunds
- Limits on auditing

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# AP 4100 Graduation Requirements for Degrees and Certificates

### References:

Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq.

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted. Procedures must address at least the following:*

For the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree, a student must demonstrate competence in reading, in written expression, and in mathematics.

The student must satisfactorily complete at least 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college work.

A definition of “college work” that provides that courses acceptable toward the associate degree include those that have been properly approved pursuant to Title 5 Section 55002(a), or, if completed at other than a California community college, would reasonably be expected to meet the standards of that section.

The work must include at least 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in general education and at least 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major listed in the Community Colleges “Taxonomy of Programs.”

The work must include at least 12 semester units or 18 quarter units of study in residence; exceptions to the residence requirement can be made by the Board when an injustice or undue hardship would result.

The general education requirements must include a minimum of work in the natural sciences, the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and language and rationality.

Students may petition to have noncredit courses counted toward the satisfaction of requirements for an associate degree.

Ethnic studies must be offered.

District policies and procedures regarding general education and degree requirements must be published in the college catalog and must be filed with the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office.

For a certificate of achievement, a student must successfully complete a course of study or curriculum that consists of [ **16 or more semester units or 24 or more quarter units** ]

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] of degree-applicable credit coursework. The certificate of achievement shall be designed to demonstrate that the student has completed coursework and developed capabilities relating to career or general education.

Shorter credit programs that lead to a certificate may be established by the District.

Content and assessment standards for certificates shall ensure that certificate programs are consistent with the mission of [ **District** ], meet a demonstrated need, are feasible, and adhere to guidelines on academic achievement.

Certificates for which California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office approval is not sought may be given any name or designation deemed appropriate except for certificate of achievement, certificate of completion, or certificate of competency.

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3. AP 4101 Independent Study

### References:

Title 5 Sections 55230 et seq.

**Note:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted here, but must include the following:*

- 
- Procedures for approval of independent study programs
- Academic standards for independent study that are the same as those applied to other credit courses or noncredit courses.
- Procedures for evaluation of student progress
- Access to the instructor at least equivalent to that commonly available to students in courses conducted by other instructional methods
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### AP 4102 Career and Technical Education Programs

#### References:

- Title 5 Sections 55600 et seq.;
- 2 Code of Federal Regulations Part 200 (The Federal Education Department General Administrative Regulations, 2nd Edition);
- 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 600 (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);
- ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.14

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted here, which must address:*

- *Establishment of an appointment process for related advisory committees;*
- *Provisions for documenting the competence of students completing career and technical programs; and*
- *Written procedures mandated by The Federal Education Department General Administrative Regulations 2nd Edition.*

Consistent with federal regulations pertaining to federal financial aid eligibility, the **[Chief Instructional Officer]** will ensure that the District complies with the United States Department of Education's disclosure requirements for each of the District's gainful employment programs, by disclosing federally-mandated information about the programs to prospective students. The District shall make the required disclosures available to prospective students in promotional materials and on its website.

The **[Chief Instructional Officer]** shall establish procedures to ensure that the District meets these reporting requirements whenever the District intends to add a new gainful employment program.

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### AP 4103 Work Experience

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 55250 et seq.

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required** if the District permits work experience. Local practice may be inserted, but must involve:*

A plan is developed and submitted to the Board of Trustees, which includes:

- The systematic design of a program whereby students gain realistic learning experiences through work;
- A specific description of the respective responsibilities of the college, the student, the employer, and other cooperating agencies;
- Guidance services;
- A sufficient number of qualified academic personnel to direct the program;
- Processes that assure students' on-the-job learning experiences are documented with written measurable learning objectives, students are required to meet certain criteria and are evaluated, and the basis for awarding grades and credit is described;
- Adequate clerical and instructional services are provided;
- A statement that the District has officially adopted the plan, subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

**NOTE:** *In addition, procedures should address:*

- The maintenance of records that include the type and units of work experience in which student is enrolled, where employed, job held, basis for determining student qualifications, statement of student hours worked, evaluation of performance, and that a work permit was issued.
- Supervising faculty must maintain records that show consultation with the employer and the student, evaluation of the student's achievement, and the final grade.

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### AP 4104 Contract Education

**Reference:**

Title 5 Section 55170

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally advised**.*

The District may contract for instructional classes to be offered at the request of public or private agencies or groups.

**NOTE:** *Districts may insert local practice here, which should include:*

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- Development, review, approval, and evaluation processes and criteria.
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- Criteria for and limits on contracts, including differentiation of courses for which state support is sought and those for which it is not.
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- Ratification of contract by Governing Board.

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### AP 4105 Distance and Correspondence Education

#### References:

- Education Code Sections 66700 and 70901 et seq.;
- Title 5 Sections 55200 et seq.;
- Title 5 Sections 55260 et seq.;
- 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 602.17 (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);
- ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.1

**NOTE:** *This procedural language is **legally required** in an effort to show good faith compliance with the applicable Federal Regulations if the District offers distance education or correspondence education. The Federal Regulations require districts to have processes in place to ensure that the student who registers in a distance education or correspondence education course or program is the same student who participates in and completes the program and receives academic credit. A district will meet this requirement if it follows the language below. Note that the Federal Regulations do not require districts to charge students fees associated with the verification of the student's identify. However, any district that does charge a fee, must notify the student in writing of the estimated amount of those fees in addition to a statement of the processes used to protect the student's privacy.*

Consistent with federal regulations pertaining to federal financial aid eligibility, the District must authenticate or verify that the student who registers in a distance education or correspondence education courses is the same student who participates in and completes the course or program and receives the academic credit. The District will provide to each student at the time of registration, a statement of the process in place to protect student privacy and estimated additional student charges associated with verification of student identity, if any.

The [ **Chief Instructional Officer** ] shall utilize one or more of these methods to authenticate or verify the student's identity:

**NOTE:** *Insert local practice here: the following approaches are specifically referenced in the federal regulation as appropriate. The key is to utilize an accepted procedure for verifying a student's identity.*

- secure credentialing/login and password;
- proctored examinations; or

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- new or other technologies and practices that are effective in verifying student identification.

The [ **Chief Instructional Officer** ] shall establish procedures for providing a statement of the process in place to protect student privacy and estimated additional student charges associated with verification of student identity, if any, to each student at the time of registration.

**NOTE:** *The following procedure is **legally required** if the District has implemented distance education courses. Local practice may be inserted, but it must include the following minimum requirements contained in Title 5.*

### Definitions:

**District Education:** Distance education means instruction in which the instructor and student are separated by time or distance and interact through the assistance of technology.

**Correspondence Education:** Correspondence Education means education provided through one or more courses by a community college or district under which the college or district provides instructional materials, by mail or electronic transmission, including examinations on the materials, to students who are separated from the instructor. Interaction between the instructor and student is limited due to separation, is not regular and substantive, and is primarily initiated by the student. Correspondence courses are typically self-paced, although a regular cycle of assignment submissions and delivery of feedback should be established for facilitated learning. If a course is part correspondence and part residential training, it is considered a correspondence course. Correspondence education is not distance education.

**Course Approval:** Each proposed or existing course offered by distance education shall be reviewed and approved separately. Separate approval is mandatory if any portion of the instruction in a course or a course section is designed to be provided through distance education.

The review and approval of new and existing distance education courses shall follow the curriculum approval procedures outlined in AP 4020 Program and Curriculum Development. Distance education courses shall be approved under the same conditions and criteria as all other courses.

**Certification:** When approving distance education courses, the [ **designate authority** ] will certify the following:

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**Course Quality Standards:** The same standards of course quality are applied to the distance and correspondence education courses as are applied to in-person classes.

**Course Quality Determinations:** Determinations and judgments about the quality of the distance and correspondence education course were made with the full involvement of the [ **designate authority, e.g. faculty, curriculum committee**] approval procedures.

### Instructor Contact:

**Distance Education:** Each section of the course that is delivered through distance education will include regular effective contact between instructor and students, as well as among students, either synchronously or asynchronously, through group or individual meetings, orientation and review sessions, supplemental seminar or study sessions, field trips, library workshops, telephone contact, voice mail, e-email, or other activities.

**Correspondence Education:** Each section of a course conducted through correspondence education will be established through a cycle of assignment submissions and comprehensive, responsive feedback, as determined by [ **local practice - designate authority, e.g. faculty, curriculum committee** ]. Instructors will be responsible for ensuring that each student will receive ongoing support toward making meaningful academic progress.

Students who participate in correspondence education will have access to student support services, including counseling, library searches, research assistance, and tutoring or other learning support through mail, email, telephone or in-person contact, as determined by [ **local practice - designate authority, e.g. faculty, curriculum committee** ].

**Addendum to Course Outline:** An addendum to the official course outline of record shall be made if any portion of the instruction of a new or existing course is provided through distance or correspondence education. The addendum must be approved according to the District's curriculum approval procedures. The addendum **must** address the following:

- How course outcomes will be achieved in a distance or correspondence education mode;
- For distance education, how the portion of instruction delivered via distance education provides regular and effective contact between instructors and students;

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- For correspondence education, how the portion of instruction delivered via correspondence education documents and facilitates learning progression through a cycle of assignment submissions and feedback; and,
- How the portion of instruction delivered via distance education meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

**Duration of Approval:** All distance and correspondence education courses approved under this procedure will continue to be in effect unless there are substantive changes of the course outline.

**Faculty Selection and Workload:** Instructors of course sections delivered through distance or correspondence education will be selected using the District or college's same procedures for determining other instructional assignments.

**Correspondence Education Students:** A student is considered to be "enrolled in correspondence courses" if correspondence courses constitute 50 percent or more of the courses in which the student is enrolled during a financial aid award year.

In order for a correspondence education student to be considered a full-time student at the District, at least one-half of the student's coursework must be made up of non-correspondence coursework that meets one-half of the District's requirement for full-time students.

**NOTE:** *Insert local practice here; provisions may include:*

- For a program that measures progress in credit hours and uses standard terms (semesters, trimesters, or quarters), 12 semester hours or 12 quarter hours per academic term.
- For a program that measures progress in credit hours and does not use terms, 24 semester hours or 36 quarter hours over the weeks of instructional time in the academic year, or the prorated equivalent if the program is less than one academic year.
- For a program that measures progress in credit hours and uses nonstandard-terms (terms other than semesters, trimesters, or quarters) the number of credits determined by,
  - (1) Dividing the number of weeks of instructional time in the term by the number of weeks of instructional time in the program's academic year; and
  - (2) Multiplying the fraction determined under paragraph (3)(A) of this definition by the number of credit hours in the program's academic year.

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- For a program that measures progress in clock hours, 24 clock hours per week. A “clock hour” for correspondence education purposes is defined as sixty (60) minutes of preparation in a correspondence course.
- A series of courses or seminars that equals 12 semester hours or 12 quarter hours in a maximum of 18 weeks.
- The work portion of a cooperative education program in which the amount of work performed is equivalent to the academic workload of a full-time student.

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### AP 4106 Nursing Programs

#### References:

Education Code Sections 66055.8, 66055.9, 70101-70106, 78260, 78261, 78261.3, 78261.5, 87482, 89267, 89267.3, and 92645;  
Title 5 Sections 55060 et seq. and 55521;  
Health and Safety Code Section 128050

**NOTE:** *BP 4106 Nursing Programs contains the minimum necessary to meet statutory requirements, and may be repeated here, with additional procedures on awarding grants or participating in a loan assumption agreement.*

**[ Optional:** *The District will recruit students from low socioeconomic populations to enroll in the District's nursing program. ]*

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### AP 4110 Honorary Degrees

**Reference:**

Education Code Section 72122

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **optional** and applies only if the Board has adopted a policy that allows for honorary degrees. Local practice may be inserted here.*

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### AP 4220 Standards of Scholarship – Delegation

#### References:

Education Code Section 70902 subdivisions (b)(3) & (d);  
Title 5 Section 51002

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **optional**. This procedure is included to identify the designated authorities and processes for the other administrative procedures and documents related to standards of scholarship. Local practice may be inserted.*

*Matters identified by Title 5 as standards of scholarship are grading practices, credit-noncredit options, credit for prior learning, standards for probation and dismissal, remedial course work, academic record symbols, grade changes, course repetition, academic renewal, probation and dismissal, and alternative methods of awarding credit. Authority and responsibility is delegated to the chief instructional or academic officer and the Academic Senate as described in the policies and procedures on participation in local decision-making.*

**Revised 4/18, 4/20**

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### AP 4222 Remedial Coursework

#### References:

Education Code Section 78213;  
Title 5 Section 55035;  
ACCJC Accreditation Standard II.A.4

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted here, which must include the following:*

Remedial coursework consists of pre-collegiate basic skills courses.

A student's need for remedial coursework shall be determined using appropriate assessment instruments, methods, or procedures.

No student shall receive more than 30 semester units [ **or 45 quarter units** ] for remedial coursework. A student who exhausts this unit limitation shall be referred to appropriate adult noncredit education services.

No student shall be required to enroll in remedial English or mathematics coursework that lengthens their time to complete a degree unless placement research that includes consideration of high school grade point average and coursework, shows that those students are highly unlikely to success in transfer-level coursework in English and mathematics. A student may be required to enroll in additional concurrent support, including additional language support for English as a Second Language students, during the same semester that they take a transfer-level English or mathematics course, but only if the [ **designate position** ] determines the support will increase their likelihood of passing the transfer-level English or mathematics course. The [ **designate position** ] shall minimize the impact on student financial aid and unit requirements for the degree by exploring embedded and low or noncredit support options.

A student who successfully completes remedial coursework or who demonstrates skill levels which assure success in college-level courses may request reinstatement to proceed with college level coursework.

Students enrolled in one or more courses of English as a Second Language and students identified as having a learning disability are exempt from the limitations of this procedure.

Students who demonstrate significant, measurable progress toward development of skills appropriate to enrollment in college-level courses may be granted a waiver of the limitations of this procedure.

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District [ **and College** ] catalogs shall include a clear statement of the limited applicability of remedial coursework toward fulfilling degree requirements and any exemptions that may apply to this limitation.

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### AP 4225 Course Repetition

#### References:

Education Code Section 76224;  
Title 5 Sections 55040, 55041, 55042, 55043, 55253, 56029, and 58161

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted here, which must include the following:*

Students may petition for approval to repeat up to a total of [ **insert number** ] courses in the following courses:

- Courses for which repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) for completion of a bachelor's degree;
- Intercollegiate athletics courses; and
- Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition courses. Such courses may be repeated no more than four times for semester courses or six times for quarter courses.

Students may enroll in activity courses in physical education, visual arts, or performing arts. Such courses may not be repeated for more than [ **four semesters or six quarters** ]. This limit applies even if the student receives a substandard grade or "W" during one or more enrollment or if a student petitions for repetition for repetition due to extenuating circumstances.

[ **Insert local processes for petitioning for approval** ]

When a student repeats a course designated as repeatable to alleviate substandard academic work (a "D," "F," "FW," "NP," or "NC"), the previous grade and credit shall be disregarded in the computation of grade point averages. No more than two substandard grades may be alleviated.

When a student with a disability repeats a class, the previous grade and credit shall be disregarded in the computation of grade point averages.

Courses that are repeated shall be recorded on the student's permanent academic record using an appropriate symbol.

Annotating the permanent academic record shall be done in a manner that all work remains legible, insuring a true and complete academic history.

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Nothing can conflict with Education Code Section 76224 pertaining to the finality of grades assigned by instructors, or with Title 5 or District procedures relating to retention and destruction of records.

**NOTE:** *Inclusion of the following depends on District practice. The elements are suggested as good practice/optional.*

If the District is claiming apportionment under Title 5 Section 58161, students may petition for approval to repeat up to a total of [ **insert number that is not more than four times for semester courses or six times for quarter courses** ] courses designated as repeatable, including courses in which substandard grades (less than “C,” and including “FW,” “NP,” or “NC”) were awarded in one or more enrollments. If the student is repeating the course to alleviate substandard academic work, the District may disregard the first two substandard grades if the student repeats the class two or more times. Students may also petition for approval to repeat up to a total of [ **insert number that is not more than four times for semester courses or six times for quarter courses** ] active participatory credit courses that are related in content, in physical education, visual arts, or performing arts, including courses in which substandard grades (less than “C,” and including “FW,” “NP,” or “NC”) were awarded in one or more enrollments.

[ **Insert local processes for petitioning for approval, which may include** ]

- A list of the specific courses or categories of courses, if any, which are exempt from course repetition.
- Requirements to repeat courses after a significant amount of time [ **include a definition of significant lapse of time, no less than 36 months** ] or the District has established a recency prerequisite.
- An institute of higher learning established a recency requirement, which the student will not be able to satisfy without repeating the course. A student may petition for repetition if less than [ **set period of time, such as 36 months** ] have elapsed and the student provides documentation that the repetition is necessary for transfer.
- Provisions for repeating a course taken at another accredited college or university for which substandard academic performance is recorded.
- Circumstances under which students may repeat courses in which a C or better grade was earned. Such course repetition requires a finding that extenuating or extraordinary circumstances exist which justify such repetition. Extraordinary circumstances are those which would justify the District providing the student a refund. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illness, or other

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circumstances beyond the control of the student. Grades awarded for courses repeated under these provisions [ **NOTE: When a course is repeated pursuant to this section, the District may allow the previous grade and credit to be disregarded in computing the student's GPA -- select shall or may** ] be included when calculating a student's grade point average.

- Limits on the number of times students may repeat a course.
- Students may not enroll in a course more than three times, except in limited circumstances, described below. Enrollments include any combination of withdrawals and repetitions.
- Students may repeat an cooperative work experience course pursuant to District policy any number of times as long as they do not exceed the limits on the number of units of cooperative work experience set forth in Title 5 Section 55253(a).
- Students with disabilities can repeat a special class for students with disabilities any number of times when an individualized determination verifies that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for the student for one of the reasons specified in Title 5 Section 56029. [ **NOTE: The District may allow the previous grade to be disregarded when computing the GPA each time the course is repeated. If the District determines to do so, include: The District will disregard previous grades in computing the student's GPA each time the course is repeated.** ]
- Students may repeat a course any number of times where it is required for a student to meet a legally mandated training requirement as a condition of continued paid or volunteer employment, regardless of whether the student recorded substandard work. [ **Insert local procedure for students to certify the course is legally mandated.** ]
- Students may petition to repeat a course needed for employment or licensing because of a significant change in the industry or licensure standards. Students may take these courses any number of times. [ **Insert policy to require students to certify the course is needed because of a significant change in the industry or licensure standards.** ]

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### 4. AP 4226 Multiple and Overlapping Enrollments

#### **Reference:**

Title 5 Sections 55007

**Note:** *Insert local practice, which **must include** procedures that ensure the following :*

A student may not enroll in two or more sections of the same credit course during the same term unless the length of the course provides that the student is not enrolled in more than one section at any given time.

A student may not enroll in two or more courses where the meeting times for the courses overlap, unless:

- The student provides a valid justification, other than scheduling convenience, of the need for an overlapping schedule.
- An appropriate district official [**designate**] approves the schedule.
- The student makes up the overlapping hours at some other time during the same week under the supervision of the instructor of the course.
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### AP 4227 Repeatable Courses

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 55040, 55041, 55253, and 56029

**NOTE:** *This procedure is legally required.*

Only the following types of courses may be designated as repeatable:

- Courses for which repetition is necessary to meet the major requirements of California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) for completion of a bachelor's degree;
- Intercollegiate athletics courses; and
- Intercollegiate academic or vocational competition courses. Such courses may be repeated no more than four times for semester courses or six times for quarter courses.

The District must identify and designate such repeatable courses in its catalog.

Under special circumstances, students may repeat courses in which a C or better grade was earned.

Students are allowed to repeat a course without petition when repetition is necessary to enable that student to meet a legally mandated training requirement as a condition of volunteer or continued paid employment. Students can repeat such courses any number of times.

Students may petition to repeat a course as a result of a significant change in industry or licensure standards such that repetition of the course is necessary for the student's employment or licensure. Students can repeat such courses any number of times.

Students may enroll in activity courses in physical education, visual arts, or performing arts. Such courses may not be repeated for more than [ **four semesters or six quarters** ]. This limit applies even if the student receives a substandard grade or "W" during one or more enrollment or if a student petitions for repetition for repetition due to extenuating circumstances.

Students with disabilities can repeat a special class for students with disabilities any number of times when an individualized determination verifies that such repetition is required as a disability-related accommodation for the student for one of the reasons specified in Title 5 Section 56029.

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A student may repeat a cooperative work experience program any number of times as long as they do not exceed the limit on the number of units of cooperative work experience set forth in Title 5 Section 55253(a); however, the grade received by the student each time will be included in calculations of the student's grade point average.

The District shall develop and implement a mechanism to allow it to properly monitor course repetition.

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### AP 4228 Course Repetition – Significant Lapse of Time

**Reference:**

Title 5 Section 55043

**NOTE:** *This procedure is legally advised.*

Students may be permitted or required to repeat courses in which a “C” or better grade was earned where there was a significant lapse of time of no less than 36 months since the grade was obtained and:

- The District has established a recency prerequisite for a course or program; or
- An institution of higher education to which a student wishes to transfer has established a recency requirement that the student cannot satisfy without repeating the course.

When a student needs to repeat an active participatory experience course in physical education, or visual or performing arts, or that is related in content due to a significant lapse of time, each repetition attempt will be counted toward the established repetition limits. However, if a student has already exhausted the number of permitted repetitions, then an additional repetition due to significant lapse of time may be permitted or required by the District.

When a course is repeated due to a significant lapse of time, the District may disregard the previous grade and credit when computing a student’s grade point average.

**New 9/08; Revised 10/17**

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### AP 4229 Course Repetition – Variable Units

**Reference:**

Title 5 Section 55044

**NOTE:** *This procedure is legally advised.*

Students may be permitted to enroll in variable unit open-entry/open-exit courses as many times as necessary to enable them to complete the entire curriculum of the course once.

Students may not repeat variable unit open-entry/open-exit courses unless:

- The course is required for legally mandated training; or
- The course is a special class for students with disabilities which needs to be repeated; or
- Repetition of the course is justified by extenuating circumstances; or
- The student wishes to repeat the course to alleviate substandard work.

A student may not enroll in a variable unit open-entry/open exit active participatory course in physical education, visual arts, or performing arts more than one time.

**New 9/08; Revised 10/17**

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### AP 4230 Grading and Academic Record Symbols

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 55023, 55024, 55051, 55052, and 55052.5

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted, but it must comply with Title 5.*

Grades from a grading system shall be averaged on the basis of the point equivalencies to determine a student's grade point average using only the following evaluative symbols:

#### Evaluative Symbols:

A – Excellent (Grade Point = 4)

B – Good (Grade Point = 3)

C – Satisfactory (Grade Point = 2)

D – Less than satisfactory (Grade Point = 1)

F – Failing (Grade Point = 0)

P – Passing (At least satisfactory – units awarded not counted in GPA)

NP – No Pass (Less than satisfactory, or failing – units not counted in GPA)

SP – Satisfactory Progress toward completion of the course (Used for noncredit courses only and is not supplanted by any other symbol)

**NOTE:** *Districts that have adopted “plus-minus” grades would insert those grades. If pluses and minuses are used, the grade point value of a plus shall be computed by adding 0.3 to the value assigned to the letter grade with which it is combined, and the grade point value of a minus shall be computed by subtracting 0.3 from the value assigned to the letter grade with which it is combined, except that no grade point value shall be less than 0 or greater than 4.0.*

**NOTE:** *Districts that have adopted the “FW” grade symbol (unofficial withdrawal) would insert that symbol under the list of evaluative symbols. The “FW” symbol may not be used if a student has qualified for and been granted a military withdrawal. If “FW” is used, its grade point value is 0.*

#### Non-Evaluative Symbols:

**I – Incomplete:** Incomplete academic work for unforeseeable, emergency and justifiable reasons. The condition for the removal of the “I” shall be stated by the instructor in a written record. The record shall contain the conditions for the removal of the “I” and the grade assigned in lieu of its removal. The record must be given to the student with a copy on file with the registrar until the “I” is made up or the time limit has passed. A final grade

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shall be assigned when the work stipulated has been completed and evaluated, or when the time limit for completing the work has passed. The “I” may be made up no later than one year following the end of the term in which it was assigned. The “I” symbol shall not be used in calculating units attempted nor for grade points.

**IP – In Progress:** The “IP” symbol shall be used only in courses which extend beyond the normal end of an academic term. It indicates that work is “in progress,” but that assignment of an evaluative symbol (grade) must await its completion. The “IP” symbol shall remain on the student’s permanent record in order to satisfy enrollment documentation. The appropriate evaluative symbol (grade) and unit credit shall be assigned and appear on the student’s permanent record for the term in which the course is completed. The “IP” symbol shall not be used in calculating grade point averages. If a student enrolled in an “open-entry, open-exit” course is assigned an “IP” and does not re-enroll in that course during the subsequent term, the appropriate faculty will assign an evaluation symbol (grade) to be recorded on the student’s permanent record for the course.

**RD – Report Delayed:** The “RD” symbol may be assigned by the registrar only. It is to be used when there is a delay in reporting the grade of a student due to circumstances beyond the control of the student. It is a temporary notation to be replaced by a permanent symbol as soon as possible. “RD” shall not be used in calculating grade point averages.

**W – Withdrawal:** The “W” symbol may be used to denote withdrawal in accordance with the requirements of Title 5 Section 55024.

**MW – Military Withdrawal:** The “MW” symbol may be used to denote military withdrawal in accordance with Title 5 Section 55024.

**EW – Excused Withdrawal:** The “EW” symbol may be used to denote withdrawal in accordance with Title 5 Section 55024.

**[ *Symbol* ] – Credit for Prior Learning:** The “[ *Symbol* ]” symbol may be used to denote credit earned through successful completion of an International Baccalaureate examination, College Level Examination Program examination, Advanced Placement examination, or another experience, examination or assessment of prior learning, if the District determines that such prior learning satisfies the District’s standards for measuring competencies comparable to those achieved in baccalaureate or general education level courses. Standards for satisfactory completion of a prior learning experience, examination or assessment will be approved by the faculty in the appropriate discipline for which prior learning credit is earned.

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5. AP 4231 Grade Changes

### References:

Education Code Sections 76224 and 76232;  
Title 5 Section 55025

**Note:** *This procedure is **legally required**. The following language is provided as a sample. Local practice may be inserted, but must comply with the Education Code and Title 5 and address the following:*

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- **Changing Grades**
- The instructor of the course shall determine the grade to be awarded to each student.
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- The determination of the student's grade by the instructor is final in the absence of mistake, fraud, bad faith, or incompetence. "Mistake" may include, but is not limited to, errors made by an instructor in calculating a student's grade, and clerical errors. "Fraud" may include, but is not limited to, inaccurate recording or change of a grade by any person who gains access to grade records without authorization.
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- The removal or change of an incorrect grade from a student's record shall only be done pursuant to Education Code Section 76232 or by an alternative method that ensures that each student shall be afforded an objective and reasonable review of the requested grade change.
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- If the procedure requires that a student first request a grade change from the instructor, provisions shall be made to allow another faculty member to substitute for the instructor if the student has filed a discrimination complaint, if the instructor is not available or where the District determines that it is possible that there may have been gross misconduct by the original instructor.
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- In the case of fraud, bad faith, or incompetence, the final determination concerning removal or change of grade will be made by the [designate position].
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- In all cases, the instructor who first awarded the grade will be given written notice of the change.
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- **Security of Grade Records**

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- The District shall implement security measures for student records that assure no person may obtain access to student grade records without proper authorization. These measures shall be installed as part of any computerized grade data storage system.
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- The measures implemented by the District shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, password protection for all student grade data bases, locking mechanisms for computer stations from which student grade data bases can be viewed, and strict limits on the number of persons who are authorized to change student grades.
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- Persons authorized to change grades shall be designated by the ***[insert designated position, e.g. "Director of Admissions and Records."]*** No more than five District employees may be authorized to change student grades. Only regular full-time employees of the District may be authorized to change grades. Student workers shall not have access to grade records, and student workers may not change grades at any time.
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- Any person who discovers that grades have been changed by someone other than the persons authorized to do so shall notify the ***[designated position]*** immediately. The ***[designated position]*** shall immediately take steps to lock the grade storage system entirely while an investigation is conducted.
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- If any student's grade record is found to have been changed without proper authorization, the District will notify 1) the student; 2) the instructor who originally awarded the grade; 3) any educational institution to which the student has transferred; 4) the accreditation agency; and 5) appropriate local law enforcement authorities.
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- Whenever a grade is changed for any reason, corrected transcripts will be sent to any educational institution to which a student has transferred.
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- Any student or employee who is found to have gained access to grade recording systems without proper authorization, or who is found to have changed any grade without proper authority to do so, shall be subject to discipline in accordance with District policies and procedures.
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- Any person who is found to have gained access to grade recording systems without proper authorization, or who is found to have changed any grade without proper authority to do so, shall be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency having jurisdiction over the college where the incident occurred.
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**Note:** *The District may insert procedures related to processes for seeking grade changes, time limits, if any, and appeals to the [CEO]. Suggested procedures for doing so are contained in AP 5530 titled Student Grievance Procedures.*

Also see BP 3310 titled Records Retention and Destruction and BP/AP 5040 titled Student Records

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### AP 4232 Pass/No Pass

**Reference:**

Title 5 Section 55022

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **optional**, but it is legally advised if the District offers courses for pass-no pass basis. Local practice may be inserted, but it should comply with the following.*

Courses may be offered in either or both of the following categories:

- Courses in which all students are evaluated on a "pass-no pass" basis.
- Courses in which each student may elect on registration, or within [time limit established by District], to take the course on a "pass-no pass" basis.

A student electing to be evaluated on the "pass-no pass" basis will receive both course credit and unit credit upon satisfactory completion of the course. In computing a student's grade-point average, grades of "pass-no pass" are omitted.

A pass grade is granted for performance that is equivalent to the letter grade of "C" or better. A student who fails to perform satisfactorily will be assigned a "no pass" grade.

The student is held responsible for all assignments and examinations required in the course. The standards of evaluation are identical for all students in the course.

**NOTE:** *The District may insert its local practice on how pass/no pass classes are identified and how students select the pass/no pass option. The District must replace "credit/no credit" with "pass/no-pass" by Fall 2009.*

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### AP 4235 Credit for Prior Learning

#### References:

Education Code Section 79500;  
Title 5 Sections 55050, 55051, 55052, and 55052.5

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **suggested as good practice/optional**, but it is **legally advised** if the Board adopts a policy to allow credit for prior learning. A District must publish its policies pertaining to credit for prior learning in its college catalog. A District must also review its credit for prior learning policy every three years and report particular findings specified in Title 5 Section 55050 subdivision (l) to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Additionally, a District must certify to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office by December 31, 2020 that it has complied with the requirements of Title 5 Section 55050.*

Credit for Prior Learning may be obtained by one of the following methods: *(Colleges must determine appropriate methods. Colleges must award prior credit for satisfactory completion of International Baccalaureate and College Level Examination Program examinations. Colleges may award credit for other forms of prior learning, with some common practices listed below.)*

- Achievement of a score of [ **3 or higher** ] on an Advanced Placement Examination administered by the College Entrance Examination Board.
- Achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by College Level Examination Program examination.
- Achievement of a score that qualifies for credit by International Baccalaureate examination.
- Credit by satisfactory completion of an examination administered by the college in lieu of completion of a course listed in the college catalog.
- Achievement of an examination administered by other agencies approved by the college.
- Assessment approved or conducted by proper authorities of the college.

Credit may be awarded for prior experience or prior learning only for individually identified courses with subject matter similar to that of the individual's prior learning, and only for a course listed in the catalog of the community college. Award of credit may be made to electives for students who do not require additional general education or program credits to meet their goals.

#### Determination of Eligibility to Receive Credit by Examination:

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- The student must be currently registered in the college and in good standing,
- The course is listed in the college catalog,
- Credits acquired by examination are not applicable to meeting of such unit load requirements as Selective Service deferment, Veteran's or Social Security benefits.

Credits acquired by assessment shall not be counted in determining the 12 semester hours of credit in residence required for an Associate degree.

**NOTE:** *Additional local procedures may be inserted, which **must** include:*

- Procedures for students to attain credit for prior learning that includes credit by examination, evaluation of Joint Services Transcripts, evaluation of student-created portfolios, evaluation of industry-recognized documentation, and standardized exams.
- The student's academic record clearly indicates that the credit was earned by assessment of prior learning.
- Limits on the number of units that may be applied to the Associate degree.
- Other limits on student and course eligibility for credit by examination.
- Procedures that require that a student, upon completion of his/her/their educational plan pursuant to Education Code Section 78212, shall be referred to the college's appropriate authority for assessment of prior learning if the student is a veteran or an active-duty member of the armed forces, holds industry-recognized credentials, or requests credit for a course based on their prior learning.
- An opportunity for students to accept, decline or appeal decisions related to the award of credit, and in the cases of credit by exam, pursuant to Title 5 Sections 55021 and 55025.

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### AP 4236 Advanced Placement Credit

#### References:

Education Code Section 79500;  
Title 5 Section 55052

**NOTE:** *This procedure is legally required.*

Any student who passes a College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examination with a minimum score of three in a subject matter will be awarded credit in a general education area with a subject matter similar to that of the AP examination.

**NOTE:** *Insert locally developed course-to-course awarding of AP credit made by the appropriate discipline faculty.*

For any AP examination that the District does not offer a course similar in content, the District will award credit in the General Education area shown on the California Community College General Education AP List. If there is no General Education area that fits the AP Examination, the District may award elective credit.

A student's academic record will be annotated to reflect credit earned through an AP examination.

The District shall post its Advanced Placement Credit procedure on its Internet Web site.

**New 10/17, Revised 10/21**

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### AP 4240 Academic Renewal

#### Reference:

Title 5 Section 55046

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted but **should comply with the following**:*

Students may petition to have their academic record reviewed for academic renewal of substandard academic performance under the following conditions:

- Students must have achieved a grade point average of **[set a minimum of at least 2.0]** in **[set minimum number of units]**, and
- At least **[set time limit]** must have elapsed from the time the course work to be removed was completed.

Up to **[set unit limit]** units of course work may be eliminated from consideration in the cumulative grade point average.

Specific courses and/or categories of courses that are exempt from academic renewal must be described. Academic renewal actions are irreversible. When academic renewal procedures permit previously recorded substandard coursework to be disregarded in the computation of a student's grade point average, the student's permanent academic record should contain an accurate record of all coursework to ensure a complete academic history.

Academic renewal procedures may not conflict with the District's obligation to retain and destroy records or with the instructor's ability to determine a student's final grade.

**NOTE:** *Additional local procedures should be inserted, which **must include**:*

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- The procedures to be followed by the student in requesting academic renewal.
- Designated authorities.

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### AP 4250 Probation

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 55031 - 55034

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted, but it should address the minimum requirements in the following examples.*

#### Notification of Probation

Each student is entitled to be notified of his/her/their academic difficulty and the availability of college support services to respond to the academic difficulty before the student is dismissed. Notification will consist, at a minimum, of the following: At the end of the semester in which the student's grade point average falls below 2.0 in all units attempted, a notice that the student is on probation shall be sent to the student informing him/her/them that he/she/they is on academic probation. "All units attempted" is defined as all units of credit for which the student is enrolled in at the community college that they attend.

If the percentage of a student's recorded entries of "W," "I," "NC," and "NP" reaches or exceeds 50% of all units in which a student has enrolled, the student shall be placed on progress probation.

At the end of the third semester on which the student is on academic or progress probation, a notice that the student is subject to dismissal will be sent to the student informing him/her/them that he/she/they is subject to dismissal.

#### Probationary Letter

The letter notifying the student of probation will cover, at a minimum, the significance of being on probation and description of the services available.

A student who is on academic probation and earns a semester grade point average of 1.75 or better shall not be dismissed as long as this minimum semester grade point average is maintained.

#### Probation, Dismissal, Readmission Data Reporting

The [ **CEO** ] shall develop and provide to the Board for review [ **specify annual or other interval** ] report of the number of students who were placed on probation, dismissed, and reinstated. This report must disaggregate the students by race, age, gender, or any other characteristic identified by the Board.

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### AP 4255 Dismissal and Readmission

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 55033 and 55034

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Local practice may be inserted, but it should address the minimum requirements in the following examples.*

#### Standards for Dismissal

A student who is on academic probation shall be subject to dismissal if the student has earned a cumulative grade point average of less than 1.75 *[Title 5 Section 55033 subdivision (c)(1) permits the District to establish a minimum cumulative grade point average higher than 1.75]* in all units attempted in each of three consecutive semesters *[Title 5 Section 55033 subdivision (c)(3) permits the District to establish a minimum of fewer than three (3) consecutive semesters]*. A student who has been placed on probation shall be subject to dismissal if the percentage of units in which the student has been enrolled for which entries of “W,” “I,” “NC,” and “NP” are recorded in at least three (3) consecutive semesters (five consecutive quarters) reaches or exceeds fifty percent (50%). *[Title 5 Section 55033 subdivision (c)(2) permits the District to establish a minimum percentage of units of less than fifty percent (50%).]*

#### Dismissal Letter

The letter notifying the student that he/she/they is subject to dismissal will cover, at a minimum, reference to this procedure, explanation of what dismissal means, procedure for reinstatement, and procedure to appeal the dismissal.

#### Appeal of Dismissal

The student has the right to appeal a proposed dismissal action if the student feels that facts exist that warrant an exception to the dismissal action. The student must file the written petition of appeal *[identify where petition is filed]* within *[time limit]* after the dismissal letter was mailed. If the student fails to file a written petition within the *[time limit]*, the student waives all future rights to appeal the dismissal action. It is the student's responsibility to indicate on the petition a clear statement of the grounds on which continued enrollment should be granted and to provide evidence supporting the reasons. Petitions will be reviewed by *[identify who reviews petitions]*.

The student will be continued on probation until the *[designate authority]* decides on the student's appeal.

The decision of the *[designate authority]* will be communicated to the student in writing by the *[designate authority]*. The *[designate authority]* will notify the student of its action within *[time limit]* of receipt of the student's appeal. The student may appeal the

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decision of the [**designate authority**] in writing to the [**CEO or designee**], within [**time limit**] working days of the date of notification of the decision of the [**Appeals Committee**]. The decision of the [**CEO or designee**] is final.

If the dismissal appeal is granted, the student will be continued on probation for an additional semester. At the end of the additional semester, the student's academic record will again be evaluated to determine whether the student may be removed from probation, should be dismissed, or should be continued on probation.

**NOTE:** *The following standards are not legally required, but are suggested as good practice.*

### Fall Dismissals

Special circumstances exist for dismissals after the Fall semester due to the fact that students traditionally enroll before Fall grades are available. Subject to dismissal letters will be sent no later than [**month**] informing students that:

- If they are enrolled in the Spring semester, they will be permitted to continue on probation. Dismissal status will be reevaluated at the end of the Spring semester.
- If they are not enrolled in the Spring semester, they have the right to appeal dismissal in accordance with the appeal process.

### Procedure for Fall Dismissal Appeals

Appeals for students subject to dismissal as a result of the fall grades must be filed following notification during the Spring semester. The following conditions apply:

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- Students who are enrolled in the Spring semester will not be required to file an appeal but will be allowed to continue on probation and have their dismissal status reevaluated at the end of the Spring semester.
- Students who have not enrolled in the Spring semester will be dismissed unless an appeal is granted in accordance with procedures set above.

### Standards for Evaluating Appeals

Dismissal appeals may be granted under the following circumstances:

- If the dismissal determination is based on the academic record for one semester in which the record does not reflect the student's usual level of performance due to accident, illness, or other circumstances beyond the control of the student. Verification should be submitted with the appeal.
- The student enrolls in a corrective program designed to assist him/her/them in improving academic skills, such as obtaining academic counseling, and/or limiting course load.

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- When there is evidence of significant improvement in academic achievement.

### **Re-Admission after Dismissal**

In considering whether or not students may be re-admitted after a dismissal and two semesters absence, the following criteria should be considered:

- Documented extenuating circumstances (considered during appeal).
- Marked improvement between the semesters on which disqualification was based.
- Semesters on which disqualification was based were atypical of past academic performance.
- Formal or informal educational experiences since completion of semesters on which disqualification was based.
- Improved GPA as a result of grade changes, fulfillment of incomplete courses, or academic renewal.

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### AP 4260 Prerequisites and Co-requisites

#### References:

Title 5 Sections 55000 et seq.

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally required**. Districts may insert their local practice here. The following example was developed by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office Task Force in conjunction with the State Academic Senate. Districts should consult with local legal counsel before deviating from this example.*

Prerequisites, co-requisites, advisories, and limitations are necessary to ensure that students succeed in their coursework and have access to the courses they require. It is important to have prerequisites in place where they are a vital factor in maintaining academic standards. It is also necessary to ensure that prerequisites, co-requisites, advisories, and limitations do not constitute unjustifiable obstacles to student access and success. Therefore, to foster the appropriate balance between these two concerns, the Education Code requires that prerequisites, co-requisites, advisories, and limitations be established based solely on content review or content review with statistical validation.

#### 1. Information in the Catalog and Schedule of Courses.

The college shall provide the following explanations both in the college catalog and in the schedule of courses:

- A. Definitions of prerequisites, co-requisites, and limitations on enrollment including the differences among them and the specific prerequisites, co-requisites, and limitations on enrollment that have been established.
- B. Procedures for a student to challenge prerequisites, co-requisites, and limitations on enrollment and circumstances under which a student is encouraged to make such a challenge. The information about challenges must include, at a minimum, the specific process including any deadlines, the various types of challenge that are established in law, and any additional types of challenge permitted by the college.
- C. Definitions of advisories on recommended preparation, the right of a student to choose to take a course without meeting the advisory, and circumstances under which a student is encouraged to exercise that right.
- D. Definitions of contract course, co-requisite, noncredit basic skills course, non-degree-applicable basic skills courses, prerequisite, and satisfactory grade.

#### 2. Challenge Process

- A. Any student who does not meet a prerequisite or co-requisite or who is not permitted to enroll due to a limitation on enrollment but who provides satisfactory evidence may seek entry into the course as follows:

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1. If space is available in a course when a student files a challenge to the prerequisite or co-requisite, the District shall reserve a seat for the student and resolve the challenge within five working days. If the challenge is upheld or the District fails to resolve the challenge within the five working-day period, the student shall be allowed to enroll in the course.
2. 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 students registers for that subsequent term.

### **B. Grounds for challenge shall include the following:**

1. Those grounds for challenge specified in Title 5 Section 55003 subdivision (p).
2. The student seeks to enroll and has not been allowed to enroll due to a limitation on enrollment established for a course that involves intercollegiate competition or public performance, or one or more of the courses for which enrollment has been limited to a cohort of students. The student shall be allowed to enroll in such a course if otherwise he/she/they would be delayed by a semester or more in attaining the degree or certificate specified in his/her/their educational plan.
3. The student seeks to enroll in a course that has a prerequisite established to protect health and safety, and the student demonstrates that he/she/they does not pose a threat to himself/herself/themself or others.
4. The student has the obligation to provide satisfactory evidence that the challenge should be upheld. However, where facts essential to a determination of whether the student's challenge should be upheld are or ought to be in the college's own records, then the college has the obligation to produce that information.

### **C. Curriculum Review Process**

The curriculum review process shall at a minimum be in accordance with all of the following:

1. Establish a curriculum committee and its membership in a manner that is mutually agreeable to the college administration and the academic senate.
2. Establish prerequisites, co-requisites, and advisories on recommended preparation (advisories) only upon the recommendation of the academic senate except that the academic senate may delegate this task to the curriculum committee without forfeiting its rights or responsibilities under Title 5 Sections 53200-53204 and within the limits set forth in Title 5 Section 55003. Certain limitations on enrollment must be established in the same manner.
3. Establish prerequisites, co-requisites, advisories on recommended preparation, and limitations on enrollment only if:
  - a) The faculty in the discipline or, if the college has no faculty member in the discipline, the faculty in the department do all of the following:

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- (1) Approve the course; and,
- (2) As a separate action, approve any prerequisite or co-requisite, only if:
  - (a) The prerequisite or co-requisite is an appropriate and rational measure of a student's readiness to enter the course or program as demonstrated by a content review including, at a minimum, all of the following:
    - (i) involvement of faculty with appropriate expertise;
    - (ii) consideration of course objectives set by relevant department(s). The curriculum review process should be done in a manner that is in accordance with accreditation standards.
    - (iii) be based on a detailed course syllabus and outline of record, tests, related instructional materials, course format, type and number of examinations, and grading criteria;
    - (iv) specification of the body of knowledge or skills which are deemed necessary at entry or concurrent with enrollment;
    - (v) identification and review of the prerequisite or co-requisite which develops the body of knowledge or measures skills identified under iv.
    - (vi) matching of the knowledge and skills in the targeted course (identified under iv.) and those developed or measured by the prerequisite or co-requisite (i.e., the course or assessment identified under v.); and
    - (vii) maintain documentation that the above steps were taken.
- (3) Approve any limitation on enrollment that is being established for an honors course or section, for a course that includes intercollegiate competition or public performance, or so that a cohort of students will be enrolled in two or more courses, and, in a separate action, specify which.
- (4) Approve that the course meets the academic standards required for degree applicable courses, non-degree applicable courses, non-credit courses, or community service respectively.
- (5) Review the course outline to determine if a student would be highly unlikely to receive a satisfactory grade unless the student had knowledge or skills not taught in the course. If the student would need knowledge or skills not taught in the course itself, then the course may be approved for degree applicable credit only if all requirements for establishing the appropriate

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prerequisite have been met excepting only approval by the curriculum committee.

- (6) Review the course outline to determine whether receiving a satisfactory grade is dependent on skills in communication or computation. If receiving a satisfactory grade is sufficiently dependent on such skills, then the course may be approved for degree applicable credit only if all requirements have been met for establishing a prerequisite or co-requisite of not less than eligibility for enrollment to a degree-applicable course in English or mathematics, respectively.
  - b) A course which should have a prerequisite or co-requisite as provided in (5) or (6) but for which one or more of the requirements for establishing a prerequisite have not been met may only:
    - (1) Be reviewed and approved pursuant to the standards for non-degree applicable credit, non-credit, or community service; or
    - (2) Be revised and reviewed as required to meet the criteria for establishing the necessary prerequisites or co-requisites.
  - c) The curriculum committee also reviews the course and prerequisite in a manner that meets each of the requirements specified above.
  - d) If the District chooses to use content review as defined in Title 5 Section 55000 subdivision (f) to define prerequisites and co-requisites in reading, written expression, or mathematics for courses that are degree applicable and are not in a sequence, it must adopt a plan consistent with Title 5 Section 55003 subdivision (c).
4. **Program Review.** As a regular part of the program review process or at least every six years, except that the prerequisites and co-requisites for vocational courses or programs shall be reviewed every two years, the college shall review each prerequisite, co-requisite, or advisory to establish that each is still supported by the faculty in the discipline or department and by the curriculum committee and is still in compliance with all other provisions of this procedure, the related policy, and with the law. Any prerequisite or co-requisite that is still supported shall be reviewed promptly thereafter to assure that it is in compliance with all other provisions of this procedure, the related policy, and with the law.
5. **Implementing Prerequisites, Co-requisites, and Limitations on Enrollment.** Implementation of prerequisites, co-requisites, and limitations on enrollment must be done in a consistent manner and not left exclusively to the classroom instructor. Every attempt shall be made to enforce all conditions a student must meet to be enrolled in the course through the registration process so that a student is not permitted to enroll unless he/she/they has met all the conditions or has met all except those for which he/she/they has a pending

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challenge or for which further information is needed before final determination is possible of whether the student has met the condition.

6. **Instructor's Formal Agreement to Teach the Course as Described.** Each college shall establish a procedure so that courses for which prerequisites or co-requisites are established will be taught in accordance with the course outline, particularly those aspects of the course outline that are the basis for justifying the establishment of the prerequisite or co-requisite. The process shall be established by consulting collegially with the local academic senate and, if appropriate, the local bargaining unit.

### Review of Individual Courses

If the student's enrollment in a course or program is to be contingent on his/her/their having met the proposed prerequisite(s) or co-requisite(s), then such a prerequisite or co-requisite must be established as follows. If enrollment is not blocked, then what is being established is not a prerequisite or co-requisite but, rather, an advisory on recommended preparation and must be identified as such in the schedule and catalog. Establishing advisories does not require all the following steps.

1. **Advisories on Recommended Preparation**

The college may recommend that a student meet a standard of readiness at entry only if recommended by the faculty in the discipline or department and by the curriculum committee as provided in above. This process is required whether the college used to describe such recommendations in its catalog or schedule as "prerequisites," or "recommended," or by any other term.

2. **Limitations on Enrollment**

The types of limitation on enrollment specified below may only be established through the curriculum review process by the discipline or department faculty and the curriculum committee specified above including the requirement to review them again at least every six years; for example, as part of program review. The following requirements must also be met in order to establish these particular limitations on enrollment.

- a. **Performance Courses** – The college may establish audition or try-out as a limitation on enrollment for courses that include public performance or intercollegiate competition such as but not limited to band, orchestra, theater, competitive speech, chorus, journalism, dance, and intercollegiate athletics provided that:
  - i. For any certificate or associate degree requirement which can be met by taking this course, there is another course or courses which satisfy the same requirement; and
  - ii. The college includes in the course outline of record a list of each certificate or associate degree requirement that the course meets

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and of the other course or courses which meet the same requirement.

Limitations on enrollment established as provided for performance courses shall be reviewed during program review or at least every six years to determine whether the audition or try-out process is having a disproportionate impact on any historically under-represented group and, if so, a plan shall be adopted to seek to remedy the disproportionate impact. If disproportionate impact has been found, the limitation on enrollment may not be printed in subsequent catalogs or schedules nor enforced in any subsequent term until such a plan has been endorsed by the department and the college administration and put into effect.

- b. **Honors Courses** – A limitation on enrollment for an honors course or an honors section of a course may be established if, in addition to the review by the faculty in the discipline or department and by the curriculum committee as provided above, there is another section or another course or courses at the college which satisfy the same requirements. If the limitation is for an honors course and not only for an honors section, the college must also include in the course outline of record a list of each certificate or associate degree requirement that the course meets and of the other course or courses which meet the same associate degree or certificate requirement.
- c. **Blocks of Courses or Sections** – Blocks of courses or blocks of sections of courses are two or more courses or sections for which enrollment is limited in order to create a cohort of students. Such a limitation on enrollment may be established if, in addition to review by the faculty in the discipline or department and by the curriculum committee as provided above, there is another section or another course or courses that satisfy the same requirement. If the cohort is created through limitations on enrollment in the courses rather than limitations on specific sections of courses, then the college must include in the course outline of record a list of each certificate or associate degree requirement that the course meets and of the other course or courses which satisfy the same associate degree or certificate requirement.

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### AP 4300 Field Trips and Excursions

#### References:

Government Code Section 11139.8;  
Title 5 Section 55220

**NOTE:** *The following procedure is **legally advised**. Local practice may be inserted, which should address the following concepts.*

**NOTE:** *Government Code Section 11139.8 prohibits a state agency from requiring its employees, officers, or members to travel to, or approving a request for state-funded or sponsored travel to, any state that, after June 26, 2015, has eliminated protections against discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. This prohibition also applies to any state that has enacted a law that authorizes or requires discrimination against same-sex couples or their family or on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, subject to certain exceptions. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has indicated it will not approve requests from local community college districts to travel to a restricted state. The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office has also opined that Government Code Section 11139.8 does not apply to local community college districts. However, California law has recognized local community college districts as state agencies for certain purposes, among those is the community college funding mechanism. Thus, districts should consult with legal counsel in implementing Government Code Section 11139.8.*

The District may conduct field trips and excursions in connection with courses of instruction or college-related social, educational, cultural, athletic or musical activities to and from places in California, or any other state, the District of Columbia, or a foreign country for students.

The District shall engage instructors, supervisors, and other personnel as may be necessary for such excursions or field trips who desire to contribute their services over and above the normal period for which they are employed by the District.

The District shall, at the discretion of the [ **designated position** ], transport students, instructors, supervisors or other personnel by use of District equipment, contract to provide transportation, or arrange transportation by the use of other equipment.

When District equipment is used, the District shall obtain liability insurance, and if travel is to and from a foreign country, the liability insurance shall be secured from a carrier licensed to transact insurance business in the foreign country.

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The District may pay expenses of instructors, chaperones and other personnel participating in a field trip or excursion. Payment shall be by way of itemized reimbursement in a form prescribed by the [ **designate position** ]. The District may pay for expenses of students participating in a field trip or excursion with auxiliary, grant or categorical program funds if the funds are used consistently with the funding source.

No student shall be prevented from making a field trip or excursion which is integral to the completion of the course because of lack of sufficient funds. The District shall coordinate efforts of community services groups to provide funds for students in need of them.

All persons making a field trip or excursion shall be deemed to have waived all claims against the District for injury, accident, illness, or death occurring during or by reason of the field trip or excursion. All adults taking such trips and all parents or guardians of minor students shall sign a statement waiving such claims.

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### AP 4400 Community Services Programs

#### References:

Education Code Section 78300 et seq.  
Title 5 Sections 55002 and 55160 subdivision (b)

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **optional**, but it is legally advised if the District maintains community services offerings. Local practice may be inserted, but they must comply with the following:*

Offerings are established and maintained in civic, vocational, literacy, health, family and consumer sciences, technical and general education, including, but not limited to, classes in the fields of music, drama, art, handicraft, science, literature, nature study, nature contacting, aquatic sports and athletics.

Offerings are designed to provide instruction and to contribute to the physical, mental, moral, economic, or civic development of the individuals or groups enrolled in them. Offerings are open for the admission of adults and of those minors as in the judgment of the governing board may profit.

General fund moneys are not expended to establish and maintain community service offerings.

Students enrolled in community service offerings may be charged a fee not to exceed the cost of maintaining community service classes, or classes may be provided for remuneration by contract, or with contributions or donations of individuals or groups.

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### AP 4500 Student News Media

#### Reference:

Education Code Section 66301

**NOTE:** *The following procedure **applies if the college has news media programs.** These procedures are **legally advised.** Districts should adapt the language to accurately describe their programs.*

#### Philosophy

College news media are any news/feature publications issued under the name of the college, funded by the District, and produced by students as an integral part of instruction in **[insert name of relevant discipline or program]**. It may include, but is not limited to, student newspaper reporting, broadcast news journalism and internet news journalism. The term "editorial" refers to all content other than advertising.

College news media, as laboratory publications of the **[insert name of relevant discipline or program]** curriculum, shall provide vehicles to train students for careers in mass communication. College news media shall also serve the entire college community by reporting the news, including college events and activities, providing a forum for comment and criticism, and encouraging free expression as guaranteed in the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

College news media are valuable aids in establishing and maintaining an atmosphere of free and responsible discussion. College news media shall exercise editorial freedom in order to maintain their integrity as vehicles for free inquiry and free expression in the college community. At the same time, the editorial freedom of the college news media shall entail corollary responsibilities.

Each college newspaper or other news medium is published as a learning experience, offered under the **[insert name of relevant discipline or program]**. The editorial and advertising materials published in each news medium, including any opinions expressed, are the responsibility of the student staff. An editorial board should be formed for the news media involved. Under appropriate state and federal court decisions, these materials are free from prior restraint by virtue of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. These procedures are adopted so as to encourage a responsible exercise of such freedom.

**NOTE:** *Colleges are **legally advised** to establish grievance procedures that provide an avenue for complaints about news media content. They should include or address:*

#### Journalism Grievance Procedures

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Definition of a Grievance – A grievance is a complaint that alleges facts which, if true, would demonstrate a violation of the grievant's right to free inquiry, free speech, or fair treatment; contains allegations that appear to be substantially credible; and is not frivolous.

**Informal Grievance Proceedings** – Describe a procedure that includes a written complaint to those with direct responsibility for the program and their responsibilities to respond in a timely manner.

**Formal Grievance Proceedings** – More formal grievance procedures may include a grievance hearing committee and appeal to the **[CEO]** or designee in a timely fashion. The procedures should include how grievance hearings should be conducted, access to and maintenance of related records, and the responsibility of the authorities to respond to the grievance in a timely fashion.

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### AP 4610 Instructional Service Agreements

#### References:

Education Code Sections 78015 and 84752;  
Title 5 Sections 51006, 53410, 55002, 55003, 55005, 55300-55302, 55600 et seq.,  
58051 subdivisions (c) – (g), 58051.5, 58055, 58056, 58058 subdivision (b), and  
58102 - 58108

**NOTE:** *This procedure is **legally advised**. The following list includes criteria found in other sample administrative procedures. The District may choose to refer to other procedures or repeat criteria within this procedure. Insert local practice, which should address the following and be used as a guide in the preparation of agreements or contracts.*

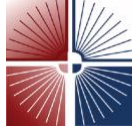
- Delegation of responsibility for instructional service agreements
- Compliance with relevant policies and procedures,
- The responsibility of the governing board, prior to establishing a career/technical program, to conduct a job market study of the labor market area, and determine whether or not the results justify the proposed career/technical program;
- A written agreement or contract with the contractor stating the responsibilities of each party and that the college or district is responsible for the educational program conducted on site;
- The inclusion of procedures, terms and conditions relating to: 1) enrollment period; 2) student enrollment fees; 3) the number of class hours sufficient to meet the stated performance objectives; 4) supervision and evaluation of students; and 5) withdrawal of students prior to completion of a course or program.

The agreement/contract shall contain terms and conditions relating to cancellation and termination of the arrangement.

Instruction claimed for apportionment under the agreement/contract, shall be under the immediate supervision and control of an employee of **[district]** who has met the minimum qualifications for instruction.

Where the instructor is not a paid employee, **[district]** shall have a written agreement or contract with each instructor conducting instruction for which full-time employees are to

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be reported and stating that **[district]** has the primary right to control and direct the instructional activities of the instructor.

**[District]** shall list the minimum qualifications for instructors teaching these courses and that the qualifications are consistent with requirements in other similar courses given in the **[district]**.

The course must be held at facilities which are clearly identified as being open to the general public. Enrollment in the course must be open to any person who has been admitted to **[district]** and has met any applicable prerequisites. **[District]** policy on open enrollment must be published in the district catalog, schedule of classes, and any addenda to the schedule of classes, along with a description of the course and information about whether the course is offered for credit and is transferable.

Course outlines of record for advanced public safety courses will not list as a prerequisite public safety employment or possession of a basic course diploma. Appropriate health and safety prerequisites or enrollment limitations can include the requirement to pass a California Department of Justice Live Scan or other additional requirements that comply with the law.

Course outlines of record for advanced public safety courses should include a sufficiently detailed list of prerequisites that are directly related to the content of the advanced course so that all prospective students can be assessed for enrollment eligibility. Prerequisites may not be established or construed to prevent academically qualified persons not employed in public safety agencies from enrolling in and attending courses.

A student may request an evaluation of his/her/their previous experience and coursework to determine if it is equivalent to the listed requirements. A student found not to meet the prerequisite requirements may challenge the prerequisites through the district's prerequisite challenge process. The **[district]** must maintain documentation that demonstrates its processes for assessing student eligibility for enrollment were followed.

College publications shall inform students regarding the method by which they may seek an evaluation for equivalent enrollment eligibility for advanced public safety courses. College publications, including the course outline and syllabi, shall include a notification that approval of equivalent enrollment eligibility is not a guarantee that state regulatory or licensing agencies will also grant equivalency for licensure or employment purposes.

Degree and certificate programs must have been approved by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and courses that make up the programs must be part of the approved programs, or **[district]** must have received delegated authority to approve those courses locally.

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The courses of instruction are specified in the agreement, the outlines of record for such courses and are approved by **[district]** curriculum committee as meeting Title 5 course standards, and the courses have been approved by the district board of trustees.

Procedures used by **[district]** to assure that faculty teaching different sections of the same course, teach in a manner consistent with the approved outline of record for that course are applied to courses and faculty covered under the agreement and students are held to a comparable level of rigor.

Records of student attendance and achievement shall be maintained by **[district]**. Records will be open for review at all times by officials of the **[district]** and submitted on a schedule developed by the **[district]**.

It is agreed that both contractor and **[district]** shall insure that ancillary and support services are provided for the students.

**[District]** must certify that it does not receive full compensation for the direct education costs of the course from any public or private agency, individual or group.

**[District]** is responsible for obtaining certification verifying that the instructional activity to be conducted will not be fully funded by other sources.

**[District]** shall comply with the requirements of Title 5 Sections 55230-55232 concerning approval by adjoining high school or community college districts and use of non-district facilities, if classes are to be located outside the boundaries of **[district]**.

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