BP 5130 FINANCIAL AID

A program of financial aid to students will be provided, which may include, but is not limited to, scholarships, grants, loans, and work and employment programs.

All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures and standards issued by the funding agency, and will incorporate federal, state, and other applicable regulatory requirements.

The Superintendent/President shall establish, publicize, and apply satisfactory academic progress standards for participants in Title IV student aid programs.

Misrepresentation
Consistent with the applicable federal regulations for federal financial aid, the District shall not engage in “substantial misrepresentation” of 1) the nature of its educational program, 2) the nature of its financial charges, or 3) the employability of its graduates.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures for regularly reviewing the District’s website and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and for training District employees and vendors providing educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admission services concerning the District’s educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to assure compliance with this policy.

The Superintendent/President shall establish procedures wherein the District shall periodically monitor employees’ and vendors’ communications with prospective students and members of the public and take corrective action where needed.

This policy does not create a private cause of action against the District or any of its representatives or service providers. The District and its Board of Trustees do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

Financial Aid Verification
Financial aid applicants shall provide verification documents specified by law if the Secretary of Education selects the applicant for verification. Applicants not selected by the Secretary of Education for verification will be required by the Financial Aid Office to
verify any information on the application which appears illogical, incorrect, or inconsistent. Financial Aid grant and loan funds will be disbursed only after required verification is completed.


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(Replaces Board Policy 6111)
Financial aid is available to eligible students through grants, scholarships, loans, and part-time employment. Recipients may receive more than one category of assistance and in some cases, assistance from all four categories.

Financial Aid programs offered usually include:
- Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOG)
- Cal Grants
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Direct Student Loan Program
- Federal Family Education Loan Program

Financial Aid Policies and Procedures Manual that explain procedures including the following:
- Application procedures, including deadlines
- Payment procedures
- Overpayment recovery
- Accounting requirements
- Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards (SAP)
- Financial aid appeal process

Policies and procedures regarding financial aid are published and available to students in the catalog and on the District’s website.

Misrepresentation
Misrepresentation is defined as any false, erroneous, or misleading statement that the District, a representative of the District, or a service provider with which the District has contracted to provide educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admissions services, makes directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student, a member of the public, an accrediting agency, a state agency, or the United States Department of Education.

A misleading statement includes any statement that has the likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse. If a person to whom the misrepresentation was made could
reasonably be expected to rely, or has reasonably relied, on the misrepresentation, the misrepresentation would be substantial.

This procedure does not apply to statements by students through social media outlets or by vendors that are not providing covered services, as reflected herein.

References:  
Education Code Sections 66021.6 and 76300  
Title 5 Sections 58600 et seq.  
20 U.S. Code Sections 1070 et seq.  
34 Code of Federal Regulations Section 668  
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  
WASC/ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.D.15

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(This is a new procedure.)