

BP 5130 Financial Aid

Reference: *Education Code Sections 66021.3, 66021.6, 66025.9, 69514, 70045 et seq., 76300, 78042, and 94912.5;*
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-);
ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.D.15

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The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) shall establish and support financial assistance programs and services to students who might otherwise not have equal opportunity and access to education programs because of financial need. Such financial assistance may be in the form of grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study programs.

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.

~~The criteria for provision of financial assistance must follow~~

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

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

It is further the policy of the Governing Board that grades, transcripts, and diplomas be withheld from any student or any former student who has been provided with written notice that he/she is in default on a loan or loans under all Federal Student Loan Programs. Services may be provided during a period when the facts are in dispute with the guarantee agency or when the student or former student demonstrates to the guarantee agency that reasonable progress has been made to repay the loan.

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 Chancellor 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 admissions services concerning the District's educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to assure compliance with this policy.

The Chancellor 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 Governing Board do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

Scholarship Displacement

The District shall not engage in scholarship displacement. The Chancellor shall establish procedures that provide that the District shall not reduce the institutional gift aid offer of a student who is eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant award or financial assistance under the California Dream Act for an academic year as a result of private scholarship awards designated for the student unless the student's gift aid exceeds the student's annual cost of attendance.