

FINANCIAL AID

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

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 colleges of the District shall publicize and apply satisfactory academic progress standards for participants in Federal Title IV and State 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 colleges shall establish procedures for regularly reviewing the websites and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and for training employees and vendors providing educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admission services concerning the educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to assure compliance with this policy.

The District shall establish procedures to periodically monitor employees' and vendors' communications with prospective students and members of the public and take corrective action where needed.

The 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 District shall establish procedures that provide that the District shall not reduce the award package institutional gift aid offer of a student who is eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant award, a Cal 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 award package gift aid exceeds the student's annual cost of attendance.

20 U.S.C., Sections 1070, et seq.

34 CFR, Section 668

Education Code, Sections 66021.6, 70045 et seq., 76300

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.

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Student Services Procedure 3023