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Nondiscrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Maricopa Community Colleges (consisting of Chandler-Gilbert Community College, the District Office, Estrella Mountain Community College, GateWay Community College, Glendale Community College, Maricopa Skill Center, Southwest Skill Center, Mesa Community College, Paradise Valley Community College, Phoenix College, Rio Salado Community College, Scottsdale Community College, and South Mountain Community College) to promote equal employment opportunities through a positive continuing program. This means that Maricopa will not discriminate, nor tolerate discrimination, against any applicant or employee because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status. Additionally, it is the policy of the Maricopa Community Colleges to provide an environment for each job applicant and employee that is free from sexual harassment, as well as harassment and intimidation on account of an individual's race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

This nondiscrimination policy covers all aspects of the employment relationship and admission to, access to, and treatment of students in the Maricopa Community Colleges' programs and activities including vocational education. This policy also prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the admission and treatment of students in the Maricopa Community Colleges' programs and activities and in the hiring, treatment, promotion, evaluation, and termination of employees.

Póliza de No Discriminación

Es la póliza de los Colegios Comunitarios del Condado de Maricopa (The Maricopa Community Colleges) que consisten del Centro de Apoyo del Distrito, los colegios comunitarios de Chandler-Gilbert, Estrella Mountain, Gateway, Glendale, Mesa, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, Rio Salado, Scottsdale, South Mountain y el Centro de Capacitación de Maricopa, proveer igualdad en las oportunidades de empleo mediante un programa continuo positivo. Esto significa que Maricopa no discriminará o tolerará discriminación en contra de ningún aplicante o empleado debido a su raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, nacionalidad, edad, incapacitación o por ser veterano incapacitado. Así mismo, es la póliza de los Colegios Comunitarios proveer para cada aplicante y empleado un ambiente libre de acoso sexual como también de acoso e intimidación referente a raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, nacionalidad, edad o estado de veterano de cualquier individuo.

Esta póliza de no discriminación cubre todos los aspectos de contratación del empleado, ingreso, acceso a, y tratamiento de alumnos en los Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa los cuáles incluyen también programas de educación vocacional. Esta póliza también prohíbe discriminación en base de orientación sexual en la admisión y tratamiento de estudiantes, en sus programas y actividades y en la contratación, tratamiento, promoción/ascensos, evaluación y despido de empleados.

Equal Opportunity Statement

It is the policy of the Maricopa Community Colleges to promote equal employment opportunities through a positive continuing program. This means that Maricopa will not discriminate, nor tolerate discrimination, against any applicant or employee because of race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status. Additionally, it is the policy of the Maricopa Community Colleges to provide an environment for each job applicant and employee that is free from sexual harassment, as well as harassment and intimidation on account of an individual's race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status.

Declaración de Igualdad de Oportunidad

Es la póliza de los Colegios Comunitarios del Condado de Maricopa proveer igualdad en las oportunidades de empleo mediante un programa continuo positivo. Esto significa que Maricopa no discriminará o tolerará discriminación en contra de ningún aplicante o empleado debido a su raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, nacionalidad, edad, incapacidad o por ser veterano incapacitado. Agregando, es la póliza de los Colegios Comunitarios proveer para cada aplicante y empleado un ambiente libre de acoso sexual como también de acoso e intimidación referente a la raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, nacionalidad, edad y condición de veterano de cualquier individuo.

Affirmative Action Statement

Affirmative Action Policy Statement for Individuals with Disabilities

In conformance with the provisions of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and the implementing regulations, 41 CFR 60-741.5 (a), as amended, Maricopa Community College District will not discriminate, or tolerate discrimination, against any applicant or employee because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the known applicant or employee is qualified. Maricopa agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment and otherwise treat known qualified individuals with disabilities without regard to their physical or mental disability in all human resources selection and decision practices, such as the following: advertising, benefits, compensation, discipline (including probation, suspension, and/or termination for cause or layoff), employee facilities, performance evaluation, recruitment, social/recreational programs, and training. Maricopa will also continue to administer these practices without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status. Additionally, all applicants and employees are protected from coercion, intimidation, interference, or discrimination for filing a complaint or assisting in an investigation under the Act.

Affirmative Action Policy Statement for Other Eligible Veterans, Special Disabled Veterans, and Vietnam Era Veterans

In conformation with the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, the Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998, and the implementing regulations, 41 CFR 60-

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250(k), Maricopa County Community College District will not discriminate, or tolerate discrimination, against any applicant or employee because he or she is a special disabled veteran or Vietnam era veteran in regard to any position for which the known applicant or employee is qualified. Maricopa agrees to take affirmative action to employ, advance in employment, and otherwise treat known qualified special disabled veterans and Vietnam era veterans without discrimination based upon their disability or veteran status in all human resources section and decision practices, such as the following: advertising, benefits, compensation, discipline (including probation, suspension, and/or termination for cause or layoff), employee facilities, performance evaluation, recruitment, social/recreational programs, and training. Maricopa will continue to administer these practices without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or veteran status. Additionally, Maricopa agrees to post all suitable job openings at the local office of the State employment service where the job opening occurs. This includes full-time, temporary greater than 3 days' duration, and part-time employment. Finally, all applicants, employees are protected from coercion, intimidation, interference, or discrimination for filing a complaint or assisting in an investigation under the Act.

Notice of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)/Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act/Title IX Coordinator: Associate Dean of Student Life, ADA/504/Title IX Coordinator Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85302 623.845.3528

Under the ADA and Section 504, the District and its colleges recognize the obligation to provide overall program accessibility throughout its locations for persons with disabilities. The designated ADA/504/Title IX Coordinator at each college will provide information as to the existence and location of services, activities and facilities that are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities. Requests for accommodation should be addressed to the coordinator. Likewise, under Title IX, there is an obligation to provide services and program accessibility in a gender-neutral manner.

Students with disabilities may request catalog information in an alternative format from the college ADA/504 Coordinator.

Declaración de Acción Afirmativa

Póliza y Declaración de Acción Afirmativa para Individuos con Incapacidades

De acuerdo a lo que provee la Sección 503 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, como enmienda, y las leyes de implementación, 41 CFR 60-741.5 (a), declara que el Distrito de Colegios Comunitarios de Maricopa no discriminarán o tolerarán discriminación en contra ningún aplicante o empleado debido a su discapacidad/incapacitación física o mental referente a cualquier posición para la cuál el aplicante o empleado ha calificado. Maricopa promete tomar acción afirmativa para emplear, dar ascenso en empleo y tratar a dichos individuos con incapacidades sin hacer incapie en sus incapacidades físicas o mentales en la selección de recursos humanos y prácticas decisivas como son las siguientes: anuncios, beneficios, compensación, disciplina (incluyendo período de prueba, suspensión, y/o terminación de empleo por causa de paro forzoso), facili-

dades para empleados, evaluación de trabajo, reclutamiento, programas sociales/recreacionales y entrenamiento. Maricopa continuará llevando a cabo éstas prácticas de no discriminar por razones de raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, nacionalidad, edad, incapacidad o estado de veterano. Así mismo, todo los aplicantes y empleados estan protegidos en contra de coacción, intimidación, interferencia o discriminación por quejas o por ayudar en una investigación cubierta bajo éste Acto.

Declaración de Póliza de Acción Afirmativa para Otros Veteranos Elegibles, Veteranos con Incapacitación Especial y Veteranos de la Era Vietnamita

Conforme a la ley de Reajuste y Asistencia para los Veteranos de la Era Vietnamita de 1974, acta de Oportunidades de Empleo para Veteranos de 1998 y reglamentos de implementación, 41 CFR 60-250(k), el Distrito de Colegios Comunitarios del Condado de Maricopa no discriminará ni tolerará discriminación en contra de ningún aplicante o empleado veterano o veterano de la Era Vietnamita con discapacidad/incapacitación especial referente a cualquier posición la cual dicho aplicante o empleado califique. Maricopa promete aplicar acción afirmativa para emplear, ascender en empleo y tratar a dichos veteranos incapacitados y de la Era Vietnamita que califiquen sin discriminar base a su discapacidad/incapacitación o condición de veterano en todas las áreas de recursos humanos y decisiones como son las siguientes: anuncios, beneficios, compensación, disciplina (incluyendo período de prueba, suspensión, y/o despido por causa o paro forzoso), facilidades para empleados, evaluación de trabajo, reclutamiento, programas sociales/recreacionales y entrenamiento. Maricopa continuará llevando a cabo estas prácticas sin discriminar por razones de raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, nacionalidad, edad, incapacidad o condición de veterano. Maricopa promete anunciar todas las oportunidades de empleo disponibles en la oficina local del servicio de empleo del Estado donde el empleo esté disponible. Esto incluye empleo de tiempo completo, temporal de más de tres días de duración y empleo de tiempo medio. Finalmente, todos los aplicantes y empleados están protegidos en contra de coacción, intimidación, interferencia o discriminación por quejas o por ayudar en una investigación cubierta sobre este Acto.

Notificación del Acta de Americanos con Impedimentos (ADA)/Sección 504 del Acta de Rehabilitación/Coordinador del Título IX: Associate Dean of Student Life, ADA/504/Coordinador del Título IX Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Avenue, Glendale AZ, 85302, 623.845.3528.

De acuerdo a ADA y a la sección 504, el distrito y sus colegios reconocen la obligación de proveer acceso a programas en todas sus localidades a personas incapacitadas. El coordinador designado de ADA/504/Título IX proveerá información tocante a la existencia y localidad de servicios, actividades y facilidades que son accesibles y de utilidad a personas incapacitadas. Solicitudes para acomodación deben ser dirigidas al coordinador. Del mismo modo, bajo el Título IX, hay obligación de proveer acceso a servicios y programas de una manera imparcial segun el género.

Estudiantes incapacitados pueden solicitar información de catálogo en una forma diferente por medio del Coordinador designado por ADA/504 en cada colegio.

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Compliance with Policies, Rules, Regulations, Standards

Every student is expected to know and comply with all current published policies, rules and regulations as printed in the college catalog, class schedule, and/or student handbook. Copies are available at each college.

Policies, courses, programs, fees and requirements may be suspended, deleted, restricted, supplemented or changed through action of the Governing Board of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

Changes to the General Catalog

The Maricopa Community Colleges reserve the right to change, without notice, any materials, information, curriculum, requirements, regulations.

Computing Resource Standards

Introduction

The Maricopa Community Colleges provide its students and employees wide access to information resources and technologies. With the advent of new forms of technology, Maricopa Community Colleges have recognized that the free exchange of opinions and ideas essential to academic freedom is furthered by making technological resources more accessible.

At Maricopa, technological resources are shared by its users; misuse of these resources by some users infringes upon the opportunities of all the rest. As Maricopa is a public institution of higher education, however, the proper use of those resources is all the more important. That Maricopa makes its technology available for educational purposes requires users to observe Constitutional and other legal mandates whose aim is to safeguard equipment, networks, data and software that are acquired and maintained with public funds.

General Responsibilities

Computing resources (including, but not limited to, desktop and laptop systems, printers, central computing facilities, District-wide or college-wide networks, local-area networks, access to the Internet, electronic mail and similar electronic information) of the Maricopa Community Colleges are available only to authorized users, and any use of those resources is subject to these Standards. All users of Maricopa's computing resources are presumed to have read and understood the Standards. While the Standards govern use of computing resources District-wide, an individual community college or center may establish guidelines for computing resource usage which supplement (but do not replace or waive) these Standards.

Use of Maricopa's computing resources, including websites created by employees, is limited to educational, research, service, operational, and management purposes of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

It is not Maricopa's practice to monitor the content of electronic mail transmissions, files, or other data maintained in its computing resources. The maintenance, operation and security of Maricopa's computing resources, however, require that network

administrators and other authorized personnel have access to those resources and, on occasion, review the content of data and communications maintained there. A review may be performed exclusively by persons expressly authorized for such purpose and only for cause. To the extent possible in the electronic environment and in a public setting, a user's privacy will be honored. Nevertheless, that privacy is subject to Arizona's public records laws and other applicable state and federal laws, as well as policies of Maricopa's Governing Board, all of which may supersede a user's interests in maintaining privacy in information contained in Maricopa's computing resources.

Frequently, access to Maricopa's computing resources can be obtained only through use of a password known exclusively to the user. It is the user's responsibility to keep a password confidential. While Maricopa takes reasonable measures to ensure network security, it cannot be held accountable for unauthorized access to its computing resources by other users, both within and outside the Maricopa Community Colleges. Moreover, it cannot guarantee users protection against loss due to system failure, fire, etc.

Much of the data contained in Maricopa records that are accessible through use of computing resources is confidential under state and federal law. That a user may have the technical capability to access confidential records does not necessarily mean that such access is authorized. A user of Maricopa's computing resources is prohibited from the unauthorized access to, or dissemination of, confidential records.

Maricopa personnel are discouraged from offering advice to Maricopa employees regarding personal, non-job-related use, maintenance or repair of any computer equipment or software that belongs to such employees. Maricopa can assume no responsibility for any result from such advice.

Violation of any provision of the Standards could result in immediate termination of a user's access to Maricopa's computing resources, as well as appropriate disciplinary action. A violation of the Standards should be reported immediately to the appropriate administrator.

Prohibited Conduct

The following is prohibited conduct in the use of Maricopa's computing resources:

1. Posting to the network, downloading or transporting any material that would constitute a violation of Maricopa County Community College District contracts.
2. Unauthorized attempts to monitor another user's password protected data or electronic communication, or delete another user's password protected data, electronic communications or software, without that person's permission.
3. Installing or running on any system a program that is intended to or is likely to result in eventual damage to a file or computer system.
4. Performing acts that would unfairly monopolize computing resources to the exclusion of other users, including (but not limited to) unauthorized installation of server system software.

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5. Hosting a website through the use of Maricopa's computing resources without the use of "maricopa.edu" in its URL. If an institution owns additional domain names, those services should directly reroute visitors to a "maricopa.edu" domain and not host web pages directly.
6. Use of computing resources for non-Maricopa commercial purposes.
7. Use of software, graphics, photographs, or any other tangible form of expression that would violate or infringe any copyright or similar legally-recognized protection of intellectual property rights.
8. Activities that would constitute a violation of any policy of Maricopa's Governing Board, including (but not limited to) Maricopa's non-discrimination policy and its policy against sexual harassment.
9. Transmitting, storing, or receiving data, or otherwise using computing resources in a manner that would constitute a violation of state or federal law, including (but not limited to) obscenity, defamation, threats, harassment, and theft.
10. Attempting to gain unauthorized access to a remote network or remote computer system.
11. Exploiting any computing resources system by attempting to prevent or circumvent access, or using unauthorized data protection schemes.
12. Performing any act that would disrupt normal operations of computers, workstations, terminals, peripherals, or networks.
13. Using computing resources in such a way as to wrongfully hide the identity of the user or pose as another person.

Faculty, Staff and Student Personal Website Standards

Faculty, staff and students may use Maricopa's computing resources for development of personal websites as a learning tool. Use of Maricopa's resources for this purpose is a privilege, not a right. The development and maintenance of such a website is subject to the following Faculty, Staff and Student Personal Website Standards, as well as the General Standards for Use of Maricopa's Computing Resources:

1. The author of a website may not use the site to advertise personal services, whether or not for financial gain, nor for any commercial purpose.
2. A website may not be created in such a way as to allow any person unauthorized access to Maricopa's computing resources.
3. The author of a website is solely responsible for the contents of the site. The home page of a personal website must display, or link to, the following disclaimer in a conspicuous manner: "This site is authored and maintained by [name of author]. It is not an official website of the Maricopa Community Colleges, and Maricopa is not responsible for the contents of this site."
4. Maricopa does not endorse the contents of any personal website. It is solely the author's responsibility to ensure that the personal website comply with all relevant Standards, as well as state and federal law, and any relevant policy of Maricopa's Governing Board.

5. Upon discovery of a violation of any relevant Standard, Maricopa may unilaterally delete a personal website from its computing resources and terminate the author's access to those resources.

Copyright Act Compliance

Students are expected to comply with the provisions of the Copyright Act of 1976 pertaining to photocopying of printed materials, copying of computer software and videotaping. To assist students in complying with the copyright law, appropriate notices shall be placed on or near all equipment capable of duplicating copyrighted materials.

Taping of Classroom Lectures

1. The Maricopa Community Colleges acknowledge that faculty members are, by law, afforded copyright protection in their classroom lectures and, therefore, may limit the circumstances under which students may tape (both audio and video) their classes.
2. Each faculty member shall inform his or her students within the first week of class as to his or her policy with regard to taping. Failure to do so will accord students the right to tape lectures.
3. Students with disabilities that render them unable to take adequate lecture notes are entitled to reasonable accommodation to remedy this inability. Accommodation may require a faculty member to exempt a student from his or her taping policy.

Emissions Control Compliance

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-1444 C. no vehicle shall be allowed to park in any college parking lot unless it complies with A.R.S. §49-542 (the vehicle emissions inspection program). At the time of course registration, every out-of-county and out-of-state students will be required to sign an affidavit stating that the student's vehicle meets the requirements of A.R.S. §49-542. Vehicles which are not in compliance are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Student Right To Know

Under the terms of the Student Right to Know Act, the Maricopa Community Colleges must maintain and report statistics on the number of students receiving aid related to athletics reported by race and sex, the graduation rate for athletes participating in specific sports reported by race and sex, the graduation rate for students in general reported by race and sex, and other relevant statistics. To obtain copies of these reports, contact the Office of Admissions and Records.

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Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act

Federal legislation requires the Maricopa Community Colleges to maintain data on the types and number of crimes on college property as well as policies dealing with campus security. To obtain additional information, contact the college Department of Public Safety.

Workplace Violence Prevention

It is the policy of the Maricopa County Community College District to promote a safe environment for its employees, students, and visitors. The Maricopa Community Colleges are committed to working with its employees to maintain an environment free from violence, threats of violence, harassment, intimidation, and other disruptive behavior.

Violence, threats, harassment, intimidation, and other disruptive behavior in our facilities will not be tolerated, and it is the responsibility of all members of the Maricopa Community Colleges to report any occurrence of such conduct. Every employee, student and visitor on Maricopa Community College District property is encouraged to report threats or acts of physical violence of which he/she is aware. All reports will be taken seriously and will be dealt with appropriately. Such behavior can include oral or written statements, gestures, or expressions that communicate a direct or indirect threat of physical harm.

This policy applies to employees and students, as well as independent contractors and other non-employees doing business with the Maricopa Community Colleges. Individuals who commit such acts may be removed from the premises and may be subject to disciplinary action, criminal penalties, or both.

Maricopa County Community College District Hazing Prevention Regulation

The Maricopa County Community College District (MCCCD) strives to exceed the changing expectations of our many communities for effective, innovative, student-centered, flexible and lifelong educational opportunities. Our employees are committed to respecting diversity, continuous quality improvement and the efficient use of resources. We are a learning organization guided by our shared values of: education, students, employees, excellence, diversity, honesty and integrity, freedom, fairness, responsibility and public trust.

Central to the vitality and dignity of our community of learners is an environment that produces broadly educated responsible citizens, who are prepared to serve and lead in a free society. Academic instruction, co-curricular activities and community involvement come together to meet this goal. All members of the MCCCD community, through the best of their abilities, must be provided the opportunity to contribute in a safe, orderly, civil and positive learning environment. One factor that inhibits the achievement of the above stated purpose is the practice of hazing.

1. Hazing by any student, employee or other person affiliated with MCCCD is prohibited.

2. "Hazing" is defined as any intentional, knowing or reckless act committed by a student or other person in any MCCCD college or affiliated educational setting, whether individually or in concert with other persons, against another student, and in which both of the following apply:
 - A. The act was committed in connection with an initiation into, an affiliation with or the maintenance of membership in any club/organization that is affiliated with MCCCD; and,
 - B. The act contributes to a substantial risk of potential physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation, or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.
3. Any solicitation to engage in hazing is prohibited.
4. Aiding and abetting another person who is engaged in hazing is prohibited.
5. It is not a defense to a violation of the MCCCD Hazing Prevention Regulation, if the hazing victim consented to or acquiesced in the hazing activity.
6. All students, faculty and staff must take reasonable measures within the scope of their individual authority to prevent violations of the MCCCD Hazing Prevention Regulation.
7. Hazing activities and situations include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - A. Pre-pledging, illegal pledging or underground activities.
 - B. Acts of mental and physical abuse, including, but not limited to: paddling, slapping, kicking, pushing, yelling, biting, duck-walking, line-ups, tuck-ins, belittling, excessive exercise, beating or physical abuse of any kind, and the potentially forced consumption of any food or beverage that contributes to or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.
 - C. Sleep deprivation (activities that deprive prospective and/or current students and/or members of the opportunity of a minimum of six hours sufficient sleep each day).
 - D. Encouraging or forcing use of alcohol or drugs.
 - E. Any type of student club/organization scavenger hunt, quest, road trip or activity that would endanger prospective and/or current students and/or members or others.
 - F. Stroking or physically touching in an indecent or inappropriate manner.
 - G. Student club/organization activities that subject prospective and/or current students and/or members or others to public nuisance or spectacle.
 - H. Aiding or abetting theft, fraud, embezzlement of funds, destruction of public, personal or private property, or academic misconduct.
 - I. Being required to wear odd or look-alike apparel that contributes to or causes physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.
 - J. Personal services that contribute to or cause physical injury, mental harm or personal degradation.

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8. Alleged violations of this regulation by students or student organizations can be reported to the dean of students office for investigation by any member of the college community. The dean of students office will investigate the complaint in accordance with the student disciplinary code, all other college and MCCCDCD policies, and local and state laws.

Alleged violations of the MCCCDCD hazing prevention regulation or interference with an investigation under this regulation by students or student organizations are subject to sanctions under the student disciplinary code.

The student disciplinary code shall govern all proceedings involving such a complaint. Decisions arrived at as outcomes of the proceedings shall be final, pending the normal appeal process.

9. Alleged violations of the MCCCDCD hazing prevention regulation by any faculty or staff member can be reported to the dean of students office for investigation by any member of the college community. The dean of students office will investigate the complaint in accordance with college and MCCCDCD policies, and local and state laws.

Any MCCCDCD faculty or staff member who knowingly permitted, authorized or condoned the alleged hazing activity is subject to disciplinary action in accordance with college and MCCCDCD policies, and local and state laws.

10. If the dean of students office receives a report or complaint of an alleged hazing activity involving physical injury, threats of physical injury, intimidation, harassment or property damage, or any other conduct that appears to violate Arizona state law, the college will report such conduct to the appropriate college safety office. The said college safety office will investigate, respond to and report on the alleged hazing activity in accordance with all college, district, local, state and federal guidelines, policies and laws.
11. Should the proceedings outlined above substantiate an occurrence of hazing activity—where students or student organizations knowingly permitted, authorized or condoned the hazing activity—the college can recommend the following sanctions against student clubs/organizations:
- A. **CENSURE:** Censure can include the required completion of a program designed with the intent of eliminating the hazing activity. The programs will be devised with the cooperation of all involved parties and monitored by the Dean of Students' office.
 - B. **PROBATION:** The student club(s)/organization(s) will be placed on probation for a specified period of time. Conditions of probation will be determined by the dean of students office and outlined in writing to the student club(s)/organization(s). The probationary term will be monitored by the dean of students office.
 - C. **SUSPENSION:** The student club(s)/organization(s) will be suspended. The terms of the suspension can be defined in the sanction, including criteria the student club(s)/organization(s) must meet within a specified time to be considered for admission or renewal of college recognition status.

- D. **REVOCAION:** The student club(s)/organization(s) will have its status revoked, with the loss of all college associations, recognitions and privileges. The national or international office of an organization, if so affiliated, will be requested to revoke the charter of an organization.

12. The MCCCDCD hazing prevention regulation is not intended to prohibit or sanction the following conduct:

- A. Customary athletic events, contests or competitions that are sponsored by the college or MCCCDCD.
- B. Any activity or conduct that furthers the goals of a legitimate educational curriculum, a legitimate co-curricular experience or a legitimate military training program.

13. For the purposes of the MCCCDCD hazing prevention regulation:

"Organization" is defined as an athletic team, association, order, society, corps, cooperative, club or other similar group that is affiliated with MCCCDCD, whose membership consists primarily of students enrolled at MCCCDCD and that may also be classroom-related or co-curricular in nature.

Sexual Harassment Policy for Employees and Students

The policy of the Maricopa Community Colleges is to provide an educational, employment, and business environment free of unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal and/or physical conduct or communications constituting sexual harassment as defined and otherwise prohibited by local, state, and federal law.

Sexual harassment by and between employees, students, employees and students, and campus visitors and students or employees is prohibited by this policy.

Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination of employees, sanctions up to and including suspension or expulsion of students, and appropriate sanctions against campus visitors.

This policy is subject to constitutionally protected speech rights and principles of academic freedom. Questions about this policy may be directed to the Maricopa Community Colleges Equal Employment Opportunity/ Affirmative Action (EEO/AA) Office.

The complete text of this policy can be found in the student handbook.

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Health Concerns

Student Program to Prevent Illicit Use of Drugs and Abuse of Alcohol

The Maricopa Community Colleges are committed to providing an educational environment consistent with district policies, free from unlawful acts, and free from the problems associated with the unauthorized use and abuse of alcohol and drugs. Accordingly, the Maricopa Community Colleges support the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (Public Law 101-226).

A variety of alcohol and other drug abuse prevention efforts occur at the colleges during each school year to educate students about the health risks associated with use and abuse. Intervention information and services exist both on campus and off campus to help students in overcoming dependencies.

Additional information about health risks, programs available, the college drug policy and legal sanctions/ disciplinary action may be obtained through the Office of the Dean of Students.

General Guidelines Regarding AIDS

Neither a diagnosis of AIDS nor a positive HIV antibody test will be part of the initial admission decision for those applying to attend any of the Maricopa Community Colleges.

The Maricopa Community Colleges will not require screening of students for antibody to HIV.

Under most circumstances, students who have AIDS or a positive HIV antibody test, whether they are symptomatic or not, will be allowed regular classroom attendance provided they are physically and mentally able. Any student with a communicable disease whose personal behavior and/or medical condition poses imminent risk to the college community will be evaluated by the appropriate President or his/her designee on an individual basis to determine if limitations in contact, activities, or continuation at the college are in the best interest of the student and the college community.

Where academically and logistically feasible, students who have medical conditions, including AIDS, may seek accommodation in order to remain enrolled. Medical documentation will be needed to support requests for accommodation. It is the recommendation of the AIDS task force that students inquiring about special accommodations contact the Office of Special Services or the Office of Dean of Students.

Students with AIDS or a positive HIV antibody test will not be restricted from access to student unions, theaters, cafeterias, snack bars, gymnasiums, swimming pools, recreational facilities, restrooms, or other common areas, as there is not current medical justification for doing so.

The Maricopa Community Colleges acknowledge the importance of privacy considerations with regard to persons with AIDS. The number of people who are aware of the existence and/or identity of students who have AIDS or a positive HIV antibody test should be kept to a minimum. When a student con-

vides in an instructor, knowledge of the condition should be transmitted to the appropriate Dean who will make the determination if the information should be further disseminated. It should be remembered that mere exposure to the person in a classroom does not constitute a need to know the diagnosis. It is, therefore, unnecessary to document in a student's file the fact that he or she has AIDS unless the information is to be used for accommodation reasons. Sharing confidential information without consent may create legal liability.

Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Special Services and/or the Dean of Students for the types of services available in the district or community on matters regarding AIDS or the HIV virus.

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Attendance Policy

Students must be registered for the class in order to attend.

Attendance requirements are determined by the course instructor. Students who do not meet the attendance requirement as determined by the course instructor may be withdrawn.

Students who fail to attend the first scheduled class meeting, or to contact the instructor regarding absence before the first scheduled class meeting may, at the option of the instructor, be withdrawn.

At the beginning of each course, each faculty member will provide students with written attendance requirements. It is the student's responsibility to consult with the instructor regarding official or unofficial absences. Absences begin to accumulate with the first scheduled class meeting.

Students bear the responsibility of notifying the Office of Admissions and Records when they discontinue studies in a course or at the college. Please refer to the Withdrawal Procedures.

Official absences

Official absences are those which occur when students are involved in an official activity of the college (e.g., field trips, tournaments, athletic events) and present an official absence excuse form. Absences for such events shall not count against the number of absences allowed by an instructor or department. Students who must miss a class for an official reason must obtain an official absence verification card from the appropriate dean or associate dean and present it to the appropriate instructor(s) before the absence. Prior arrangements must be made with each instructor for make-up work. If prior arrangements have been made, the student will not be penalized.

Other official absences include jury duty and subpoenas. Appropriate documentation will be required. Prior arrangements must be made with each instructor for makeup work. If prior arrangements have been made, the student will not be penalized.

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In the event of the death of an immediate family member, absences for periods of up to one week will not be counted against the number of absences allowed by an instructor or department. Students should contact instructor(s) as soon as possible to arrange for make-up work. Appropriate documentation will be required (for example, a copy of the obituary or funeral program). In specialized programs that require clinical rotations, this regulation may not apply.

Religious Holidays

Students shall have the right to observe major religious holidays without penalty or reprisal by any administrator, instructor or employee of the Maricopa Community Colleges. Absences for such holidays shall not count against the number of absences allowed by an instructor or department. At least one week before the holiday, students shall submit to their instructor(s) a written statement which includes both the date of the holiday and the reason why class attendance is impossible. Prior arrangements must be made with each instructor for make-up work. If prior arrangements have been made, the student will not be penalized.

Withdrawal Procedure

To withdraw from a course or courses from the college, students must follow approved procedures. The Office of Admissions and Records provides information about the withdrawal process.

The official date of withdrawal is the last date of attendance as determined by the student's withdrawal or as reported by the instructor. The official date of withdrawal determines refunds.

Never attending is not a guarantee for a refund or an excuse of the debt incurred through registration. Please see the refund policy.

The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. (See "Important Deadlines for Students.")

Withdrawal from Specific Courses

The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See "Important Deadlines for Students." Failure to file an official withdrawal form may result in failing grades and responsibility for course tuition and fees.

Students may be officially withdrawn from specific courses in the following ways:

1. Through the 7th week, a student may initiate an official withdrawal from any course by submitting a course withdrawal form with the required signatures to the Office of Admissions and Records in accordance with the published deadlines. A grade of W will be assigned.
2. After the 7th week, a student may initiate a withdrawal. The instructor will sign the form and assign a grade of W or Y. The form is then to be returned to the Office of Admissions and Records. (See the "Important Deadlines for Students.")

3. An instructor has the option of withdrawing a student who has accumulated unofficial absences in excess of the number of times a class meets per week. Students withdrawn for excessive absences may be reinstated only with the approval of the instructor. A grade of W will be assigned through the 7th week. After the 7th week, a grade of W or Y will be assigned. Instructors electing to withdraw students must file the withdrawal form, including the last date of attendance, with the Office of Admissions and Records.

Failure to file an official withdrawal form may result in failing grades.

Complete Withdrawal from College

The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See "Important Deadlines for Students." Failure to withdraw officially from the college within the published deadlines may result in failing grades and responsibility for course tuition and fees.

Students electing to withdraw from the college must contact the Office of Admissions and Records no later than two weeks before the end of the last class meeting and may be required to file a written request.

A grade of W will be assigned in all courses for students who withdraw by the end of the 7th week of classes. Withdrawals completed after this time will result in a grade of W (withdrawn, passing) or Y (withdrawn, failing).

Grading

It is the policy of the Maricopa Community Colleges that a grade will be assigned at the conclusion of the course.

Grade Key

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|--|--------|-------------------------------------|
| A - Excellent |4 | grade points per credit hour |
| B - Above Average |3 | grade points per credit hour |
| C - Average |2 | grade points per credit hour |
| D - Passing |1 | grade point per credit hour |
| F - Failure |0 | grade point per credit hour |
| I - Incomplete | | Not computed in grade point average |
| IP - Course In Progress | | Not computed in grade point average |
| N - Audit | | Not computed in grade point average |
| P* - Credit | | Not computed in grade point average |
| W - Withdrawn, passing | | Not computed in grade point average |
| Y - Withdrawn, failing (effective Fall 2000) |0 | grade point per credit hour |
| Z - No Credit | | Not computed in grade point average |

* A "P" is judged to be equivalent to a grade of C or higher.

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Incomplete Grade

Students who are doing acceptable work may request an incomplete grade "I" if they are unable to complete the course requirements by the end of the term because of illness or other extenuating circumstances. If the request is approved by the instructor, he or she shall define, in a written contract, how the course will be completed. The contract will be filed with the Office of Admissions and Records.

Students must complete the requirements within the time period agreed to - maximum time allowed is seven (7) months from the last date of class in which the grade of incomplete was assigned. Students who do not complete the requirements within seven (7) months will have their grade recorded in accordance with the written contract. Students should NOT reregister for the course to complete the contract.

Repeating a Course/Improving a Grade

To improve a previously earned grade, students may repeat the course up to three times after the initial attempt to improve a grade. (A "W" or "Y" is not considered an attempt.) Students planning to enroll in a course for the third time should seek advisement prior to enrolling. All enrollments in a course will appear on the transcript and will be included in calculating the grade point average. The student may request in writing that the course(s) with the lower grade(s) be excluded during the grade point average calculation. The written request must be submitted to the Office of Admission and Records at the Maricopa Community College where the course with the lower grade was taken. Check individual courses and programs for exceptions.

Credit/No Credit Courses (P/Z)

Some courses may be taken under a credit/no credit grading system. These courses carry grades of P (credit, equivalent to a grade of C or higher) or Z (no credit) and are not computed in the student's grade point average. Credits earned with a grade of P may be counted toward graduation.

The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See "Important Deadlines for Students."

In courses with credit/no credit (P/Z) grading, the student may request standard grading (A,B,C,D,F), within fourteen (14) days including the date of the first class meeting. The instructor must immediately notify the Office of Admissions and Records.

In courses with standard grading (A, B, C, D, F), the instructor determines if the credit/no credit option is available. If the option is available, the student must obtain the permission of the instructor. The instructor must notify the Office of Admissions and Records within fourteen (14) days including the day of the first class meeting.

It is the student's responsibility to verify the transferability of credit/no credit courses. Some universities place a limitation on the number of credit/no credit courses that can be transferred.

Advisory note: Some institutions outside the Maricopa Community Colleges may translate the Z grade as failing.

Audit Courses

Auditors are those who enroll in a course for the sole purpose of obtaining information; they receive no credit, grades, homework, or tests. If an auditor wishes to earn credit, he or she must change from audit status to credit status within the first week. If a student wishes to audit a course for which he or she is enrolled for credit, the change must be made within the first five (5) weeks of a semester. Auditors are subject to the same attendance policies as other students. See the fee schedule for charges. Financial aid is not available for audited courses. The prescribed time limits are for full semester classes. Time limits for classes which meet fewer than sixteen (16) weeks are adjusted accordingly. See "Important Deadlines for Students."

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR STUDENTS

| Class Length | Deadline for Students to Withdraw with Guaranteed Grade of W | Deadline for Students to Withdraw From a Course (Instructor Signature Required) | Deadline for Students to Request Complete Withdrawal | Deadline to Change Type of Grading (A-F to P/Z, or P/Z to A/F) | Deadline to Change from Audit Grade to Credit Grade | Deadline to Change from Credit Grade to Audit Grade |
|-------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|---|
| One Week or Less | 1st Day of Class | 1st Day of Class or Prior to the Last Day of Class | 1st Day of Class or Prior to the Last Day of Class | 1st Day of Class | 1st Day of Class | 1st Day of Class |
| Two Weeks | 6th Calendar Day | 12th Calendar Day | 12th Calendar Day | 2nd Calendar Day | 1st Day of Class | 4th Calendar Day |
| Three Weeks | 9th Calendar Day | 18th Calendar Day | 18th Calendar Day | 3rd Calendar Day | 1st Day of Class | 7th Calendar Day |
| Four Weeks | 12th Calendar Day | 23rd Calendar Day | 23rd Calendar Day | 4th Calendar Day | 2nd Calendar Day | 9th Calendar Day |
| Five Weeks | 15th Calendar Day | 30th Calendar Day | 30th Calendar Day | 4th Calendar Day | 2nd Calendar Day | 11th Calendar Day |
| Six Weeks | 19th Calendar Day | 35th Calendar Day | 35th Calendar Day | 5th Calendar Day | 3rd Calendar Day | 13th Calendar Day |
| Seven Weeks | 21st Calendar Day | 40th Calendar Day | 40th Calendar Day | 6th Calendar Day | 3rd Calendar Day | 15th Calendar Day |
| Eight Weeks | 24th Calendar Day | 49th Calendar Day | 49th Calendar Day | 7th Calendar Day | 4th Calendar Day | 18th Calendar Day |
| Nine Weeks | 28th Calendar Day | 51st Calendar Day | 51st Calendar Day | 8th Calendar Day | 4th Calendar Day | 20th Calendar Day |
| Ten Weeks | 31st Calendar Day | 57th Calendar Day | 57th Calendar Day | 9th Calendar Day | 4th Calendar Day | 22nd Calendar Day |
| Eleven Weeks | 34th Calendar Day | 63rd Calendar Day | 63rd Calendar Day | 10th Calendar Day | 5th Calendar Day | 24th Calendar Day |
| Twelve Weeks | 37th Calendar Day | 74th Calendar Day | 74th Calendar Day | 11th Calendar Day | 5th Calendar Day | 26th Calendar Day |
| Fifteen Weeks | 46th Calendar Day | 92nd Calendar Day | 92nd Calendar Day | 13th Calendar Day | 7th Calendar Day | 33rd Calendar Day |
| Sixteen Weeks | End of the 7th Week | Two weeks before the last class period | Two weeks before the last class period | Within 14 days before the last class period | Within the first week of class | Within first five weeks |

Deadlines are based on calendar days and begin with the first day of class.
Deadlines that fall on a weekend or holiday advance to the next college work day.

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Student Grievance for Academic Process

A student who feels that he or she has been treated unfairly or unjustly by a faculty member with regard to an academic process such as grading, testing, or assignments, has the right to appeal according to the approved procedures.

The appeal process for grades expires one year from the date the grade was issued.

Steps for students to follow:

1. Discuss the issue with the faculty member involved. This conference should be requested by the student within fifteen working days from the time the student knew or reasonably should have known about the unfair or unjust treatment.
2. If, within ten working days of the request for the conference with the faculty member, the problem is not resolved or the faculty member has been unable to meet with the student, the student may continue the process by filing a written complaint with the department/division chairperson and appropriate administrative officer at the college/ center. This written complaint must be filed within ten working days following the previous deadline. The written complaint will be given to the faculty member five days before any official meetings are convened.
3. Upon receipt of a written complaint, the department/division chair or appropriate college administrative officer will work with the parties in an attempt to resolve the conflict. The faculty member may ask that the college faculty senate president be in attendance. Every attempt will be made to maintain confidentiality during this process.

A faculty member will not be required to respond to a complaint which is not in writing and which, when appropriate, did not have specific documentation including dates, times, materials, etc. The written complaint will be made available to the faculty member.

4. If the grievance is not resolved at this level within ten working days, the student should forward to the dean of instruction or appropriate college/center administrative officer, a copy of the original written complaint with an explanation regarding action taken at each prior level. The dean of instruction or appropriate college/center administrative officer will meet with the student, faculty member, the college faculty senate president if requested by the faculty member, and department/division chairperson and attempt to resolve the issues. This level will be the final step in any grievance process regarding grades.
5. If the grievance, other than those concerning grades, is not resolved by the dean of instruction or the appropriate college/center administrative officer, it may be forwarded in writing by the student to the college president for final resolution. The college president or designee will expedite a timely examination of the issues and will issue a final written determination in the grievance process.

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Academic Renewal

Students who are returning after a separation of five (5) years or more from the Maricopa Community College District, may petition for academic renewal. The request must be in writing and submitted to the Office of Admissions and Records at the college where the grades were earned.

Academic renewal at one of the Maricopa Community Colleges does not guarantee that colleges outside the Maricopa Colleges will accept this action. Acceptance of academic renewal is at the discretion of the receiving institution.

1. Prior to petitioning for academic renewal, the student must demonstrate renewed academic performance by earning a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours and a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher within Maricopa Colleges after reenrollment.
2. Upon approval, all courses taken prior to reenrollment with a grade of "A," "B," "C," "D," "F," and "Y" will be annotated as academic renewal on the student's permanent record. All course work affected by academic renewal will not be computed in the grade point average. Courses with grades "A," "B," or "C" will have the associated credit hours counted in the total credit hours earned. Such credit will not be computed in the grade point average.
3. All course work will remain on the student's permanent academic record, ensuring a true and accurate academic history.
4. The academic renewal policy may be used only once at each college and cannot be revoked once approved.
5. Students who have been granted Academic Renewal must also meet the Financial Aid Standards of Academic Progress if they wish to receive financial aid.

Honors Program

Each of the Maricopa Community Colleges has an honors program. Interested students should contact the college honors coordinator for information about the program and available scholarships, including the Chancellor's, Foundation's, and President's Scholarships.

Graduation Grade Point Average

Students must meet all requirements for graduation.

Graduation requires a minimum grade point average of 2.00. Some specific programs have higher grade requirements. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of these program requirements.

For more information, see **General Graduation Requirements** section.

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Graduation with Honors

All courses used to fulfill graduation requirements, including courses from other accredited institutions, will be entered in the grade point average calculation for honors designations.

Students who have the following grade point average will graduate with the following designations:

- 3.50 to 3.69 *"with distinction"*
- 3.70 to 3.89 *"with high distinction"*
- 3.90 to 4.00 *"with highest distinction"*

President's Honor List

The President's Honor List for each college consists of all students who complete twelve (12) or more credit hours in residence in courses numbered 100 or higher in a given semester with a college semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher.

Academic Probation

Probation

A student will be placed on academic probation under the following conditions:

- A. If, after completion of twelve (12) or more credit hours, the student's cumulative grade point average is less than:

| Credit Hours for Which Grade Points are Computed at Resident Maricopa Community College (A, B, C, D, F and Y) | Minimum Grade Point Average Required |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 12 - 15 | 1.60 |
| 16 - 30 | 1.75 |
| 31 - 45 | 1.90 |
| 46 + | 2.00 |

(Students should also be aware that graduation requires a cumulative minimum grade point average of 2.00).

- B. If, in transferring from any accredited institution of higher education, the student's cumulative grade point average from other colleges and universities does not meet the requirements listed above.

Students on academic probation may take no more than twelve (12) credit hours per semester unless approved by the Admissions and Standards Committee.

Continued Probation

A student on academic probation who fails to raise the cumulative grade point average to the required minimum standards (see above) will be placed on continued probation and may be limited to taking six (6) credit hours.

Regulations regarding continued probation do not apply to the summer session. Credit hours earned in summer sessions will be included in the cumulative grade point average.

Admission of Suspended Students

Transfer students who do not meet the minimum grade point average listed under Scholastic Standards may be admitted on academic probation.

Students Receiving Federal Financial Aid

Specific requirements for academic progress for financial aid recipients are applied differently than scholastic standards. Specific information is available at the college Office of Student Financial Aid.

Disciplinary Standards

Disciplinary Probation and Suspension

According to the laws of the State of Arizona, jurisdiction and control over the Maricopa Community Colleges are vested in the State Board of Directors for Community Colleges of Arizona and the District Governing Board. The Governing Board and its agents--the chancellor, administration and faculty--are granted broad legal authority to regulate student life subject to basic standards of reasonableness.

In developing responsible student conduct, the Maricopa Community Colleges prefer counseling, guidance, admonition and example. However, when these means fail to resolve problems of student conduct and responsibility, appropriate disciplinary procedures will be followed.

*Misconduct for which students are subject to disciplinary action falls into the general areas of:

1. Cheating on an examination, laboratory work, written work (plagiarism); falsifying, forging or altering college records.
2. Actions or verbal statements which threaten the personal safety of any faculty, staff, students, or others lawfully assembled on the campus, or any conduct which is harmful, obstructive, disruptive to, or interferes with the educational process or institutional functions.
3. Violation of Arizona statutes, and/or college regulations and policies.

* See *Academic Misconduct and Student Disciplinary Code in the student handbook for the complete text of the regulations covering misconduct.*

Disciplinary Removal from Class

An instructor may remove a student from class meetings for disciplinary reasons. If an instructor removes a student for more than one class period, the instructor shall notify the department/division chair and the appropriate dean in writing of the problem, action taken by the instructor, and the instructor's recommendation. If a resolution of the problem is not reached, the student may be removed permanently pursuant to appropriate due process procedures.

Records Policy

Rights of Access to Educational Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights are:

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1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the college receives a request for access.

Students should submit to the college admissions and records department written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The college official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the college official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the student believes to be inaccurate or misleading.

Students may ask the college to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the college official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the college decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the college will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is defined as a person employed by the college or District in an administrative, supervisory, academic, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit and health staff); a person or company with whom the college or District has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent); a person serving on the Governing Board; or a person assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the college discloses education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

4. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the college to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20202-4605

Student Directory

The college may publish a directory of students containing for each the name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, part-time or full-time status, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student. The college shall give public notice of the categories of information it has designated and shall allow a reasonable period of time for the student to inform the college that any or all of the information should not be released without his or her consent.

Directory information may be released at the discretion of college officials for any student who has not specifically requested the withholding of such information. Students who do not want directory information released may so indicate during the admissions process or notify the Office of Admissions and Records.

Students must determine whether all directory information pertaining to them is available for release or whether they wish ALL information to be withheld.

In accordance with federal law, college officials may disclose directory information and educational records to parents of minors or to parents of a student who have established that student's status as a dependent according to the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, section 152, without the written consent of the student(s).

Use of Education Records for Advisement Purposes

All colleges within the Maricopa Community Colleges have access to the computerized MAPS (Monitoring Academic Progress System). During the advisement process, each student may have his or her academic record reviewed for coursework taken at any of the District's colleges or centers.

THE INSTITUTION RETAINS THE RIGHT TO EXERCISE DISCRETION IN DETERMINING THE RELEASE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION.

Transcripts

The transcript is issued upon written request only. Those students who want to transfer to other institutions of higher education, including other Maricopa Community Colleges, must request their transcripts be sent from the Office of Admissions and Records. However, transcripts may be shared within the Maricopa Community College District without the written request of the student in compliance with FERPA.

Official transcripts will not be issued to students having outstanding debts to any of the Maricopa Community Colleges. The release of transcripts is governed by the guidance of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (see Records Policy section).

There is no charge for unofficial transcripts, or for official transcripts sent between Maricopa Community Colleges. See the fee schedule for charges for other official transcripts.