

STUDENT RIGHTS & FREEDOMS

Certain rights are extended to students as members of the Community College of Denver student body. Students also have rights and freedoms under federal, state, and local law. Some of those college-related rights and freedoms include:

Freedom of access to the college and to college facilities, services and programs, in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the ADA of 1990; Colorado statutes; and college policies and procedures.

Freedom in the classroom , includes the right to:

- ask about, discuss or express any views, provided such activity does not infringe on the rights of others;
- expect professional conduct from faculty;
- be informed on the academic standards expected in each course;
- be evaluated solely on the basis of academic performance;
- have personal or scholastic information kept private in accordance with the Family Educational Right to Privacy Act and college policy;
- have access to faculty members during their posted office hours;
- receive reasonable academic assistance from the institution.

Freedom on campus includes the right to:

- be free from harassment or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicap, age, gender, sexual orientation, or any other grounds;
- expect an environment free of drug and alcohol use;
- discuss and express in an orderly way any view in support of any cause, without disrupting college operations or infringing on the rights of others;
- dress in a way that personal taste dictates and that does not interfere with the education process or with health and safety requirements;
- be informed of institutional procedures and other expectations;
- have access to services without reasonable delays;
- expect professional conduct from college employees;
- appeal the application of college policies and procedures according to established processes.

Freedom in student life, which affords the right to:

- have a student government and seek office, as outlined in the constitution of the CCD's Student Government Association;
- recommend allocation of Student Government resources, expend funds or make regulations according to Colorado law and CCD policy, under the auspices of the CCD Student Government Association ;

- organize and join campus clubs for educational, political, social, religious, cultural or community service purposes. The function and structure of student clubs is determined by the *Community College of Denver Club and Organization Handbook*.
- use meeting rooms, campus facilities and bulletin boards throughout the campus in compliance with college policies and procedures;
- expect compliance with college contractual agreements;
- assemble, select speakers and guests, discuss issues of choice, and have the same rights as other citizens to hear differing points of view and to draw conclusions.
- distribute written materials on campus in a manner consistent with other rights and freedoms, in accordance with posting and distribution policies of the CCD. Please contact the Auraria Higher Education Center and CCD Student Life for posting and distribution policies.

VIOLETIONS OF RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

CCD has the right to protect its educational purpose and its students from the irresponsible conduct of others. To ensure this right the following regulations have been set forth. A violation of any one of these codes of student conduct may result in serious appropriate consequences, ranging from a reprimand, to suspension or permanent removal from CCD.

Conduct that could subject a student to disciplinary action, includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism or knowingly furnishing false information to the college or in helping someone else violate reasonable standards of academic behavior (see also CCD Academic Integrity Policy);
2. Forgery, alteration or misuse of college documents, records, identification materials, educational material, and Internet access or college property. Students are required to present identification when requested by authorized college officials.
3. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other college activities, e.g.:
 - Deliberate interference with academic freedom of speech, including disruption of a class, or interference with the freedom of any speaker invited by any section of the college community to express his/her views;
 - Forcible interference with the freedom of movement of any member or guest of the college;
 - Blocking entryways to buildings, rooms, sections of buildings, hallways or stairways in such a way that people find it difficult or impossible to pass;
 - Blocking vehicular traffic.
4. Physical abuse or action that threatens the health and safety of any person on college-owned or college-controlled property or at college-sponsored or college-supervised functions.
5. Theft, misuse, or damage to property on college premises or at authorized college functions. Students involved are subject to college disciplinary actions, as well as to arrest and prosecution by legal authorities. Students are required to make full restitution.
6. Unauthorized entry or use of college facilities and college equipment.
7. Possessing, consuming or distributing any controlled substance, including alcoholic beverages, in violation of the law or college rules and regulations, or appearing on campus while under the influence of such substances.

8. Disorderly, indecent, or obscene conduct on college-owned or college-controlled property or at college-sponsored functions.
9. Failure to comply with the verbal or written directions of college employees acting in the performance of their duties.
10. Condoning any act by another student that violates college policy. Students witnessing any such acts are required to report them to the proper authorities immediately.
11. Unauthorized representation or contracting in the name of CCD. A student may not claim to be an official representative of the college for any commercial purpose.
12. Verbal or written communication that unlawfully exposes any individual or group to hatred, contempt, or ridicule, and thereby injures the person, property or reputation of another.
13. Dress that fails to meet the established public safety standards in specific classes on college-owned or controlled property and at college-sponsored activities.
14. Engaging in any kind of hazing action or situation on or off campus that endangers the mental health, physical health, or safety of a student for the purpose of initiation or admission to any student organization.
15. Unauthorized distribution or sale of goods on campus.
16. Failure to comply with reasonable requests by authorized college officials or representatives acting on behalf of the college. This requirement includes reasonable request for students to meet appointments in administrative offices and at disciplinary investigations and hearings.
17. Violations of college policies regarding parking.
18. Violation of "No Smoking" policy within any building on campus.
19. Violation of Responsible Electronic Communication policy.
20. Violation of Academic Integrity policy.
21. Illegal possession and/or sale of college property. Students involved are subject to college disciplinary actions, arrest and prosecution by legal authorities. Students will be required to make full restitution.
22. Operation of any motorized or non-motorized vehicle – including skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, bicycles and motor scooters – on any location or at times which, at the discretion of campus officials, constitute a pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic hazard, or which imperil the health and safety of a person or property on the campus.
23. Possession of weapons, fireworks or explosives. No student, except law enforcement officers, may have weapons in their possession at any time on college property. Weapons are defined as firearms, knives, explosives, flammable materials, or any other items that may cause bodily injury or damage to property.
24. Leaving children unattended or unsupervised in campus buildings or on campus grounds can constitute child abuse or child neglect, as outlined in Colorado Child Protection Act of 1975. Children may be permitted in the class only with the instructor's permission and only with the understanding that the child's presence will not be disruptive or unduly distracting.
25. Engaging in behavior which may constitute sexual harassment such as sexually suggestive looks, comments or gestures, prolonged staring, stalking, sexual teasing or jokes, pressure for dates, sexually demeaning comments, pressure for sex, requests for sex in exchange for grades or favors to avoid poor grades or suspension, other actions of a sexual nature which interfere with school performance or create an intimidating, hostile or offensive learning environment.

26. Knowingly pursuing malicious, frivolous or fraudulent charges against a student or staff member without cause.

Aiding and/or encouraging another person to commit any act of misconduct set forth in 1 through 26 above.