BP 5130 FINANCIAL AID

References:
Education Code, Sections 66021.6 and 76300
20 U.S. Code, Sections 1070 et seq.;
34 CFR, 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

A program of financial aid to students will be provided, which may include, but is not
limited to, scholarships, grants, loans, and work/employment programs. All awards and
disbursement to students will be, at a minimum, in accordance with state and federal
statutes and regulations.

All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures, and standards issued by
the funding agency and will incorporate state, federal, and other applicable regulatory
requirements. To be certified for participation in federal Title IV, HEA programs, the
institution will adhere to the Institutional Eligibility Regulations, 34 CFR 600 and the
Student Assistance General Provisions Regulations, 34 CFR 668.

The institution will ensure that a program is eligible before awarding federal student aid
funds to students in that program. The Eligibility and Certification Approval Report
(ECAR) will contain the most critical data elements that form the basis of Cerritos
College’s approval and a list of the highest level of programs offered, any non-degree
programs or short-term programs, and any additional locations that have been approved
for the Federal Student Aid (FSA) Programs.

The Financial Aid Office 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 President/Superintendent 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 covered services concerning the
District’s educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to
ensure compliance with this policy.
The President/Superintendent 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.

Office of Primary Responsibility: Vice President, Student Services

Also see AP 5130 titled Financial Aid

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