

Academic Honesty and the Student Code of Conduct

Academic Honesty:

Academic honesty is essential to the academic community. Students expect Cuesta faculty to be fair, truthful, and trustworthy. Faculty expect Cuesta students will share these same values. Students who violate these principles by cheating, plagiarizing, or acting in other academically dishonest ways are subject to disciplinary procedures. Below are some examples of academically dishonest behavior.

Examples of Academic Dishonesty

- Copying from another student's exam
- Giving answers during a test to another student
- Using notes during an exam when prohibited
- Taking a test for someone else
- Submitting another student's work as your own, e.g. copying a computer file that contains another student's own work
- Knowingly allowing another student to copy/use your computer file(s) as his or her own work
- Completing an assignment for another student
- Plagiarizing or "kidnapping" other people's thoughts, words, speeches, or artistic works by not acknowledging them through proper documentation

At the discretion of the instructor, students caught being academically dishonest may receive a failing grade on the assignments in question, be dropped from the class, or be failed in the course (Board Policy R6200). Beyond this, the student may be subject to disciplinary action as determined by the Vice President of Student Support or the Executive Dean at North County Campus and South County Centers. An appeals process is available to the student through the Office of the Vice President of Student Support or Executive Dean.

Student Responsibility:

Students are held individually responsible for the information contained in the Cuesta College Catalog and in the Student Code of Conduct. Failure to read and comply with college regulations will not exempt students from whatever penalties they may incur.

All students are expected to conduct themselves in an acceptable manner while on campus or at off-campus sites and when representing Cuesta College in any off-campus activity. Specific rules, regulations, and applicable penalties for violation of the Student Code of Conduct (California Education Code Title V, Sections 66300, 76030, and 76033) are located in the 2006-2007 college catalog. Each student has the responsibility to be aware of college regulations. The following are significant excerpts from the student code of conduct.

Student Code of Conduct:

The Vice President of Student Support or the Executive Dean at North County Campus and South County Centers shall be responsible for enforcing rules and regulations for all activities of students at times and places when students are under college jurisdiction. In addition, individual teachers are given the power to suspend students for good cause for the remainder of the subject school day, plus up to one additional class meeting. The Vice President of Student Support or the Executive Dean is the principal of the college for the purpose of exercising the disciplinary functions (Board Policy 6200).

Authority of the Instructor

Removal of a Student from Class:

An instructor may remove a student for unacceptable conduct from his or her class for the day of removal and the next class meeting (Education Code Sections 76032 and 76033). The instructor shall immediately report the removal to the Vice President of Student Support or the Executive Dean for appropriate action. During the period of removal, a student shall not be returned to the class from which he or she was removed without the concurrence of the instructor of the class.

Dropping a Student from Class:

An instructor may drop from class a student who is neglecting the work of the course.