



AUTHORITY OF INSTRUCTOR

Per Board Policy 5500-Standards of Conduct

I.D--The Vice President of Student Services or designee shall be responsible for enforcing rules and regulations for all activities of students at times and places when students are under college jurisdiction, except that individual instructors 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 instructor shall immediately report the removal to the Vice President of Student Services or designee for appropriate action. (California Educational Code: Section 76032)

What this means is that an instructor can excuse a student from the remainder of a specific class and for the next class meeting, pending a discussion regarding acceptable standards of conduct with the instructor, Department Chair, Dean, and/or Vice President. In addition, an instructor may assign a failing grade for any exam, quiz, test, or assignment when it has been determined that the student has been engaged in academic dishonesty.

In either situation, the instructor will file an Incident Referral with the office of the Vice President of Student Services. The incident will be reviewed for possible further disciplinary action.

The instructor cannot fail, drop, or suspend a student from the class for this incident but can make that disciplinary recommendation as part of the referral process. The recommendation of the instructor will be strongly considered while the incident is under review and the student's due process rights are being observed.

During the period of the instructor instigated suspension, 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.