

HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

BP 5140 Department of Supportive Programs and Services

Reference Education Code Sections 67310 and 84850, Title 5 Sections 56000 et seq.

Students with disabilities shall be reasonably accommodated pursuant to federal and state requirements in all applicable programs in the District.

No student with disabilities is required to participate in the DSPS program.

The District shall respond in a timely manner to accommodation requests involving academic adjustments. The Superintendent/President shall establish a procedure to implement this policy which, at a minimum, provides for an individualized review of each such request, and permits interim decisions on such requests pending final resolution by the appropriate administrator or designee.

The DSPS, known at Hartnell College as the Department of Supportive Programs and Services (DSPS) program, shall be the primary provider for academic adjustments, auxiliary aids, services, or instruction that facilitate equal educational opportunities for students with disabilities who can profit from instruction as required by federal and state laws.

DSPS services shall be available to students with verified disabilities and shall promote their maximum independence and integration within the educational environment. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, assessment of learning disabilities and other barriers to learning, reasonable accommodations, academic adjustments, technology accessibility, accessible facilities, equipment, instructional programs, rehabilitation counseling and academic counseling.

District programs and services for students with disabilities shall support their participation in educational activities consistent with the mission of the community colleges and shall not duplicate services or instruction available to all students. Support services, programs, and accommodations shall be directly related to participation in the District educational process and the current educational limitations of the verified disabilities of the students to be served.

Students with disabilities shall meet the academic standards established by the College, comply with the College student code of conduct, and adhere to written procedures for provision of programs and services.

Receiving support services in the DSPS program shall not preclude a student from also participating in any other District course program or activity offered. All disability and accommodation records maintained by DSPS personnel pertaining to students with disabilities shall be protected from disclosure and shall be subject to all other District requirements for handling of student records.

The Superintendent/President shall assure that the DSPS program conforms to all requirements established by the relevant law and regulations.

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