Note: This procedure is *legally required* to comply with updated language regarding protected categories. *Revised – GCCD Procedure*

AP 3410	Nondiscrimination
Education Programs Reference:	Education Code Sections 66250 et seq.; 200 et seq.; 72010 et seq.; Penal Code Sections 422.55 et seq.; Title 5 Sections 59300 et seq.; Accreditation Standard 1.6
Employment Reference:	Education Code Sections 87100 et seq.; Title 5 Sections 53000 et seq.; Government Code Sections 11135 et seq.; 12940 et seq.
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[CCLC template language, except italicized language]

Educational and Institutional Programs and Activities

The <u>Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (</u>District) shall provide access to its services, classes, and programs without regard to, ethnic group identification, race, color, national origin, religion, age, <u>sex or gender gender</u>, <u>gender identity</u>, <u>gender expression</u>, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, <u>genetic information</u>, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, veteran status, or <u>because he or she is perceived to have one or more of the</u> <u>foregoing characteristics</u>, on the basis of these perceived characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. All courses, including noncredit classes, shall be conducted without regard to the gender of the student enrolled in the classes. As defined in the Penal Code, "gender" means sex, and includes a person's gender identity <u>and gender expression</u>. "Gender expression" mean's a <u>person's and</u> gender-related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth.

The District shall not prohibit any student from enrolling in any class or course on the basis of gender.

Employees serving in an advisory capacity to students, including but not limited to counselors, instructors, staff, and administrators, shall not offer program guidance to students which differs on the basis of gender.

Insofar as practicable, the District shall offer opportunities for participation in athletics equally to male and female students.

Students may find information regarding student complaint procedures on nondiscrimination issues in the college catalogs.

Employment

The District shall provide equal employment opportunities to all applicants and employees regardless of <u>ethnic group identification</u>, race, color, national origin, religion, age, <u>gender</u>,

<u>gender identity, gender expression, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition,</u> <u>genetic information,-</u> ancestry,sex or gender_-sexual orientation, <u>marital status</u> or veteran status. Employment procedures ensuring equal opportunity are detailed in Personnel Hiring Procedures and the District Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Plan._ Information regarding complaint procedures on Nondiscrimination in employment can be found in the District EEO Plan, and the District's EEO website.

All employment decisions, including but not limited to hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, evaluation, dismissal, compensation, and advancement for all position classifications shall be based on job-related criteria as well as the District's needs.

The District shall regularly provide professional and staff development activities and training to promote understanding of diversity and nondiscrimination.