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## 1.0 Goals and Objectives

- 1.1 It is the policy and primary purpose of the Los Rios Community College District to provide viable educational opportunity experiences to the citizens of the community it serves and to enhance instructional pursuits for those who wish to take advantage of the District's open door policy, regardless of previous educational background.
- 1.2 To this end, the Colleges of the District will offer comprehensive lower-division transfer and occupational education programs, as well as cultural and recreational activities designed to provide an atmosphere for lifelong learning in the community. These programs and activities will be supported by professional guidance, counseling and other student services that will enhance the educational process.

## 2.0 Equal Educational Opportunity

- 2.1 It is the policy of the District to implement policies to guarantee that no qualified student or prospective student or any person having an educational relationship with the District shall be unlawfully discriminated against, harassed, or excluded from any benefits, activities, or programs on the grounds of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics, or due to the association with a person or group with one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics: ethnic group identification, race, color, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy or childbirth-related condition, sexual orientation, sexual identity, religion or religious creed, age (over forty), national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, political affiliation or belief, military and veteran status, marital status, or conversing in a language other than English. However, students shall be required to speak English when the use of English is necessary for educational or communication purposes. Sexual harassment is a form of unlawful discrimination based on sex and is prohibited in the District/College programs and activities under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C., sections 1681 and following (Title IX). The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the District's Title IX Officers and Equity Officers can be located [here](#).
- 2.2 Where evidence of unlawful discrimination, harassment, or exclusion based on any of the statuses enumerated in this District Policy is found:
  - 2.2.1 the District shall take appropriate steps to halt any unlawful discrimination, harassment, or exclusion and prevent its recurrence; and
  - 2.2.2 the District shall take appropriate steps to remedy the effects of any unlawful discrimination, harassment, or exclusion.

## 3.0 Service Animals

- 3.1 It is the policy of the District to ensure that an individual with a verifiable disability, visual or not, who needs a Service Animal may participate in and benefit from District and College services, programs, and activities and to allow the use of Service Animals on District/College property in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, the Unruh Act, and all other relevant laws and regulations. The Chancellor shall develop Administrative Regulations regarding Service Animals.

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