

# PROHIBITION OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT UNDER TITLE IX

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All forms of sexual harassment are contrary to basic standards of conduct between individuals. State and federal law and this policy prohibit sexual harassment and Blackhawk Technical College will not tolerate sexual harassment. Blackhawk Technical College is committed to providing an academic and work environment that respects the dignity of individuals and groups. Blackhawk Technical College shall be free of sexual harassment and all forms of sexual intimidation and exploitation including acts of sexual violence.

Blackhawk Technical College seeks to foster an environment in which all employees, students, applicants for employment, and applicants for admission feel free to report incidents of sexual harassment in violation of this policy and Title IX, without fear of retaliation or reprisal. Therefore, Blackhawk Technical College also strictly prohibits retaliation against any individual for filing a complaint of sexual harassment in violation of this policy and Title IX or for participating, or refusing to participate, in a sexual harassment investigation. Blackhawk Technical College will investigate all allegations of Title IX retaliation swiftly and thoroughly. If Blackhawk Technical College determines that someone has retaliated, it will take all reasonable steps within its power to stop such conduct. Individuals who engage in Title IX retaliatory conduct are subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination or expulsion.

Any employee, student, applicant for employment, or applicant for admission who believes that he/she/they has been harassed or retaliated against in violation of this policy should immediately report such incidents by following the college procedure for reporting this type of harassment and/or retaliation. Blackhawk Technical College requires supervisors to report all incidents of harassment and retaliation that come to their attention.

This policy applies to all aspects of the academic environment, including but not limited to classroom conditions, grades, academic standing, employment opportunities, scholarships, recommendations, disciplinary actions, and participation in any Blackhawk Technical College sponsored activity within the United States of America. In addition, this policy applies to all terms and conditions of employment, including but not limited to hiring, placement, promotion, disciplinary action, layoff, recall, transfer, leave of absence, training opportunities, and compensation.

To this end the Title IX Coordinator shall ensure that the institution undertakes education and training activities to counter sexual harassment and to prevent, minimize, or eliminate any hostile environment that impairs access to equal education opportunity or impacts the terms and conditions of employment.

The Title IX Coordinator shall establish procedures that define sexual harassment on campus. The Title IX Coordinator shall further establish procedures for employees, students, and other members of the campus community that provide for the investigation and resolution of

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complaints regarding sexual harassment in violation of this policy, and procedures to resolve complaints of sexual harassment in violation of this policy. State and federal law and this policy prohibit retaliatory acts against all participants by Blackhawk Technical College, its employees, students, and agents.

Blackhawk Technical College will publish and publicize this policy and related written procedures (including the procedure for making complaints) to administrators, faculty, staff, students, applicants for employment, and applicants for admission, particularly when they are new to the institution. Blackhawk Technical College will make this policy and related written procedures (including the procedures for making complaints) available in all administrative offices and will post them on the Blackhawk Technical College's website.

Employees who violate the policy and procedures may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Students who violate this policy and related procedures may be subject to disciplinary measures up to and including expulsion.

Reference: Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972  
34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 106

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