

**SEXUAL ASSAULT****1580**

Cuesta College is committed to maintaining a safe campus, a campus free of violence and the threat of violence. All persons who come onto the campus or onto any facility maintained by the college are expected to treat others with respect and consideration.

Cuesta College will not tolerate any physical or sexual assault or threat of assault, including acquaintance rape, on its campus or at facilities maintained by the college. Where there is probable cause to believe that the college's regulations prohibiting sexual assault have been violated, the college will pursue vigorous investigative action through its own channels. Disciplinary actions include the possibility of suspension or dismissal from the college.

A student or employee charged with sexual assault can be prosecuted under California penal code statutes and disciplined under the college's Code of Student Conduct and board policy. Even if the criminal justice authorities choose not to prosecute, the college can pursue disciplinary action.

Cuesta College is committed to doing everything within its power to prevent sexual assaults from occurring and disciplining assailants when rape or other assault occurs on campus property or at college-sponsored events, and to provide prompt and compassionate services to students, faculty and staff who are raped or otherwise sexually assaulted. The college is further committed to ensuring that students, faculty, and staff are not adversely affected for bringing forward a charge of rape or sexual assault.

In order to provide a safe environment for students, faculty, staff, and guests, the college has established a multifaceted program composed of response procedures, prevention and education guidelines, services for victims, and sanctions.

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