

# Equal Access

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The MiraCosta Community College District and each individual who represents the district shall provide access to the district's services, classes, and programs without regard to age, ancestry, color, physical or mental disability, pregnancy, gender, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, medical condition, genetic information, national origin, parental status, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, military or veteran status, or because they are perceived to have one or more of the foregoing characteristics, or based on association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. In addition to the aforementioned legally protected characteristics, the district also has an interest in nondiscrimination based on additional factors such as accent, citizenship status, economic status, and ethnic group identification even though students or employees could not make a legal claim of discrimination based on these factors. (Source: MCCCD Board Policy 3410: *Nondiscrimination. All MiraCosta College board policies and administrative procedures are located on the Board of Trustees webpage.*)

In compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974, MiraCosta College has designated Jeff Higginbotham as its Section 504 Coordinator. Students with verified disabilities may be entitled to appropriate accommodations. Questions regarding access of students with disabilities to any college program or service may be directed to the Student Accessibility Services Office (formerly know as Disabled Students Programs and Services), 760.795.6658.

MiraCosta College invites individuals with disabilities who plan on attending college events to contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at 760.795.6866 regarding any special accommodation needs. Individuals requiring auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters and alternative format materials, need to provide notification at least 10 business days in advance of the event. The college will make every equitable effort to provide reasonable accommodations in an effective and timely manner.