



Statement of Mutual Respect and Collegial Behavior

We, the students, faculty, staff, and management at Saddleback College, are instrumental in providing an environment in which students can successfully achieve their educational goals, and in which employees can maximize their performance. Saddleback College embraces the core values of commitment, excellence, collegiality, success, partnership, innovation, academic freedom, sustainability, inclusiveness, and global awareness. Saddleback College defines the ethical person as one who is consistently fair, honest, straightforward, trustworthy, objective, and unprejudiced. At Saddleback College, the ethical person models civility and concern for others, and is conspicuously unflinching in the exercise of integrity to sustain the credibility that is the expectation of public servants and scholars.

In enacting the college's core values, members of the Saddleback College community shall treat others with civility and respect, recognizing that disagreement and informed debate are pervasive in an academic setting. They shall not seek to abridge for any purpose the freedoms of employees, students, or the public, nor support retaliatory behavior for any reason.

The following statements are intended as principles for ethical behavior at Saddleback College:

- Provide and protect access to the educational resources of Saddleback College.
- Act as stewards of the campus, protecting and providing for its environmental sustainability and beauty through conscientious conduct.
- Protect human dignity and freedom of expression in the academic and working environment, and assure that all are respected as individuals.
- Facilitate a climate of collegiality, independent decision-making, and the right to dissent.
- Encourage open dialogue and positive contributions to Saddleback College by inviting all constituencies to participate in the governance process.
- Use care and integrity in managing confidential information, fulfilling commitments, and sharing credit for accomplishments.
- Provide accurate, objective, and clear information so that decisions are made that are in the best interests of students, employees, Saddleback College, and the public.
- Foster openness and courtesy by encouraging and maintaining communication consistent with Saddleback College's organizational and administrative protocols.
- Abide by established college and district policies and procedures and act within applicable laws, codes, and regulations.

While these ethical principles apply to all members of the academic community, this document is not meant to be a comprehensive list of the ethical responsibilities of each member. Recognizing the different roles of members and the different levels of authority that come with them, we thus affirm that:

- Students are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct as printed in the student handbook, and the Associated Student Government Code of Ethics.
- Faculty are expected to abide by the Academic Senate's Faculty Code of Ethics and Professional Standards.
- Classified staff are expected to abide by the CSEA Code of Ethics and Classified Senate Code of Ethics.
- Administrators and Managers are expected to abide by the South Orange County Community College District Administrator and Manager Statement of Ethics.