

## **F.09.02 Academic Boycotts and International Academic Engagement Policy**

Responsible Department: Vice Chancellor of Academic Success

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This policy affirms the Alamo Colleges District's commitment to academic freedom, international collaboration, and compliance with law. It curtails academic boycotts that restrict the ability of students and faculty members to engage in international scholarly activities.

The College District recognizes that the free exchange of ideas is essential to the academic mission and to fostering an informed and inclusive educational environment.

To uphold these values, the College District prohibits academic boycotts that would interfere with the ability of students or faculty members to participate in international scholarly activities. Specifically, no academic boycott may prevent students or faculty from studying or conducting research in or about a foreign country, restrict interaction with scholars, academic institutions, or representatives of a foreign country, or limit participation in academic conferences, joint research, exchange programs, or other scholarly collaborations.

Exceptions to this prohibition are permitted only when the target of the boycott is a country officially designated as a state sponsor of terrorism by the U.S. Department of State or as required by Texas law or Executive Order. The College District will review the most current list of countries so designated annually to ensure accuracy and compliance.

All academic departments and units are responsible for complying with this policy. Academic boycotts are strongly disfavored and any proposed must be submitted in writing and receive prior approval from the Department of Academic Success. Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with applicable procedures.

### *Legal reference*

U.S. Department of State – State Sponsors of Terrorism  
Federal Anti-Boycott Regulations  
Alamo Colleges District's policy on academic freedom.  
Texas House Bill 1 (88R) General Appropriations Act  
Texas Executive Order GA-48