

BLINN COLLEGE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS MANUAL

SUBJECT: *Building Access Key and Card Regulation*

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 10, 2020; amended August 20, 2021

BOARD POLICY REFERENCE: CHC

PURPOSE

This regulation provides the procedure and authority for auditing and regulating College District key/access card issuance and return. The purpose of this administrative regulation is to provide security for campus facilities and to facilitate the management of keys and access cards.

It is the intent of the College District that exterior entrances for all buildings shall be locked outside of normal scheduled hours to maximize the security of the buildings, occupants, and building contents.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all locking devices securing College District facilities and those individuals authorized to use them. All key and building access card holders are responsible for the keys/cards assigned to them.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life manages campus housing and keys/cards for residential facilities. Residential facilities are not covered by this policy.

The Chancellor or designee may approve exceptions to this regulation on a case-by-case basis.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Facilities Department issues keys and access cards. The College District prohibits duplicating or lending keys/cards.

Employees must report damaged, lost, or stolen keys/cards to the appropriate Executive Dean within two business days.

REQUESTING ACCESS

Authorization for Access – All employee [Key Request Forms](#) must be approved by the requestor's direct supervisor, the Vice Chancellor in the employee's chain of command, and the appropriate Executive Dean. Keys/cards for any exterior building access point and keys/cards classified as "master" or above require approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor.

Temporary Access for Contractors and Non-Employees – Contractors and non-employees must request temporary key access from the Facilities Department. The Facilities Department shall obtain approval from the appropriate Executive Dean and Vice Chancellor. Keys/cards for any exterior building access point and keys/cards classified as "master" or above also require approval by the Executive Vice Chancellor and the Chancellor.

Student Access – Student access requests must be approved by the appropriate instructor or supervisor and by the appropriate Executive Dean.

Requests for Replacement Keys/Cards – employees requesting replacement of damaged, lost, or stolen keys/cards must submit a new [Key Request Form](#) with all of the requisite approvals and an explanation for the circumstances of the request. The cost for each replacement key/card is \$25 and is the responsibility of the requesting employee. The affected employee may submit a written request for an exception to this portion of the regulation to the Chancellor or designee.

KEY/ACCESS CARD RETURN

Upon separation of employment or change in job duties, the affected employee is responsible for returning all College District keys and access cards assigned to the employee. Failure to return College District property upon separation of employment or change in job duties may result in a deduction from the employee's final paycheck or a \$25 fine.

If, during the annual audit, it is determined by an employee's direct supervisor that the employee no longer requires key/card access, the employee's direct supervisor must retrieve the key/card at that time and give the key to Facilities within five business days.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure by individuals, departments, or units to follow this regulation may result in disciplinary action in accordance with College District policies, regulations, and procedures as appropriate.