

strategies for improving persistence and degree completion that are appropriate for IECC's mission and students served. (See Appendix D)

### **EDUCATIONAL GUARANTEE POLICIES (500.18 & 500.19)**

IECC backs its commitment to student success with specific guarantees. All students graduating and meeting the requirements for an Associate in Applied Science degree or a certificate will have the competencies expected by his or her employer. All students who successfully complete an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Science and Arts degree will be able to transfer their credit courses to parallel credit courses at the baccalaureate-university level in Illinois.

Students who demonstrate they do not have the competencies required or have not been able to transfer parallel course credits can file for a refund or repeat the coursework under specific guidelines stipulated in IECC's Technical Degree/Certificate Educational Guarantee and the Transfer Degree Educational Guarantee. See Appendix E for rules regarding educational guarantees.

### **ACADEMIC FREEDOM POLICY (800.6)**

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges recognizes the principles of academic freedom and is committed to freedom of expression and the pursuit of truth in teaching and learning. In the development of knowledge, research endeavors and creative activities, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges faculty, students, and staff are free to cultivate a spirit of inquiry and scholarly criticism.

IECC shall likewise require the exercise of responsible judgment on the part of the District's faculty and staff as they exercise academic freedom in accomplishing the mission of Illinois Eastern Community Colleges. Faculty are entitled to freedom in the classroom in discussing their subjects, but should be careful not to introduce teaching matters which have no relation to their fields. Faculty and students must be able to examine ideas in an atmosphere of freedom and confidence and to participate as responsible citizens in community affairs.

Students are responsible for maintaining standards of academic performance established for each course in which they are enrolled, and are evaluated solely on an academic basis, not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to established academic criteria and standards.

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY (500.25)**

Responsibility and integrity are values Illinois Eastern Community Colleges (IECC) considers essential in achieving its mission to provide exceptional education. As such, IECC expects students to demonstrate the highest standards of academic integrity. Students are expected to be honest in their academic endeavors and responsible for their own work.

Faculty and academic support service staff will take reasonable precautions to prevent the opportunity for academic dishonesty and are authorized to establish specific guidelines consistent with this policy in order to communicate expectations. IECC's Student Code of Conduct includes examples of prohibited conduct; course syllabi may additionally be used to alert students to specific violations. Disciplinary actions and the appeal process follow the protocol outlined in the Student Code of Conduct which can be found at [www.iecc.edu/studentconduct](http://www.iecc.edu/studentconduct).