

F.4.2 (Policy) Student Code of Conduct - Non-Academic Misconduct, Academic Integrity

Responsible Departments: Vice Chancellor for Student Success

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Purpose

The Alamo Colleges is committed to fostering an environment of thoughtful study and discourse. Shared values that guide the Alamo Colleges in fulfillment of its vision and mission also guide the systematic accumulation of standards of behavior that students must uphold as well as the responsibilities that they must accept according to policy. Thus, the principles set forth in our Values: Students First, Respect for All, Community-Engaged, Collaboration, Can-Do Spirit and Data-Informed Decision Making are the hallmarks of our Student Code of Conduct.

The Chancellor or designee(s) shall develop and promulgate a Student Code of Conduct that cites both standards of conduct and consequences (sanctions) for violations as well as procedures for the determination and appeal of violations and procedures for disciplinary hearings. The Student Code of Conduct applies to non-academic misconduct and conduct involving academic integrity. The Student Code of Conduct is published in its entirety among the Board of Trustees policies and in whole or in part in each college's catalog, and student handbook.

All students are charged with notice and knowledge of the contents and provisions of the Student Code of Conduct. The act of applying to be an Alamo Colleges student is an explicit acceptance of the Alamo Colleges' policies, procedures, regulations, and administrative rules. All students shall obey the law, show respect for properly constituted authority, and observe and comply with the Student Code of Conduct and College District policies, procedures, regulations, and administrative rules. The Student Code of Conduct is a Board policy and procedure, and its violation is a violation of Board policy and procedures.

Structure

The Student Code of Conduct disciplinary process is not intended to punish students, but rather to protect and foster the learning environment, to protect interests of the Alamo Colleges' community, and to challenge those whose behavior is not in accordance with the code. When warranted, based on a preponderance of evidence obtained in an investigation of a violation, disciplinary sanctions are imposed and may include prescribed expectations of improvement in terms of various aspects of personal development, academic success, civility, and other measures of relevant success. Sanctions are intended to challenge a student's moral and ethical decision-making and help them bring their behavior into accord with our community expectations.

The Student Code of Conduct Disciplinary Process is not a criminal or civil court proceeding but an internal administrative proceeding. Student conduct disciplinary proceedings are based on a fair assessment of facts and adjudicated on a preponderance of evidence. The procedure for the non-academic misconduct disciplinary process and the procedure for the academic integrity disciplinary process are set forth at [F.4.2.1](#) and [F.4.2.2](#) respectively.

Unless otherwise indicated, the Student Code of Conduct applies to offenses and violations on campus, on College District owned or controlled Property, and at College District Sponsored

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Activities. The definition of “College District Property” contemplates that the use of College District information technology resources such as internet/intranet access (including WiFi, ACES, Learning Management System) and telecommunications devices (including telephones), and the electronic mail system in the commission of any offense require the offense to be considered to have occurred while physically on or using College District Property regardless of where the offense occurs.

Some violations of the Student Code of Conduct also may constitute violations of the Civil Rights Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Policy at [H.1.2](#). If such violations have also been reported to Campus Police and the Title IX/Title VII/ADA/504 Coordinator, separate investigations may occur.

Legal Reference – TACC Policy Reference Manual

FLB(LEGAL) – Student Rights and Responsibilities: Student Conduct

FLBA(LEGAL) – Student Conduct: Student Dress

FLBC(LEGAL) – Student Conduct: Prohibited Organizations and Hazing

FLBE(LEGAL) – Student Conduct: Alcohol and Drug Use

FLBF(LEGAL) – Student Conduct: Weapons