

- b. Interfering with, or attempting to interfere with, the lawful exercise of freedom of speech, freedom of movement, freedom of peaceable assembly, or other rights of individuals or groups.
- c. Illegally possessing, using, selling, or being under the influence of dangerous drugs or narcotics.
- d. Possessing, using, selling, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages.
- e. Possessing or using firearms, weapons, or explosives, unless authorized by the college.
- f. Advocating the overthrow by force or violence of any legally-constituted governmental body or system, or any local, state, or federal law, or any rule, regulation, or policy of the Board of Trustees and administrative officials of the college.
- g. Engaging in any obscene, profane, reckless, tumultuous, destructive, or unlawful course of conduct.
- h. Hazing in all forms, as defined and prohibited in the Texas Penal Code. Articles 1152, 1153, 1154, and 1155.
- i. **Academic cheating or plagiarism**; willfully submitting false information with the intent to deceive: forge, alter, or misuse college documents or records.
- j. Malfeasance in an elective or appointive office of any college endeavor.
- k. Refusal to present an appropriate appearance in dress and grooming while participating in or attending a college activity. (For the purpose of this section, “appropriate appearance” is any reasonable standard of dress or grooming that may be required as a part of a program or objective of the college. This appropriate appearance may vary for different activities or at different times.) The determination as to what constitutes reasonable standards of dress and grooming is an authority delegated to the college administration by the Board of Trustees.
- l. Refusing or failing to comply with a lawful order of any college or public official acting in the performance of his duties in the administration and enforcement of these policies.

The President of the College, or his designated representative, shall be responsible for implementing and enforcing this policy.

Any person violating these policies shall be subject to immediate removal and/or exclusion from the college premises, facilities, or activity. Such removal or exclusion shall not prejudice or interfere with subsequent disciplinary action by the college.

Disciplinary action that may be taken in case of the violation of these policies and regulations may include:

- a. admonition and warning.
- b. formal written warning.
- c. loss of privileges.
- d. formal disciplinary probation.
- e. suspension.
- f. dismissal.

## Student Conduct

Each student shall be charged with notice and knowledge of the contents and provisions of the District's rules and regulations concerning student conduct.

All students shall obey the law, show respect for properly constituted authority, and observe correct standards of conduct. In addition to activities prohibited by law, the following types of behavior shall be prohibited:

1. Gambling, dishonesty, or the excessive use of intoxicating liquors.
2. The illegal use, possession, and/or sale of a drug or narcotic, as those terms are defined by the Texas Controlled Substances Act, on campus.
3. Scholastic dishonesty which shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations and is punishable as prescribed by Board policies. Scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, and collusion. "Cheating on a test" shall include:
  - a. Copying from another student's test paper.
  - b. Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.
  - c. Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.
  - d. Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.
  - e. The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the unadministered test.
  - f. Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for oneself, to take a test.
  - g. Bringing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test.

"Plagiarism" shall be defined as the appropriating, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the unacknowledged submission or incorporation of it in one's own written work.

"Collusion" shall be defined as the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work for fulfillment of course requirements.

4. A student who owes a debt to the District or who writes an "insufficient funds" check to the District may be denied admission or readmission to the District until the debt is paid or the check redeemed.
5. Violations of the Penal Statutes of Texas or of the United States occurring on District property or in connection with District-sponsored activities may also constitute violations of the District's rules and regulations when such violations affect the educational process and goals of the District.
6. Possession or use of firearms on District-controlled property except for educational purposes that have the prior approval of the vice-president.
7. Interference with teaching, research, administration, or the District's subsidiary responsibilities through "disorderly conduct" or "disruptive behavior."
8. Use of alcoholic or intoxicating beverages and use of drugs not prescribed by a physician.