

STUDENT CONDUCT

I. Purpose

Western Dakota Technical College (WDTC) has a responsibility to protect its mission and the members of the College community. The purpose of this policy is to identify the establishment of reasonable standards for students' academic and personal conduct.

II. General Statement of Policy

- A. The College has established reasonable standards for academic and personal conduct that allow others to learn, study, work, and relax in a safe and orderly environment.

The Student Code of Conduct shall apply to conduct that occurs on WDTC premises and at off-site locations or events where WDTC exercises substantial control. Each student shall be responsible for his/her conduct. The Student Code of Conduct shall apply to a student's conduct even if the student withdraws from or drops out of school while a disciplinary matter is pending.

The following Code of Conduct, while not all inclusive, identifies conduct that infringes upon those expectations, disrupts the learning environment, and possibly exposes students and employees to injury. Such conduct will result in disciplinary action. Any student, group of students, or student organizations found in violation of the WDTC Student Code of Conduct is subject to the disciplinary sanctions.

Violations of the Code of Conduct include, but are not limited to:

1. Inappropriate behavior defined as conduct that disrupts the educational process, impedes the learning environment, or disrupts employee workflow.
2. Physical or verbal abuse or detention of any person or persons.
3. Endangerment of the health and safety of oneself or others, or infringement upon the rights of others.
4. Theft or damage to WDTC property or property of any member of the WDTC community or campus.
5. Unauthorized entry to or use of WDTC facilities or property.
6. Use, possession, manufacture, or distribution of alcohol, narcotics, illegal drugs, or other controlled substances, firearms, items commonly considered weapons, explosives, or dangerous chemicals.
7. Dishonesty, such as cheating, plagiarism, or knowingly furnishing false information to the school.
8. Reckless use of a vehicle, equipment, or tools.
9. Failure, after due notice, to pay fees or other school financial obligations.

10. Harassment that is not covered under Policies 2005/4005 or hazing of members of the WDTC Community.
11. Smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco or vapor products other than within the confines of personal vehicles.
12. Failure to report to the Director of Student Success or local sheriff and/or police agencies any knowledge of criminal activity on campus: i.e., murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, arson, vandalism, consumption of alcohol, or use of controlled or illegal substances or motor vehicle theft. Such a report must be provided in a manner that is timely and that will aid in the prevention of similar occurrences.
13. Illegal, improper, or unethical use of computer systems.
14. Copyright infringement.
15. Failure to comply with the directives of a WDTC employee.
16. Stalking or other Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) offenses that are not based on sex. (All VAWA offenses will use Policy 2001/4001 and its associated procedures.)

- B. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct will be addressed through Policy 4015 - Student Resolution Process and its associated procedures.

III. Definitions – None

IV. Reporting Procedures – None

V. Dissemination of Policy and Training

- A. This policy shall appear on the WDTC website on the policy webpage.

Legal References: [34 C.F.R. § 86](#)

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