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Each individual student is considered to be a responsible adult and is expected to act accordingly. Emphasis will be placed on standards of student conduct rather than on limits or restrictions on students.

A student's enrollment is subject to acceptance of standards of conduct which are developed and published in the Student Handbook, the College Catalog, and/or the Policy Manual, and which may be explained and clarified in other statements prepared and published by the College. Non-compliance with these standards will be sufficient cause for suspension from the College. Authority for suspension of a student is vested with the President or designee (which in most cases shall be the Vice President of Student Services).

All applicable federal laws, state laws, and city ordinances are in effect and enforceable on the premises of Galveston College or at College-sponsored events/activities. If an offense, which occurs off campus, is such that in the judgment of the President or Vice President of Student Services, the circumstances of the offense are likely to interfere with the educational process or the orderly operation of the College, or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the College community, disciplinary actions may be taken. Any violation of the ordinances and laws referred to above shall, upon conviction, be punishable by the same penalties provided for in said ordinances or applicable laws.

Galveston College is an educational institution committed to the philosophy that a community college should open its doors to all citizens of its area who can benefit from its educational programs. The Board of Regents and the College administration will not condone nor tolerate acts calculated to disrupt the continuing educational functions of the College, or to deny to any person or persons their opportunity to participate in the educational programs of the College.

RESPONSIBILITY

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

In addition to activities prohibited by law the following types of behavior shall be prohibited:

1. Violations of federal, state, or local law or College policies or procedures occurring on College property or in connection with College-sponsored activities.

2. Committing any act which is classified as an indictable offense under either state or federal law.

3. Possession, distribution, sale, or use of firearms or other prohibited weapons except, and as have prior approval, for educational purposes (See FLBF)

4. 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.

5. The use, possession, control, manufacture, transmission, or sale of paraphernalia related to any prohibited substance.

6. Possessing, using, selling or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages. A student in violation may be required to participate in an alcohol awareness class (at the student's expense) for the first offense in addition to other disciplinary measures. [See FLBE]

7. Dishonesty.

8. Academic or scholastic dishonesty, cheating, and/or plagiarism shall constitute a violation of these rules and regulations. Academic dishonesty or scholastic dishonesty shall include, but not be limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, willfully submitting false information with the intent to deceive, forgery, alteration of a document, or misuse of a college document.

   "Cheating" shall include, but not be limited to:

a. Copying from another student's test paper.
b. Using test materials not authorized by the person administering the test.
c. Sending or receiving unauthorized materials by electronic means.
d. Collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test without permission from the test administrator.
e. Knowingly using, buying, selling, stealing, or soliciting, in whole or in part, the contents of tests, research papers, essays, research documents, or other documents.
f. The unauthorized transporting or removal, in whole or in part, of the contents of the unadministered test.
g. Substituting for another student, or permitting another student to substitute for one's self, to take a test.
h. Bribing 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.

(When cheating, collusion, or plagiarism has occurred, the instructor may give the student or students involved a zero or "F" on a particular assignment or an "F" in the course. The instructor shall make a written report of the incident and of the planned action to his or her respective dean who in turn shall report the incident to the Vice President of Instruction and the Vice President of Student Services. Depending upon the seriousness of the academic misconduct, the instructor, the dean, and/or the Vice President of Instruction may refer the case to the Vice President of Student Services who shall take the matter up as a disciplinary matter. Depending upon the seriousness of the

academic misconduct, the District may impose disciplinary sanctions, up to and including suspension and/or expulsion.)

9. Failure to be responsible for financial obligations to the College, including failure to repay loans and deferred payment agreements. (Issuing dishonored check to the College.)

10. Fraudulent financial transactions with the College that include, but are not limited to, the following:
    a. Refusal or failure to pay a debt owed to the College.
    b. Giving the District a check, draft, or order with the intent to defraud the College.
    c. A student's failure to pay the College the amount due on a check, draft, or order is prima facie evidence that the student intended to defraud the College.
    d. Disciplinary action may be initiated against any student who has allegedly violated the provisions of this section.

11. Interference with teaching, research, administration, or the District's subsidiary responsibilities through "disorderly conduct" or "disruptive behavior." [See FLBH]

12. Threatening another person, including a student, employee, or visitor; making terroristic threats.

13. Intentionally, knowingly, or negligently causing physical harm to any person.

14. Hazing in all forms, as defined and prohibited in the Texas Penal Code, Articles 1152, 1153, 1154, and 1155. Hazing with or without the consent of a student; a violation of that prohibition renders both the person inflicting the hazing and the person submitting to the hazing subject to appropriate discipline. Initiations by organizations may include no feature that is dangerous, harmful, or degrading to the student; a violation of this prohibition renders the organization subject to appropriate discipline.

15. Engaging in conduct that constitutes harassment, bullying, or dating violence directed toward another person, including a student or employee.

16. Endangering the health or safety of members of the District community or visitors to the campus. Physical abuse or harassment of another person, or conduct that threatens or endangers the health and safety of others.

17. Unauthorized entry to or use of college facilities.

18. Damaging or destroying District property.

19. Theft; stealing from the College or others

20. Possession of or making use of college keys or key cards for unauthorized purposes.

21. Misuse of fire or safety equipment.

22. Arson or attempted arson.

23. Illegal gambling in any form.

24. Smoking and/or the use of other tobacco products or e-cigarettes on all College property, in College vehicles, or at any College-related activity.

25. Forging, altering, or misusing College documents, records, or I.D. cards; improper use of college identification cards. (All college I.D. cards are the property of the College and must be shown on request of a representative of the College. Students shall be prohibited from loaning their I.D. card to another person for any reason. Likewise, it shall be prohibited to use any other card except the one issued by the College for College purposes.)

26. Failing to comply with directions of College officials acting in the performance of their duties.

27. Failure to heed an official summons to the office of an administrative officer within the designated time, or failure to heed an official summons issued by any campus disciplinary or appeals proceeding.

28. Knowingly giving false information in response to requests from the College or a College official. (Providing false information to a College official.)

29. Making false accusations; perpetrating hoaxes regarding the safety of the College, students, employees, visitors, and/or others.

30. Failure to provide identification when requested to do so by College personnel.

31. Malfeasance in an elective or appointive student office of any college endeavor.

32. Misusing the College's computing and informational resources, including but not limited to:

    a. Violating policies, rules, or agreements signed by the student regarding the use of technology resources;

    b. Attempting to access or circumvent passwords or other security-related information of the College District, students, or employees or uploading or creating computer viruses;

    c. Attempting to alter, destroy, disable, or restrict access to College District technology resources including but not limited to computers and related equipment, College District data, the data of others, or other networks connected to the College District's system without permission;

    d. Using the internet or other electronic communications to threaten College District students, employees, or volunteers;

e. Sending, posting, or possessing electronic messages that are abusive, obscene, sexually oriented, threatening, harassing, damaging to another's reputation, or illegal;

f. Using email or websites to engage in or encourage illegal behavior or threaten the safety of the College District, students, employees, or visitors; and

g. Possessing published or electronic material that is designed to promote or encourage illegal behavior or that could threaten the safety of the College District, students, employees, or visitors.

33. Violating College policies or regulations concerning parking, registration of student organizations, use of College facilities, or the time, place, and manner of public expression.

34. Behaving in a manner that adversely affects his or her suitability as a member of the academic community or endangers his or her own safety or the safety of others.

35. Disrupting or obstructing, or attempting to disrupt or obstruct, any lawful activity of the College, or violating H.B. 141, as enacted by the 61st Texas Legislature.

36. 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.

37. Threatening by force or violence the overthrow 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 Regents and administrative officials of the College.

38. Possession or use of tobacco products and/or e-cigarettes on College District property.

39. Engaging in any obscene, profane, reckless, tumultuous, destructive, or unlawful course of conduct.

DISCIPLINE	Any student violating this policy shall be subject to discipline, including suspension or expulsion, in accordance with College Policy (See Policy FM, Discipline and Penalties).