

## MANUAL OF POLICY

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### **I. Purpose**

Students and student learning are central to the institutional mission of South Texas College. The College is committed to maintain an environment that recognizes and supports students' rights, while providing a guide for defining inappropriate behaviors and delineated disciplinary procedures in the Student Handbook.

### **II. Policy**

To provide an effective learning environment, the College affirms that it shall do the following:

1. Acknowledge its obligation to provide for the safety of students, faculty, and staff in all College related matters, whether on or off campus.
2. Provide student conduct and discipline procedures that are clearly stated and rationally related to the goal of providing an effective environment for students to learn and for faculty to teach. The student conduct and discipline procedures are detailed in the Student Handbook and include the following elements:
  - a. An impartial process for students to appeal disciplinary sanctions imposed by the College;
  - b. A statement of purpose for the procedures;
  - c. A partial list of actions, whether committed on or off campus, that will render a student subject to disciplinary action;
  - d. A list of authorized disciplinary actions that may be imposed upon a student;
  - e. A detailed statement of clearly defined procedures that will be followed when a student is alleged to have violated campus regulations;
  - f. A list of student rights to ensure that students are treated with fundamental fairness and personal dignity.
3. Actively pursue legal action and cooperate with law enforcement authorities in the investigation and prosecution for actions by students and non-students that violate federal, state or local criminal laws and initiate appropriate civil litigation for the recovery of damages or actions that occur on the campus, extended facilities, or during a college related activity.
4. Publish disciplinary procedures, appeal processes, guidelines for student conduct, and student rights in the Student Handbook and on the College's webpage. Regularly

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disseminate Student Handbook to all faculty, students and staff via email notification and have print copies available upon request.

### **III. Definitions**

None.

### **IV. History**

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