



(PR#12) CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT

The Itawamba Community College (ICC) Code of Student Conduct establishes a fair and consistent framework for disciplinary procedures aligned with the College's mission and values. Its purpose is to promote a safe, respectful and supportive learning environment that upholds the health, safety, education and moral development of all students.

To maintain this environment, ICC has defined basic behavioral expectations for students in their interactions with peers, faculty and staff. These standards ensure minimal disruption and maximum opportunity for academic and personal growth.

While students are expected to follow college policies and procedures, violations may occur. In such cases, designated personnel will address misconduct through procedures that are transparent, equitable and known to the student. Discipline will always be administered with fairness and in accordance with institutional policy.

VIOLATIONS

General Conduct and Safety

1. Disruption of College Activities

Engaging in actions that obstruct or disrupt academic activities, including teaching and research, administrative functions, public service roles, vehicular or pedestrian traffic or any other college operations or services.

2. Assault or Endangerment

Engaging in physical assault, abuse or detention or in any behavior that endangers the health, safety or well-being of others.

3. Theft or Property Damage

Unauthorized use, theft or withholding of any property or valuables belonging to others. This includes damaging the property of the College, its students, faculty, staff or visitors.

4. Abusive Language and Inappropriate Behavior

The use of profane, abusive or threatening language, as well as engaging in public displays of affection or other behaviors that do not align with accepted moral and ethical standards.

5. Unauthorized Access

Entering or using someone else's property without permission is prohibited. This includes

unauthorized access to College buildings, rooms, computers, computer accounts or systems, grounds or other property. Possessing or using unauthorized keys is also a violation.

6. Ordinances or Laws

Any violation of civil or criminal ordinance which causes potential harm to the college community or brings discredit to the College. The accused need not be criminally charged or convicted for their conduct to be deemed a violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

7. Violation of College Policies

Any breach of established College policies, regulations or procedures.

8. Assisting or Cooperating

Assisting or cooperating with a violation of the Code of Student Conduct or other college rules and regulations by another or others.

Student and Residence Life

1. Violations of Residence Hall Policies

Any violation of the residence hall rules and regulations, as outlined in the Housing Handbook. Refer to the Handbook for detailed guidelines.

2. Disobedience of Authority

Failure to comply with the instructions of College officials or law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties. This includes refusal to present identification upon request.

3. Harassment, Intimidation and Disrespectful Behavior

Engaging in harassment, intimidation, bribery or abusive behavior toward students, faculty, staff or College officials, including through electronic communication. Disrespectful or disruptive conduct toward College officials is also prohibited.

4. Prohibited Water Devices and Simulated Weapons

The possession or use of water balloons, water guns, splat guns, gel blasters or any similar devices that dispense liquids or project materials is strictly prohibited at any College location. Additionally, any item – regardless of function – that resembles or could be mistaken for a weapon is not allowed.

5. Disorderly Conduct

Engaging in behavior that disturbs the peace, including creating excessive noise or using loudspeakers or other sound amplification devices in a disruptive manner, is not allowed.

6. Disruptive Demonstrations

Participating in demonstrations that obstruct College operations or infringe upon the rights of others is prohibited.

Substance Use and Fire Safety

1. Alcoholic Beverages

Unlawful sale, possession, consumption, use or distribution of alcohol, including at College-sponsored events and in vehicles. (Refer to College Policy J.19: Alcohol and Drug Use – All Students and Personnel, J.22: Drug and Alcohol Use – Screening/Testing)

2. Controlled Substances

Use, possession, distribution or manufacture of narcotics, illegal drugs, steroids or related paraphernalia, except as lawfully prescribed. (Refer to College Policy J.19: Alcohol and Drug Use – All Students and Personnel, J.22: Drug and Alcohol Use – Screening/Testing)

3. Weapons and Explosives

Illegal or unauthorized possession or discharge of firearms, fireworks, explosives, dangerous chemicals, ammunition, air guns or other weapons, including in vehicles. (Refer to College Policy J.23: Possession of Weapons Including Firearms)

4. Fire Safety Violations

Any act of arson; falsely reporting a fire; setting off a false fire alarm, tampering with fire equipment and/or smoke detectors; tampering with, removing or damaging fire alarms, fire extinguishers or any other safety or emergency equipment from its proper location; failure to evacuate during drills.

Academic and Administrative Integrity

1. Falsification and Misrepresentation

Deliberate submission of false or misleading information to College officials, faculty or staff. This includes, but is not limited to, forgery, unauthorized use of College records or identification, plagiarism and academic dishonesty.

2. Fraud: The act of acquiring or attempting to acquire something of value or preferential treatment through deception, misrepresentation or coercion.

3. Traffic and Parking

Any violation of College policies and procedures regarding the operation and parking of motor vehicles. (Refer to College Policy E.02: Traffic and Parking Regulations)

4. Financial Obligations

Failure to fulfill financial obligations to the College, including tuition, fees and other related payments. (Refer to College Policy J.50: Financial Obligations to the College)

5. Abuse of the Disciplinary System

Engagement in actions that disrupt or interfere with the disciplinary process, such as failing to respond to summons, harassing participants or neglecting to adhere to imposed sanctions.

College Behavior

1. Student Dress/Attire

Students are expected to wear attire that is appropriate for an academic setting. Clothing or grooming that disrupts the learning environment is not permitted. Shirts and shoes must be worn in all academic and public areas.

2. Littering

Students must keep the college clean. Disposing of trash improperly on college grounds or in facilities is prohibited.

3. Gambling

Any form of gambling – including organizing, promoting or participating – is not allowed on college premises.

4. Unauthorized Solicitation

Distributing materials or soliciting donations, services or goods at any college location requires prior approval from designated College officials.

5. Gang-Related Activity

Engaging in or promoting gang-related behavior, symbols or activity is strictly prohibited.

6. Tobacco Free Policy

All members of the College community must comply with the College's tobacco-free policy. The use of tobacco products, including electronic/vaping devices, is not permitted at any college location. (Refer to College Policy J.18: Tobacco-Free Policy)

7. Guest Conduct Responsibility

Students are responsible for the conduct of their guests while on College property and must ensure their guests adhere to College policies and procedures.

8. Student Organization Accountability

Student organizations and their individual members are expected to follow all applicable College regulations. Violations by an individual or the group may result in disciplinary action.

9. Vandalism

Abuse, damage, destruction or defacement of college, state, federal, public or private property. (Refer to College Policy E.03: Security/Vandalism)

Technology and Recreational Devices

1. Unauthorized Use of Drones

The use of drones on College property is strictly prohibited unless prior authorization has been granted. Approved drone operations must comply with all applicable FAA regulations and College policies and procedures.

2. Computer and Network Policy Violations

Any violation of the College's policies regarding computer and network use, including unauthorized access, misuse of systems or breaches of cybersecurity protocols, is prohibited.

3. Use of Electronic Devices in Academic Settings

Electronic devices may only be used in classrooms and other academic spaces with instructor approval or as outlined in the course syllabus. Unauthorized use may result in disciplinary action.

SANCTIONS

Violations of the Code of Student Conduct and other College regulations will result in appropriate disciplinary action. If a student's behavior is deemed to pose a threat to the safety or well-being of others or is significantly disruptive to the College community, the Vice President of Student Services may impose **temporary emergency measures**, including but not limited to:

- Immediate suspension
- Removal from campus housing

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- Academic restrictions
- Restricted access to facilities

These temporary measures may remain in place until the disciplinary process is completed.

Sanctions are intended to be educational and corrective in nature. More than one sanction may be imposed for a single violation. Below is a representative, though not exhaustive, list of possible sanctions:

- **Expulsion** – Permanent separation from the College with no option for readmission.
- **Suspension** – Separation from the College for a specified period of time.
- **Modified Suspension** – Restriction of all privileges except class attendance and use of supplemental educational resources for a defined period.
- **Conduct Probation** – A formal warning indicating that further violations may result in suspension or expulsion. Additional restrictions may apply.
- **Loss of Campus Housing** – Removal from College housing due to conduct violations.
- **Community Service** – Completion of a designated number of service hours.
- **Restrictions** – Temporary loss of specific privileges or access to areas/services.
- **Restitution** – Financial reimbursement for damaged, lost or stolen property.
- **Fine** – Monetary penalty based on the severity of the violation.
- **Warning** – Formal reprimand for behavior in violation of College policy.
- **Educational Requirements** – Mandated participation in educational activities relevant to the misconduct, such as courses, workshops, essays or reflection assignments.