

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

STUDENT ORIENTATION



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The College has the legal right and moral obligation to establish rules for academic and personal conduct and to deny admission to applicants or continued enrollment to students who do not meet/maintain these standards or other rules of the Goodwill Technical College (GTC) and its departments. Counseling and/or sanctions will be imposed on students that are found in violation of these standards. The College reserves the right to take any necessary and/or appropriate steps to protect the safety and wellbeing of the College community. Jurisdiction may be extended based on conduct off campus, when the behavior or the presence of the student, in the College's sole judgment, adversely impacts or represents a threat to the College community, damages the reputation of the institution, or impairs, obstructs, or interferes with the interests and/or mission, processes, or functions of Goodwill Technical College.

All students admitted to the College accept the responsibility to conform to all Goodwill Technical College rules and regulations. It is the responsibility of every student to conduct themselves in a manner fitting an academic environment. In most cases, the exercise of good sense and judgment prevail.

The Goodwill Technical College Student Code of Conduct defines disruptive behavior as:

Any student who displays intentional obstruction or disruption of teaching, administration, disciplinary procedure, or other authorized college event; any student who displays verbal, emotional, or physical abuse or threat thereof against any person on campus or at any college authorized event, or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health and safety of others; and any student who displays conduct which adversely affects the student's suitability as a member of the academic community (such as drunkenness, use of profanity, or disorderly conduct).

Behavior conducted through electronic means through blogs, web pages, social networking sites and any other modes of electronic communication are in the public sphere, are not private, and can be subject to allegations of misconduct. The College will make every reasonable effort to make the rules and regulations available. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with and abiding by them.

The philosophy of the policies and procedures in the Student Code of Conduct is one of education and fair, prompt resolution of problems. The focus of the Code is on growth and development of the individual student by encouraging self-control, by publishing clear behavioral guidelines (rules and regulations) and by fostering the rights and privileges of others. Regardless of how a case is processed, the goals are the same: to redirect the behavior of the student in acceptable patterns and to protect the rights of all students and the entire College community. Goodwill Technical College is a community composed of diverse students, faculty, and staff. GTC will not tolerate harassment of any person or group of persons based on race, color, religious or political affiliation, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship, national origin, age, disability/handicap or marital status or veteran's status, pregnancy, childbirth and related medical conditions, and the sickle cell trait. Each member of the College community is held accountable to this standard which is strongly reflected in this Code.

Goodwill Technical Community College uses a preponderance of evidence standard to determine whether a code violation is more likely than not to have occurred. A student who violates these rules, whether on or off campus, will be subject to adjudication and potential disciplinary action in accordance with the College's Due Process. Disciplinary action may result in suspension from Goodwill Technical College and additional, independent action from the civil authorities, such as local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies. Any student who commits or attempts to commit any acts, such as, but not limited to the following, will be subject to disciplinary proceedings:

1. Committing a criminal act under federal, state or municipal law, or supporting or assisting with the violation of any of those laws on or off campus.
2. Violating any college policy, procedure, rule or regulation.
3. Failure to identify oneself to a college official upon request or falsifying one's identity to an officer of the law.
4. Failing to obey, or lying to, a college official or officer of the law who is performing his/her duties.
5. Obstructing an investigation (e.g., falsifying a report of an incident).
6. Participating in repetitious offenses and/or failing to fulfill all probationary requirements.
7. Misusing any fire equipment or other life-safety equipment on or off college property.
8. Use or possession of ammunition, firearms or other weapons, including, but not limited to, guns, BB guns, bows, arrows, knives, brass knuckles, or other device used as a weapon or ammunition on or off college property.
9. Behaving in a manner that significantly endangers the health or safety of other people, including members of the college community and visitors on or off campus. This includes but is not limited to hazing or voluntarily submitting to hazing, or any participation or support thereof.
10. Stealing, destroying, defacing, damaging or misusing college property or property belonging to others and/or participating as an accessory in such activity.
11. Infliction, threat or inciting bodily harm while on or off college property:
 - a. infliction of bodily harm upon any person;
 - b. any act that contributes to the risk of bodily harm to a person, and which includes but is not limited to physical or sexual assaults or threats thereof.
12. Using, possessing, or distributing intoxicating beverages or substances in any college building or facility, or other public area or supporting or assisting with such possession, including paraphernalia thereof (e.g., empty alcohol containers).
13. Use of any tobacco products or other related devices (e.g., cigarettes, pipes, cigars, electronic cigarettes, vapor devices) is prohibited in college buildings and on college grounds, including parking areas and structures, sidewalks, walkways, or college owned buildings.
14. Gambling in any form including but not limited to on looking or conspiracy on or off college property.
15. Illegal possession, use, sale, manufacture or distribution of any quantity, whether usable or not, of any drug, narcotic or controlled substance. Drug paraphernalia of any type, including bongs, clips, pipes, residue, seeds, a smoke-filled room or any other items used in the preparation or consumption of illegal drugs is prohibited. Knowingly remaining within the presence of narcotics, controlled substances, or drug paraphernalia is strictly prohibited; supporting or assisting with such possession is also prohibited.

16. Forging, altering or misusing any college or other documents, forms, records or identification cards.
17. Possession of or setting off any explosive devices, fireworks or flammable liquid or object on college property.
18. Failing to respond to an official summons from an administrative officer of the college within the time indicated.
19. Harassing, bullying, intimidation, or stalking made either in person, or by telephone, writing or computer.
20. Hate crime – Intentionally selects a person against whom the offense is committed or intended to be committed in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct, or intentionally commits the act or acts constituting the offense in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct.
21. Any act that contributes to the sexual harassment, discrimination, or assault of another person on or off campus. This includes intimate partner or domestic/dating violence or harassment.
22. Involvement in any act or statement that provides a terroristic threat made in person, on paper, by phone or through other electronic means that contributes to or suggests endangerment toward a person(s) and/or to the physical property of others, including but not limited to that of Goodwill Technical College.
23. Obstructing or disrupting any college activity, including teaching, research, social activities and public service functions.
24. Engaging in any obscene, profane, slanderous, reckless, destructive or unlawful course of conduct.
25. Bribery, forgery, alteration, misuse of college documents, records or identification as well as misuse and/or abuse of services such as financial assistance, arranged accommodations/modifications and academic assistance provided by the college.
26. Creating a nuisance with noise through talking, yelling, singing, playing a musical instrument, stereo, radio or through other means in a way that is sufficiently loud enough to disturb other members of the college community.
27. Theft, copyright infringement or other abuse of computer time. This includes, but is not limited to: unauthorized entry into a file, to use, read or change the contents, or for any other purpose; unauthorized transfer of a file, or use of another individual's identification and password; use of computing facilities or equipment to send, receive or transport obscene, abusive or pornographic messages or images.

28. Creating a disturbance or distraction through appearance, physical gestures or by wearing or possessing inappropriate clothing, jewelry, bandannas, body decorations or other items in possession deemed extreme or gang-related, and inappropriate for the educational environment.
29. Engaging in academic dishonesty as defined under the Academic Dishonesty policy.
30. Participating in illegal or unsanctioned solicitation on or off the premises of Goodwill Technical College.
31. Loitering or participating in any unapproved, unsanctioned physical presence within a facility or property boundaries of which are owned, maintained, operated, or utilized by Goodwill Technical College.
32. Harboring or in possession of unapproved animals on campus.
33. Engaging in an off-campus offense.