



Frederick Community College Policy

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Code of Student Conduct	Procedure Number	5.11
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A. Purpose and Philosophy

Frederick Community College has a responsibility to establish and maintain standards of behavior that are considered essential to its function as a learning institution. Students are required to obey the law, show respect for properly constituted authority (specifically including College authority), comply with and perform contractual obligations, maintain integrity and high standards in academic work, and demonstrate responsible personal and social conduct appropriate for an educational institution. As members of the College community, students are also required to recognize the worth of each member and treat every individual with dignity and respect regardless of their race, religion, gender, color, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, marital status, physical or mental disability of otherwise qualified individuals, and any other category protected by federal, State or local law.

B. Authority

The Code of Student Conduct is adopted by the Frederick Community College Board of Trustees.

C. Application and Scope of Jurisdiction

1. Disciplinary action will be taken when any student, group of students, or student organization fails to observe the general standards of conduct or any specific College policy, procedure, rule, or regulation, or acts in a manner that is not in the best interest of the College community. In all proceedings, the principle of due process is guaranteed to the student.
2. A student who violates criminal or civil laws while on campus, off campus at College-leased or owned facilities, attending College-sponsored activities or any activities which are initiated, authorized, or supervised by Frederick Community College, or when representing the College will be subject to prosecution and/or civil liability. Disciplinary action by the College will be independent of civil or criminal prosecution and will proceed during the adjudication of civil or criminal proceedings.
3. The College reserves the right to take immediate action to suspend a student from the campus as an interim measure should the presence of the student on campus be considered an immediate danger to the health, safety, or property of themselves or other members of the College community or public or whose behavior causes, or threatens to cause, a disruption to the normal operations and activities of the College, its students, faculty or staff. This action requires the recommendation of the Vice President for Learning Support (or in his/her absence an appointed representative) and concurrence of the President (or in his/her absence the Acting President). Financial

and academic consequences of this suspension are the responsibility of the student.

Certain criminal or civil offenses or other behavior may by their very nature, pose a serious and substantial danger to the College community. In such cases, the College reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action.

4. Persons not officially enrolled in the College, who by their actions on campus violate their status as invited guests, are subject to the relevant sanctions of the penal code of Maryland and/or College Policy/Procedure 6.32.
5. All proceedings of the College's disciplinary adjudication process are confidential to the extent required by law. In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a student's judicial and disciplinary records are educational documents and thus protected under FERPA. The College, however, is required to provide the results of a final on campus disciplinary action against an alleged perpetrator of a crime to an alleged victim, or the parents of the victim if the victim dies, if the parent or victim requests such information.