

SECTION: Student Services

POLICY TOPIC: Code of Student Conduct

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I. General Rule

San Juan College is not only dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning, but also has a concern for the development of responsible, personal, and social conduct. By registering at San Juan College, a student assumes the responsibility for becoming familiar with and abiding the general rules of conduct as established in the *Student Handbook*. Students who are also employees of the College will be covered by employee policies related to conduct and administrative appeal rather than such student policies.

II. General Provisions

Students at San Juan College neither lose the rights nor escape the responsibilities of citizenship. Students are expected to obey both the criminal and civil statutes of the state of New Mexico and the federal government and the College's policies, procedures, rules, and regulations. Students may be penalized by the College for violating its standards of conduct even though they are also punished by the state or federal authorities for the same act.

III. Scope

The College has jurisdiction for disciplinary purposes over a person who was a student at the time the alleged violation of a Board Policy, administrative procedure or rule, or College regulation occurred.

IV. Disciplinary Actions and Sanctions

When an alleged infraction of College policies, procedures, rules, or regulations concerning student conduct is brought to the attention of the Vice President for Student Services, an appropriate investigation of the alleged violation shall occur. The student(s) involved must be given the opportunity to present his/her/their case. Following an investigation of the matter, the Vice President for Student Services will make an administrative decision on the case and if warranted, assess the appropriate disciplinary action.

The Student Conduct Rules as listed in the *Student Handbook* will be adhered to in any matter relative to the conduct of students.

V. Financial Obligations

As a responsible citizen, no student may refuse to pay or fail to pay a debt he/she owes to the College. Failure to pay a debt will result minimally in the student relinquishing his/her rights to all future services provided by the College until such time as the debt is paid.