## NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATION May 25, 2006

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Division of Universities University of West Florida

REGULATION TITLE:

#### **Student Code of Conduct**

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose and effect of the proposed regulation is to clarify, streamline and update the existing rule governing student conduct. This resulted in a substantial revision to the existing rule.

SUMMARY: Establishes university authority, conduct violations, procedures and sanctions.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION IS ATTACHED.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY FOR REGULATION: 1001.74(4), 1006.60 FS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 1001.74(10), 1006.60, 1006.61, 1006.62, 1006.63 FS.

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University of West Florida Regulation Student Code of Conduct.

## UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA

#### Student Code of Conduct

Article I. General Policy

The University of West Florida is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge and learning and to the development of ethically responsible individuals. University students are expected to uphold appropriate standards of behavior and to respect the rights and privileges of others. Student conduct is expected to be in accordance with all federal, state and local laws, and Board of Education rules and University rules, regulations, and policies.

The University affirms its desire to maintain a learning and living environment for all students that is free from all forms of unlawful discrimination, harassment and retaliation. The University is committed to ensuring that all students, faculty and staff are treated with dignity and respect. Discrimination, harassment and retaliation are detrimental to an environment of mutual respect that must prevail if the University is to fulfill its goals. All members of the University community are responsible for ensuring that their conduct does not discriminate, harass or retaliate against others and are to cooperate in maintaining a climate where discrimination, harassment and retaliation are not tolerated.

In keeping with the University of West Florida's values, any sanctions imposed are for the purposes of restoring the standards of the University community, educating students about the seriousness of their action(s), promoting civility and positive growth, while maintaining the safety and integrity of the University community.

The Student Code of Conduct applies to all UWF campuses, UWF international and exchange programs and off-campus conduct. This code applies to individual students as well as student organizations.

The President delegates administration of the Student Code of Conduct to the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of Students and to other appropriate staff. All references to the Vice President for Student Affairs or Dean of Students in this Code also refer to his/her designee.

The Student Code of Conduct shall be reviewed every three years under the direction of the Vice President for Student Affairs beginning 2009.

- Article II. Definitions for Purposes of the Student Code of Conduct
  - 1. **University:** means all locations of the University of West Florida including the on-line campus.
  - 2. **Student:** includes all persons enrolled at the University of West Florida, either full-time or part-time, degree seeking or non-degree seeking, and persons who are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a continuing relationship with the University.
  - 3. **Faculty member:** means any person hired by the University to conduct classroom or teaching activities or who is otherwise considered by the University to be a member of its faculty.
  - 4. **University official:** includes any person employed by the University performing assigned administrative or professional responsibilities.
  - 5. **University community:** includes any person who is a student, faculty member, staff member, or any other person employed by the University.
  - 6. **University premises:** includes all land, facilities, and other property in the possession of, owned, or controlled by the University (including adjacent streets and sidewalks).
  - 7. **Student Organization:** means any number of persons who are recognized by the University as a registered student organization, including sports clubs and other student groups.

- 8. **Student Conduct Committee:** consists of persons appointed by the University President to hear cases of student misconduct. The Committee must consist of at least 50% students.
- 9. **Hearing Officer:** means a University official authorized by the Vice President for Student Affairs to administer the Student Code of Conduct.
- 10. **University rules, regulations and policies:** please see web pages for the most up-to-date University rules, regulations, and policies.
- 11. **Complainant:** any person who submits a statement alleging that a student violated this Student Code of Conduct.
- 12. Charged student: any student accused of violating this Student Code of Conduct.
- 13. **Good standing as to conduct:** a student who has no misconduct charges pending against him or her, is not on conduct related probation, and has completed any and all misconduct related sanctions is in good standing.

## Article III. University Authority

- 1. **Off-Campus conduct:** the University may take disciplinary action against a student or student organization for violations committed off campus if any one of the following applies: (a) The off-campus conduct is specifically prohibited by law or the University's Student Code of Conduct; (b) The off-campus conduct demonstrates that the continued presence of the student on campus presents a danger to the health, safety, or welfare of the University community; (c) The off-campus conduct is disruptive to the orderly conduct processes and functions of the University; (d) The off-campus conduct is intimidating or threatening to the University community or an individual within the University community; (e) The off-campus conduct is of such a serious nature that it adversely affects the student's suitability to remain a part of the University community.
- 2. **Court or Administrative proceedings outside of the University:** charges by public authorities will not prevent the University from filing University charges against a student. If a student is charged by the outside authorities with an act that is also a violation of a University rule, regulation, or policy or University Student Code of Conduct, the University may, but is not required to, delay its proceedings pending the outcome of the off-campus proceeding. A verdict of guilty, a plea of guilty, or a plea of no contest (nolo contendere), or any admission of guilt or responsibility made by a student in an outside criminal, civil, or administrative forum shall be conclusive for University purposes and will operate as a conclusive finding that the student is "responsible" for the same offense of the University Student Code of Conduct. The University reserves the right to amend its charge(s) based on information obtained through an outside proceeding where that information is relevant to activity adversely affecting the University community.

If the outside charges have been dismissed, are not prosecuted, are not heard, or if adjudication of guilt is withheld, such action will have no bearing on the University charges.

- 3. **Cease and desist:** University officials and faculty may, under appropriate circumstances, order a student to cease and desist from an activity considered to be disruptive to the University.
- 4. **Interim measures:** any interim measure may be taken at any time. Notice of interim measures shall be provided to the student or student organization in writing.
  - a. **Restrictions on activity:** the Dean of Students may restrict a student's or student organization's activities when it is determined that the health, safety or welfare of a student or member of the University community is at risk. Restrictions on activities may include, but are not limited to: attending class; accessing or contacting certain individuals; accessing University property, facilities or equipment; participating in University activities, organizations or student activities.
  - b. **Interim suspension:** the Dean of Students may recommend to the Vice President for Student Affairs the temporary suspension of a student or student organization when it is determined that a student's or student organization's presence affects the health, safety or welfare of the University community or a member of the University community. At the University's discretion, a temporarily suspended student or student organization may not be permitted to attend classes, come onto University property or use University facilities, equipment or resources.
  - c. **Appeal of interim suspension:** the student or student organization has the opportunity to submit a written request for a hearing to the Vice President for Student Affairs regarding the interim suspension. If requested, the hearing will be conducted within three business days of the receipt of the written request. The scope of this hearing is limited solely to the interim suspension.
  - d. **Student enrollment status:** if a student's enrollment status is changed but the student is subsequently found not responsible for the violation, the University shall:
    - i. Correct any record of the change in enrollment status in the student's permanent records and other reports in a manner compliant with State and Federal laws and;
    - ii. Refund to the student, at a minimum, a pro rata portion of any tuition/fees and other University specific fees and

charges as appropriate due to the temporary change in enrollment status and in a manner consistent with University policy and procedures.

- 5. **Interpretation and application:** any question of interpretation or application of the Student Code of Conduct shall be referred to the Vice President for Student Affairs. Where an individual is both an employee and a student, his or her status in a given situation shall be determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- Article IV. Violations of the Student Code of Conduct

The following behavior violates the University Student Code of Conduct:

- 1. Deceit of any kind, including but not limited to:
  - a. Forgery, alteration or misuse of University documents, records, or identification cards.
  - b. Failure to present proper identification upon request by University officials, including law enforcement officers.
  - c. Furnishing false information to the University.
  - d. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of keys, access cards, or identification cards belonging to the University.
- 2. Disrespect to persons or to property of others or of the University, including but not limited to:
  - a. Physical, psychological, or sexual abuse or threat of such abuse, wherever it may occur.
  - b. Unlawful harassment defined as conduct that unreasonably interferes with an individual's academic or employment status or performance by creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working environment or an educational environment where the harassment is based on any of the following protected classes: gender, race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status or sexual orientation. Unlawful harassment on the basis of these protected classes may include unequal treatment that is based on prejudiced stereotypes of a group to which that individual may belong, objectionable epithets, threatened or actual physical harm or abuse, stalking, or other intimidating or insulting conduct directed against the individual based on his or her protected class.
  - c. Intentional physical assault or injury to another person.

- d. Participation in acts of vandalism individually or as a member of a group.
- e. Conduct that substantially disrupts or materially interferes with University activities or that reasonably leads University authorities to forecast such disruption or interference.
- f. Failure to follow directives of University officials.
- g. Unauthorized entrance into or occupancy of any administrative office, classroom, or other University facility.
- h. Theft, the unauthorized use, unauthorized possession or unauthorized destruction of University resources or property of others; or acts committed with disregard for such resources or property.
- i. Hazing, defined as an act which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a person for the purpose of initiation or admission into, affiliation with, or as a condition for the continued membership in a group or organization.
- j. Conduct which is disorderly, disruptive, lewd, indecent, voyeuristic, or in any way interferes with the lawful administration or functions of the University.
- k. Actions which are committed without regard for the possible harm to self, other individuals, a group, or which may result in injury or damage to an individual or group.
- 1. Interference with the freedom of movement of any member or guest of the University.
- m. Interference with the rights of others to carry out their activities or duties at or on behalf of the University.
- n. Soliciting, aiding, abetting, inciting or encouraging others to participate in conduct which violates this Student Code of Conduct.
- o. Posting of commercial advertising on University property or engaging in commercial activity on University property or in conjunction with University events without appropriate authorization.
- p. Endangering the health, safety or welfare of members or guests of the University.

- q. Performing sexual acts on or with another individual without the consent of the individual, when the individual is unable to give consent, or after the individual has withdrawn consent.
- r. Stalking, following or otherwise contacting another person repeatedly, so as to put that person in fear for his/her safety.
- 3. Obstruction of Disciplinary Process Acts that disrupt or interfere with the University disciplinary process, including but not limited to:
  - a. Failing to appear at an official University hearing when proper notification has been provided.
  - b. Knowingly falsifying, distorting or misrepresenting information in a disciplinary proceeding.
  - c. Deliberately disrupting or interfering with the orderly conduct of a disciplinary proceeding.
  - d. Knowingly initiating a complaint or referral without cause.
  - e. Use of threats, coercion, intimidation, or harassment to discourage an individual's participation in or use of the disciplinary process.
  - f. Tampering with information to be used in a University disciplinary process.
  - g. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of the disciplinary process.
  - h. Violating and/or failing to comply with or fulfill disciplinary sanctions.
- 4. Violations of federal, state, local laws, County or municipal ordinances, Board of Education rules or University rules, regulations, or policies including, but not limited to:
  - a. Possession, use, sale or distribution of narcotics or other controlled substances (as defined in Chapter 893, Florida Statutes) on the University campus or at any University sponsored, off-campus function, except when such possession or use is prescribed by a licensed physician or permitted by law.
  - b. Prohibited Uses of Alcohol:
    - i. Possessing, purchasing or consuming alcohol if under the legal age.

- ii. Misrepresenting one's age for the purposes of purchasing or consuming alcohol.
- iii. Purchasing, furnishing or serving alcohol to any underage person.
- iv. Possessing, furnishing or consuming alcohol in unauthorized areas of the University.
- v. Possessing or using a common source of alcohol (i.e. kegs, beer bongs, or their equivalent).
- vi. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
- vii. Being intoxicated to the point at which an individual has lost normal control of his/her body or mental facilities or both.
- viii. Disorderly intoxication: being intoxicated and endangering the safety of another person or property or being intoxicated or drinking alcoholic beverages in a place on campus at which it is not permitted and causing a public disturbance.
- c. Illegal or unauthorized possession or use of firearms, explosives, ammunition, fireworks, weapons (such as metallic knuckles, slingshots, bows and arrows, and knives), or other deadly weapons or dangerous chemicals, likely to cause harm to another, or to University property.
- d. Actions which cause or attempt to cause a fire or explosion, falsely reporting a fire, explosion or an explosive device, tampering with fire safety equipment or failure to evacuate University buildings during a fire alarm.
- e. Obstruction of the free flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic on University premises or at University sponsored or supervised functions.
- f. Cruelty to animals.
- g. Other violations of federal, state, or local laws, county or municipal ordinances, Board of Education rules or University rules, regulations, or policies.
- 5. Computer, network and/or data misuse including but not limited to:

- a. Unauthorized access, entry or use of a University's or another's computer, computer system, network, software, password, account or data.
- b. Unauthorized alteration or degradation of computer equipment, software, network, data or system performance.
- c. Unauthorized copying or distribution of computer software or data.
- d. Theft or unauthorized use of intellectual property.
- e. Use of a computer or computer system in the commission of a crime to violate or facilitate the violation of laws, Board of Education rules or University rules, regulations or policies.
- f. Any unauthorized commercial use of University computer or computing resources.
- g. Any unauthorized use of electronic or other devices to make an audio or video recording.
- h. Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member, staff member or University official.
- i. Use of University computing facilities or resources to send obscene or abusive material.
- j. Any other violation of the University Computer Use Policy.
- 6. Violations of University rules, regulations or policies.
- Article V. Procedures for Charges, Educational Conferences and Hearings
  - A. Determination of the charges
    - 1. Alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct may be reported to the Dean of Students Office by any member of the community including but not limited to: (a) University Police or other University departments, (b) faculty, staff, or students or (c) third parties.
    - 2. The Dean of Students Office will review the allegations and determine if a student will be charged with violating the Student Code of Conduct.
  - B. Notice of Charges
    - 1. The University will notify the student in writing of the allegations and charge(s).

- 2. The notice will include the date and time of an Educational Conference. The conference will be scheduled no earlier than five business days from the date of the notice unless requested by the student. If the time or date of the conference is not convenient to the student, the student must notify the Dean of Students Office within three business days to reschedule.
- C. Educational Conference
  - 1. The purpose of the Educational Conference is to review with the student the allegations and charges, the Student Code of Conduct, the hearing forum options, the judicial process, and possible sanctions, and to answer student questions.
  - 2. During the conference the student will be given the opportunity to accept responsibility or not accept responsibility for the charges.
  - 3. <u>If the student accepts responsibility</u> for the charges:
    - a. The student will be asked to sign a form indicating his or her acceptance of responsibility and that he or she is waiving the right to a hearing.
    - b. A letter documenting student responsibility and the sanctions will be sent to the student within five business days from the Dean of Students Office.
  - 4. <u>If the student does not accept responsibility</u> for the charges:
    - a. The student will be asked to sign a form indicating that he or she does not accept responsibility for the charges and will be asked to select a hearing forum.
    - b. The Dean of Students Office will schedule the hearing providing the student with a minimum of five business days notice.
  - 5. If the student fails to attend the Educational Conference, the matter will be referred for hearing to the Student Conduct Committee.
- D. Hearing Forum

A student has the right to a hearing before the Student Conduct Committee. This committee must be composed of at least 50% students. In the alternative, the student may choose to have a hearing before a Hearing Officer. If the student selects the Hearing Officer forum, he or she will be asked to sign a waiver of the right to a hearing before the Student Conduct Committee.

## E. Hearing Procedures

The Hearing process is not a legal process, it is an educational process. Formal rules of process, procedure and/or technical rules of evidence, such as are applied in criminal or civil court, are not used in Student Code of Conduct proceedings.

- 1. **Student status:** the student's status on campus will remain unchanged pending the final decision of the hearing and/or the appeal process, except in cases where interim measures are taken.
- 2. **Hold on student's records:** the University may place a hold on the records or registration of any student who fails to respond to a University disciplinary notice or fulfill any sanctions previously issued by the University. The University may take other action necessary for resolution of a case prior to the student's enrollment in a subsequent semester, transfer or graduation. All pending disciplinary matters must be resolved prior to a student's graduation, transfer from or continued education at the University of West Florida.
- 3. Accommodations for students with disabilities: any student with a disability may request reasonable accommodations during the disciplinary process. This request must be made to the Student Disability Resource Center at least three business days in advance of the hearing. If necessary, the hearing officer or Student Conduct Committee may postpone the hearing to provide reasonable accommodations.
- 4. **Safety procedures:** the Hearing Officer or Student Conduct Committee may accommodate concerns for the safety of the individuals involved by providing separate facilities or other alternatives.
- 5. **Pre-hearing information notice:** the University will make available prehearing information including a copy of the hearing procedures and copies of records that will be presented by the University at the hearing. The prehearing information will be available at least three business days in advance of the hearing at the Dean of Students Office.
- 6. **Failure to appear:** if a student fails to appear, the hearing will proceed in the student's absence.
- 7. **Confidentiality:** all hearings shall be closed and confidential unless requested by the charged student, in writing, three business days prior to the hearing, and the following conditions are met: (a) all students involved in the hearing as witnesses or victims consent in writing prior to the hearing, and (b) such request does not conflict with law, Board of Education rule or University rule, regulation or policy. The Dean of

Students will make the final determination regarding open and closed hearings.

# 8. Student Advisor / Student Advocate:

- a. **Student Advisor:** a charged student is entitled to have any one person at the hearing to serve as his or her advisor. Students may consult with their advisor during the hearing process. However, this consultation must take place in a manner that does not disrupt the proceedings. The advisor shall not speak on behalf of the student, question witnesses, present information or argue before the panel. The advisor shall not serve as a witness.
- b. **Student Advocate:** a student advocate is an individual appointed by the Student Government Association President. The student advocate is available upon request to assist students with information regarding university policies, grievance procedures and appeal procedures, and to serve as a facilitator in the resolution of disagreements, grievances or otherwise unsatisfactory conditions.
- 9. **Role of the Hearing Officer or Chair:** the Hearing Officer or Student Conduct Committee Chair may:
  - a. Accept information for consideration at his/her discretion.
  - b. Make determinations regarding requests for postponements, where appropriate.
  - c. Make determinations as to procedural questions. Make procedural modifications for purposes of expediting a process or in the interest of fairness or safety.
  - d. Take any other action deemed necessary.
- 10. **Self-Incriminating statements:** no student will be compelled to make self- incriminating statements. Note however: the University is not required to postpone disciplinary proceedings pending the outcome of any criminal proceeding.
- 11. **Information:** during the hearing, the charged student will be given an opportunity to present information. This may include, but is not limited to, pertinent records, documents, written or oral statements. The student will also be given an opportunity to inspect records presented by the University.

- 12. **Witnesses:** during the hearing, a charged student will be given an opportunity to call and question witnesses. In order to preserve the educational atmosphere of the hearing and to avoid creation of an adversarial environment, all questions for witnesses will be directed through the Hearing Officer or Student Conduct Committee Chair. If a witness cannot appear, his or her written or taped statement may be considered. Witnesses will be required to wait outside until their point of participation and will be asked to leave the hearing after being questioned.
- 13. **Record:** there shall be a single record of all student conduct hearings. This record is the official record and is the property of the University. Student Conduct Committee Hearings will be audio recorded and the recording will become part of the record. For hearings before a Hearing Officer, the Officer's notes will become part of the record. The student may request a copy in writing which will be provided at cost.
- 14. **Standard of proof:** the burden to prove disciplinary cases rests with the University and the standard of proof shall be "more likely than not." This means that the information presented supports the finding that it was more likely than not that the violation occurred.
- 15. **Multiple students charged:** in cases involving multiple students charged from the same incident, information obtained at one hearing may be used at another hearing provided that each charged student involved has the opportunity to review and respond to the information at his or her hearing.
- 16. **Deliberations:** are closed and shall include only the Hearing Officer or the Student Conduct Committee members involved in the decision making process.
- 17. **Decisions of "responsible" or "not responsible" on the charge(s):** shall be based on the information presented at the hearing. The Hearing Officer or Student Conduct Committee (by majority vote) shall determine whether the student has violated the Student Code of Conduct as charged.
- 18. Notice of decisions: a written decision letter from the Dean of Students Office will be provided to the student within five business days following the close of the hearing. This time may be extended for deliberations when necessary and the student shall be notified of any such extensions. The decision letter shall contain a decision on each charge, any findings of fact and any sanctions.

Article VI. Sanctions

A student found responsible for violations shall be subject to sanctions commensurate with the offense. Consideration may be given to aggravating and mitigating circumstances. One or more of the sanctions may be imposed for any single violation.

- 1. **Reprimand:** a verbal warning to the student that the student has engaged in or demonstrated inappropriate behavior.
- 2. **Disciplinary warning:** a written disciplinary sanction notifying a student that the student's behavior did not meet University standards. All disciplinary warnings will be taken into consideration if further violations occur.
- 3. **Disciplinary probation:** a written disciplinary sanction notifying a student that his or her behavior is in serious violation of University standards and that restrictions are being placed on his or her activities. Sanctions that may be placed on a student during a probationary period may include restriction of the privilege to: (a) participate in student activities or in student organizations; (b) represent the University on athletic teams, or in other leadership positions; (c) have access to University housing facilities or other areas on campus; (d) have use of University resources and/or equipment; or (e) have contact with specified person(s).
- 4. **Loss of University privileges:** temporary or permanent loss of University privileges may include use of University facilities, resources, equipment, attendance at athletic functions, University Commons access, library use, parking privileges, University computer usage, and/or residence hall or other visitation.
- 5. **Suspension:** a student who is suspended is required to leave the University for a specified period of time. The student must comply with all sanctions and complete all requirements prior to re-admission. During the suspension period the student may not visit or come onto any UWF campus without specific written permission of the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- 6. **Expulsion:** a student who is expelled is permanently deprived of his or her privilege to continue at the University in any capacity. The student may not visit or come onto any UWF campus without specific written permission of the Vice President for Student Affairs.
- 7. **Restitution:** the student is required to pay for damages and/or loss of use of individual's or University property. Payment is limited to the actual cost of repair or replacement of such property.
- 8. **Community/University service:** a student is required to complete a specified number of hours of service to the campus or general community.
- 9. **Education requirements:** a student is required to complete a specified educational sanction related to the violation committed. Such educational

requirements may include, but are not limited to, completion of a seminar, report, alcohol or drug assessment, presentations, and/or counseling.

- 10. **University Housing assignment change or removal:** a student is required to (a) relocate to a new University housing assignment; (b) leave University housing for a specified period of time; or (c) leave University housing permanently.
- 11. **No contact order:** a directive informing the student that he or she is not to have any contact, direct or indirect, with one or more designated persons or group(s) through any means, including personal contact, e-mail, telephone, or via third parties.
- 12. **Denial of further registration and/or credits:** further registration may be denied and/or credits and degrees may be invalidated or revoked for false, fraudulent or incomplete statements made by a student in his or her application for admission, residence affidavit, or accompanying documents or statements in connection with, or supplemental to, the application for admission to or graduation from the University.
- 13. **Denial or revocation of academic credit:** degrees and credit awarded by the University may be invalidated or revoked, credits may be denied and grades may be reduced for conduct involving violations of academic honesty rules, regulations, or policies.
- 14. **Withholding degrees:** the University may withhold issuing a degree, diploma or transcript pending compliance with University rules, regulations, or policies or pending completion of the process set forth in this Student Code of Conduct, including the completion of all imposed sanctions.
- Article VII. Appeals
  - 1. The student may appeal the decision in writing to the Vice President for Student Affairs within 15 business days from the date of the decision letter from the Dean of Students Office.
  - 2. Grounds for filing an appeal are limited to the following: (a) the student's rights were violated in the hearing process; (b) new information is discovered that was not available at the time of the hearing; (c) the information presented does not support the decision; (d) the sanction(s) imposed were not appropriate for the violation.
  - 3. If an appeal is decided in favor of the student, the matter may be returned to the Dean of Students, Hearing Officer, or the Student Conduct Committee. If an appeal is not decided in favor of the student, the matter shall be considered final and binding.

## Article VIII. Records

- 1. Records of disciplinary actions shall be maintained by the Dean of Students Office.
- 2. Student files involving cases that do not result in suspensions or expulsions shall be expunged seven years after the final decision. Records of cases that result in suspensions or expulsions are kept permanently. Statistical and database information may be kept permanently at the University.
- 3. Students found "not responsible" or cases in which charges are dropped are considered not to have a judicial record. However, the records will be maintained by the University in accordance with 1002.22, F.S. and with applicable State record retention laws.
- Article IX. Transcript Notations
  - 1. A temporary notation will be placed on the student's transcript during any period of suspension.
  - 2. If a student is expelled, a permanent notation will be placed on the student's transcript.

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