



BOV POLICY # 06 (2014) Statement On Code Of Student Conduct

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Responsible Executive:	Vice President for Student Affairs
Applies to:	Students and Student Organizations

POLICY STATEMENT

Each member of the Norfolk State University community shares in the responsibility for his/her personal conduct and in some cases, may assume reasonable responsibility for the behavior of others. Students and student organizations are required to engage in responsible conduct that positively reflects the University community. Section 23-9.2:3 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Board of Visitors to establish rules and regulations for the conduct of students while attending Norfolk State University.

The Administration, through its Division of Student Affairs, is delegated the authority to establish and promulgate rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of students in a [Code of Student Conduct](#). When the established rules and regulations are violated, the Code of Student Conduct shall apply. The applicable standard of review is a preponderance (greater weight) of the evidence. Any sanctions issued as a result of a violation of the Code of Student Conduct may be proportionate to the severity of the violation and previous conduct history of the student.

[Code of Virginia § 23-2.5](#) also requires that the Board of Visitors establish a policy for the discipline of students who participate in varsity intercollegiate athletics. See [BOV Policy # 16 \(2015\) Student-Athlete Discipline](#), which specifically addresses the conduct of student-athletes and the disciplinary and reporting requirements for varsity collegiate athletics at the University

Students have the right to notice and opportunity to respond to the reported violation(s).

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DEFINITIONS

Dean of Students: The University official who has primary responsibility for the implementation of student conduct policies. He/she serves as the appeals officer for all cases.

Sanction: Penalty or corrective action required by the University to a student during a conduct conference or hearing in response to a violation of the Code of Student Conduct.

Student: A person who has been admitted to or has enrolled at the University but has not completed a program of study for which she/he has enrolled; or a person who has completed a program of study and has satisfied all academic requirements for the program but has not been awarded a degree at the time of the offense. Student status exists regardless of whether the University is in session (i.e. spring break and summer).

Student organization: Any University organization or group that is approved and/or registered with the Office of Student Activities. This may also include interest groups not formally recognized by the Office of Student Activities.

CONTACT

The Dean of Students Office within the Division of Student Affairs officially interprets this policy and is responsible for matters pertaining to this policy as it relates to students. The Dean of Students Office is located in Room 307 Student Services Building, Norfolk State University, 700 Park Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia 23504; telephone number (757) 451-7768.

The, Dean of Students, as the Responsible Executive, is responsible for obtaining approval for any revisions as required by BOV Policy # 01 (2014) *Creating and Maintaining Policies* through the appropriate governance structures. Please direct questions pertaining to the Code of Student Conduct to Dean of Students Office.

PUBLICATION

This policy shall be widely published or distributed to the University community. To ensure timely publication and distribution thereof, the Responsible Office shall make every effort to:

- Communicate the policy in writing, electronically or otherwise, to the University community within 14 days of Board approval;
- Submit the policy for inclusion in the online Policy Library within 14 days of Board approval;
- Post the policy on the Board's Website; and
- Direct appropriate offices to educate and train all stakeholders and appropriate audiences on the policy's content, as necessary.

Failure to satisfy procedural requirements does not invalidate this policy.



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REVIEW SCHEDULE

- Next Scheduled Review date: September 2020
- Approved date: September 15, 2017
- Revision History: April 27, 2016; August 28, 2017
- Supersedes: *None*

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- [Administrative Policy # 27-002 \(2014\) Code of Student Conduct](#)
- [Code of Virginia § 23-2.5 Student-athlete discipline policies](#)

FORMS

There are no forms associated with this policy.