

# Code of Conduct

All students of Calhoun Community College shall be expected to conduct themselves in an honorable, ethical fashion. However, in the event of proven misconduct, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. The following sections address the Student Code of Conduct, as well as the College's disciplinary procedures.

**Misconduct Defined.** A student shall be subject to disciplinary action by the College, up to and including dismissal, for misconduct on any property owned or controlled by the College, or off campus at any function which is authorized, sponsored, or conducted by the College or in parking lots adjacent to areas or buildings where College functions are being conducted. Such misconduct shall include the commission of, the attempt to commit, or the solicitation of any of the following offenses:

1. Any form of dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, or furnishing false information to the College. Cheating is defined, for academic purposes, to include, but not be limited to, the use of unauthorized aids (such as crib sheets or other items such as written materials; drawings; lab reports; discarded computer printouts, stored information, or programs); unauthorized assistance on take-home exams or projects; copying, or copying from another student's work; soliciting, providing, and/or receiving any unauthorized aid or assistance (whether orally or in writing); or similar or equivalent acts contrary to the principles of academic honesty.

Plagiarism is defined to include the act of using in one's work, or as one's work, the work of another without clearly indicating that the work is someone else's and stating the source of the other's work.

2. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of College documents, records or identification.
3. \*Intoxication from, or the use, display, or possession of, alcoholic beverages or any controlled substance (drug), as outlined by the Code of Alabama, unless the student has a valid prescription for the use of the respective controlled substance.
4. Use, possession, or distribution of firearms, ammunition, fireworks, or any type of explosive or incendiary device or material. Only duly constituted law enforcement officers may possess firearms on campus.
5. \*Disorderly or disruptive conduct, including rioting, inciting to riot, assembling to riot, raiding, inciting to raid, and assembling to raid college properties. This offense also includes behavior while attending in-person class, hybrid class, synchronous class, asynchronous and/or hyflex class, which, in the opinion of the respective instructor, unduly disrupts the order of a class.
6. Lewd, indecent, obscene, or unduly offensive behavior or expression. This offense includes, but is not limited to, the usage of verbal or symbolic expressions, which would tend to be reasonably interpreted as insulting to one's race, gender, religion, age, national origin, or disability.
7. Participation in any form of gambling.
8. Unauthorized entry to College facilities.
9. Unauthorized possession, duplication or use of a key to College facilities, and/or interference with the use of or access to a College facility.
10. \*Theft of, or intentional damage to, property of the College or to the property of any member of the College community or visitor to the College.
11. Intentional misuse of any College fire alarm or fire-fighting equipment.
12. \*Actual or threatened physical abuse of any person including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (menacing), as defined under Alabama State Law, verbal abuse, threats of intimidation, harassment, and/or coercion, including hazing or any other act, which would tend to endanger the health or safety of the College environment or any person on campus.

13. \*Failure to promptly comply with directions of College officials or law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties, furnishing false information to any College official, and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.
14. The wearing of attire which, in the opinion of the administration of the College, is lewd or immodest to the extent that it would tend to disrupt the educational process and/or infringe upon the rights of any other student or employee of the College.
15. Violation of any College policy or regulation as published or referred to in the College Catalog, Student Handbook, or College website including, but not limited to, those governing the time, place and manner of public expression; the registration of student organizations; and use of or parking of motor vehicles on the campus.
16. Violation of any Federal, State, or local law or ordinance.
17. Disruption or obstruction of teaching, administration, disciplinary proceedings, other College activities, including its public service functions on or off campus, or of other authorized non-College activities when the conduct occurs on College premises.
18. Theft or other abuse of computer facilities and resources, including but not limited to
  - a. Unauthorized entry into a file, to use, read, or change the contents, or by any other purpose.
  - b. Unauthorized transfer of a computer file.
  - c. Use of another individual's identification and/or password.
  - d. Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member or College Official.
  - e. Use of computing facilities and resources to send obscene or abusive messages.
  - f. Use of computing facilities and resources to interfere with normal operation of the College computing system.
  - g. Use of computing facilities and resources in violation of copyright laws.
  - h. Any violation of the College Computer Use Policy.
19. Abuse of the Student Code of Conduct System, including but not limited to:
  - a. Failure to obey the notice from the Dean or College official to appear before a meeting or hearing as part of a Student Conduct proceeding.
  - b. Falsification, distortion or misrepresentation of information before a Student Conduct Committee.
  - c. Disruption or interference with the orderly conduct of a Student Conduct Committee proceeding.
  - d. Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the Student Conduct system.
  - e. Attempting to influence the impartiality of a member of a Student Conduct Committee prior to, and/or during the course of the Student Conduct Committee proceeding.
  - f. Harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a Student Conduct Committee prior to, during, and after a Student Conduct Code proceeding.
  - g. Institution of a Student Conduct Code proceeding in bad faith.
  - h. Failure to comply with the sanctions(s) imposed by the Committee under the Student Code of Conduct.
20. Any form of verbal or written communication or expression directed to any Calhoun Community College employee or student which from a subjective and objective perspective would be deemed by a reasonable person as harassing, intimidating, bullying or disruptive of the educational environment or efficient operation of the College will subject the individual(s) making such communication or expression to discipline.

\*The commission of any of these particular offenses will subject the student to immediate, automatic disciplinary suspension or expulsion from the College, if the Vice President of Student Services has probable cause to believe that the respective student committed such an offense. In such case, the Vice President of Student Services will set a hearing for the earliest reasonable date after the alleged occurrence of the violation.