Student Conduct Code

An Overview

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The EGSC Student Code of Conduct sets forth the minimal requirements for student conduct while on the campus of East Georgia State College or in association with any event sponsored or acknowledged by EGSC. The Code includes actions on your part which EGSC has deemed detrimental to yourself or possibly the institution as a whole, and it is not to be regarded as all-inclusive. In other words, if you break the rules of the institution, you can expect to face consequences.

You are an adult, therefore you are ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR ACTIONS AND BEHAVIOR.

“Not knowing” something was against the rules IS NOT AN EXCUSE.
NOTICE:

This presentation will focus primarily on sanctions and consequences enforced at the EGSC campus level. If you get in trouble and the police are involved in any way, you will still have to face your punishment at the state or federal level, whatever the case may be (i.e. court, jail, probation, community service, etc.). The sanctions are to be dealt separately by you and you alone, and one set of consequences does not make up for nor take the place of another.

Stay out of trouble and you have nothing to worry about!
Code of Conduct

The Most Common Student Conduct Code Infractions:

1. Disorderly Conduct
2. Visitation Violations
3. Arrest on/off campus
4. Civility
5. Failure to Comply

Let’s learn more about these!
Academic Honesty

Academic Theft
Taking, stealing or attempting to take things pertaining to class such as: test, examinations, laboratory equipment, roll books, etc.

Cheating Includes:
Copying from another student’s paper, using noted, materials, notes or text already prepared, collaborating with another student during exams, etc.

ACADEMIC HONESTY

Plagiarism
Everything a student writes, themes, essays, term papers, and test, must be their own unless otherwise acknowledged. Such acknowledgements should occur when using another person’s quotes, ideas, opinions, theories, facts, statistics or other illustrative materials.
Any behavior that can been described or classified as disruptive, lewd, obscene, or offensive. This includes but is not limited to fighting, shoving, pranking, disturbing the peace, inciting others, and endangering the welfare of anyone or anything associated with East Georgia State College.

CONSEQUENCES:
Community Service, Educational Program, Probation, Counseling, Arrest, Suspension
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KNOW THE RULES, FOLLOW THE RULES

VIOLATIONS
(Specific to On-Campus Residences)

*Noise

*Visitation

*Health & Safety

CONSEQUENCES

*Community Service, Probation

*Loss of visitation privileges, probation

*Reprimand, re-inspection, community service, probation, temporary removal from apartment
A student who is arrested must report to the Director of Student Conduct, and may not return to campus until written permission is granted. A “Consent for Background Check” form must be completed and turned in, after which student status will be determined.

**FAILURE TO COMPLETE THESE STEPS WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING CONSEQUENCES:**

* Change in Student Status
* Suspension
* Judicial Hold on Student’s Account
Possession or consumption of alcohol on campus or at any EGSC sanctioned events is strictly prohibited.

**Consequences:**
Assessment by Counselor, Community Service Hours, Online Alcohol Program paid by student, Fine $100 to $300, Probation, Parental Notification, Suspension

EGSC/Bobcat Villas
THEFT: the act of stealing; the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods or property of another.

EXAMPLES: taking a cell phone you see lying around instead of turning it into Lost and Found; taking someone else’s book and selling it back to the bookstore, etc.

CONSEQUENCES: Counseling, suspension, restitution, community service, probation (not to mention arrest and jail time!)
Possession or consumption of any illegal drugs on or off campus will result in penalties and consequences.

Assessment by Counselor, Community Service Hours, Online Alcohol Program paid by student, Fine $100 to $300, Probation, Parental Notification, Suspension EGSC/Bobcat Villas.
DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR POLICY

Any student or employee, acting individually or in concert with others, who clearly obstructs or disrupts or attempts to obstruct or disrupt any teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary, public service or other activity at EGSC or any properties owned or controlled by EGSC is considered to have committed an act of gross irresponsibility and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures, possibly resulting in academic dismissal or termination of employment.

Protests, demonstrations and events will not be interrupted unless the following conditions exist:

- Interference with normal college operations;
- Obstruction of access to college offices, buildings, or other facilities;
- Threat of physical harm to persons; and/or
- Damage to college equipment or property.

Possible Sanctions:
- Counseling
- Educational Program
- Community Service
- Probation
- Arrest
CIVILITY

Must engage in civil communication which includes not yelling or screaming, not using profane /cursing language, not touching/using items that do not belong to you, not bullying or demeaning including using electronic means such as Facebook, twitter, texting, not using cultural or racial slurs ,and not contributing to rumors.

CONSEQUENCES:
Up to 75 hours of community service, probation, removal from housing, Counseling.
Any and all unwanted sexual contact, including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual assault, is strictly prohibited and will be punished.

**CONSEQUENCES:**
- Immediate suspension, personal counseling, community service, probation, possible expulsion.

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**SEXUAL VIOLENCE**

Any and all unwanted sexual contact, including but not limited to sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, and sexual assault, is strictly prohibited and will be punished.

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**95% of sexual assault attacks on college campuses go UNREPORTED.**

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**Break the Silence**
FAILURE TO COMPLY

Failure to comply is the act of interfering, giving a false name, or failing to cooperate with college officials. It also includes not providing proper ID and failure to complete sanctions given as a result of a violation.

Consequences:
Community service, Educational sanctions, Probation, Suspension, eventual compliance with original request.

Other Aspects of “Failure to Comply”:
* No Student shall fail to meet with any properly identified college official
* No student shall fail to report arrests and convictions that occur while enrolled at EGSC, including those between terms
* No student shall fail to self-disclose prior or current criminal convictions and pending charges on the EGSC Admissions Application
Other Infractions:

Computer/E-Mail Violations
Disorderly Assembly
Explosives
Falsification of Records
Fraudulent Reporting
Fire Safety
Harassment/Threats
Hazing

Smoking/Tobacco Use
Solicitation
Student ID Card (Improper Use)
Unauthorized Entry or Use of College Facilities
Vandalism
Violation of any and all Federal, State, and/or Local Laws

“The trouble with trouble is it starts out as fun!” —Anonymous
Uh oh...I got in Trouble

What happens next?
You will be notified of your violation by E-MAIL ONLY. Not by phone call, not by snail mail letter. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to check your EGSC e-mail.

“I broke the rules!”

“Let’s talk.”

You will have an opportunity to discuss what happened with the Hearing Officer or Hearing Panel. See Code of Conduct for specific details and information.

You will have an in person meeting with me. I will explain your violation and your rights, and a decision will be made about how to proceed.

You will be notified of the hearing decision, and any disciplinary sanctions placed upon you.
The Hearing Panel found me RESPONSIBLE.

What now?

You can APPEAL the decision within 5 DAYS.
Rights of Student Defendant

The student defendant shall be afforded all rights required by due process including:

1. The right to a Hearing Advisor and non-participatory observer.
2. The right to present evidence in his/her behalf.
3. The right to call witnesses in his/her behalf.
4. The right to remain silent and have no inference of guilt drawn from such silence.
5. The right to cross examination.
6. The right to be advised of his/her right to appeal the decision of the Director of Student Conduct or Hearing Panel.
7. The right to attend classes and required college functions until a hearing is held and a decision is rendered. Exceptions to this would be made:
   (a) when a student’s physical or emotional safety and well-being are endangered;
   (b) when the general safety and well-being of the faculty, staff or other college personnel are endangered;
   (c) when the orderly progression of the educational objectives of the institution may be disrupted;
   (d) when college property is in jeopardy
Questions or Concerns?

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