Americans with Disabilities Act
In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), East Georgia State College will honor requests for reasonable accommodations made by individuals with disabilities. Students must self disclose their disability to the College and the Counselor/Disability Service Provider before academic accommodations can be implemented.

Equal Opportunity Policy Statement
East Georgia State College is an affirmative action, equal opportunity educational institution. Admissions, treatment, and employment at the college are not influenced by race, sex, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, or handicap.

Institutional Policy
The Vice President for Student Affairs shall serve as coordinator for assuring compliance that no qualified disabled person, on the basis of disability, be denied the benefits from participation in the various activities of the college. Any student of the college who feels that he/she has been excluded from participation in or been denied the benefits of, or been subject to discrimination in any program or activity because of a physical or mental disability has the right to file a complaint or grievance. Complaints from students should be written and include all pertinent data.

Student Handbook Editions
For an up-to-date copy, go to the policies and procedures page on the EGSC website.
This handbook is prepared for the convenience of students and is not to be construed as an official publication of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. In case of any divergence from or conflict with the Bylaws or Policies of the Board of Regents, the official Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Regents shall prevail. The College reserves the right to alter the contents of this publication. When changes are necessary, reasonable efforts will be made to notify students. Prior to new editions, official changes to this handbook shall be recorded in the Student Life Office and posted in the Student Services Complex and/or affected service areas. The statements set forth in this handbook are for informational purposes only and should not be construed as the basis of a contract between a student and this institution.

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

This institution is covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), which is designed to protect the student’s rights with regard to educational records maintained by the institution. Under this act, a student has the right to inspect and review education records maintained by this institution that pertain to the student, to challenge the content of records on the grounds that they are inaccurate, misleading or a violation of privacy or other rights, and control disclosures of education records with certain exceptions. ‘Directory information’ will be treated as public information and will generally be available on all current and former students at the discretion of the institution. This includes the following: student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports programs, age, hometown, hobbies and general interest items of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees, honors and awards applied for and/or received, and previous educational institutions attended by that student. Any student who does not wish directory information disclosed must file a written request with the Registrar’s Office. See “Student Rights under FERPA,” on page 39 of this document.

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Schedule of Hours
*NOTE: Schedules are based on ‘normal’ operating hours. Times may vary.

**Bookstore**
Monday – Thursday 9:00am – 5:00pm
Friday 9:00am – 12:00noon
*NOTE: Extended hours during Final Registration, Schedule Adjustment and the first week of classes.

**Food Services**
College Cafe (Mon-Fri) 8:30am – 2:30pm
RLB Hall Lunch (Mon-Thurs) 11:00am – 2:00pm
Dinner (Mon-Thurs) 5:00pm – 7:00pm
Common Grounds I (Swainsboro) (Mon-Thurs) 8:00am – 5:30pm
(Fri) 8:00am – 2:00pm
Common Grounds II (Statesboro) (Mon-Thurs) 8:00am – 6:00pm
(Fri) 8:00am – 1:00pm
"ACE" (Academic Center for Excellence)
Monday -Thursday 8:00am – 7:00pm
Friday 8:00am – 5:00pm

**Library**
Monday – Thursday 7:45am – 7:30pm
Friday 7:45am – 5:00pm

**Recreation (Game) Room**
Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 8:00pm
(Must have Student ID)

**Fitness Center**
Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 8:00pm
Friday – Saturday 8:00am – 6:00pm
Sunday 1:00pm – 7:00pm
(Must have Student ID)

**East Georgia State College Statesboro**
Monday – Thursday 7:30am – 10:00pm
Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm
“ACE” (Academic Center for Excellence) – EGSC Statesboro
Monday – Friday 7:30am – 5:00pm
Common Grounds II
Monday-Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm
Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm

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STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services at East Georgia State College are dedicated to the promotion of the physical, cultural, and personal development of the individual student. The student services program is designed to involve the student in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities of the college, so as to make them an integral part of the total college experience of the student. The functions of the student services are to meet the needs of the individual students; to promote good communication and working relationships among students, faculty, and staff; and to heighten awareness of civic responsibility.

All East Georgia State College students, regardless of their location in attending classes, are required to be conscious of and abide by the policies and procedures outlined in this handbook. Information contained herein applies to all students with regards to rights, privileges, and constraints against certain actions. If you have questions or concerns with any of the information contained in this handbook, please contact the Vice President for Student Affairs for clarification.

Student Conduct Code

One of the primary purposes for this publication is to set forth the minimal requirements for student conduct while on the campus of East Georgia State College or in association with any event acknowledged by EGSC. Below you will find guidelines set forth via the East Georgia State College Student Conduct Code. Please read this information carefully. Illustrated in this Student Conduct Code you will find actions on your part which EGSC has determined to be conduct detrimental to yourself and possibly the institution as a whole. It is not to be regarded as all-inclusive. In the event that there arises ambiguity, inconsistency, or a need for further clarification regarding what constitutes a violation of the Student Conduct Code, the Director of Student Conduct shall make the final determination. Any student or student organization found to be responsible for misconduct is subject to College sanctions. When a student organization engages in an act of misconduct, EGSC reserves the right to take action not only against the organization but also against the individual student members of the organization. Violation of these policies can have impact for your continued participation as a student at East Georgia State College.

ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

Academic Honesty

In an academic community, honesty and integrity must prevail if the work done and the honors awarded are to receive respect. The erosion of honesty is the academic community’s ultimate loss. The responsibility for the practice and preservation of honesty must be equally assumed by all of its members.

Academic honesty requires the presentation for evaluation and credits one’s own work, not the work of others. In general, academic honesty excludes:

1. Cheating on an examination of any type: giving or receiving, offering or soliciting information on any examination. This includes:
   a. Copying from another student’s paper.
   b. Use of prepared materials, notes, or texts other than those specifically permitted by the instructor during the examination.
   c. Collaboration with another student during the examination.
   d. Buying, selling, stealing, soliciting or transmitting an examination or any other material purported to be the unreleased contents of an upcoming examination, or use of any such material.
   e. Substitution for another person during an examination or allowing such substitution or oneself.
   f. Bribery of any person to obtain examination information.

For an up-to-date copy, go to the policies and procedures page on the EGSC website.
Academic theft is considered to be the taking or attempt to take, steal or otherwise procure in an unauthorized manner any material pertaining to the conduct of a class, etc., including but not limited to tests, examinations, laboratory equipment, roll books, etc.

No student shall sell, give or lend or otherwise furnish to any unauthorized person material which can be shown to contain the questions or answers to any examinations scheduled to be given at any subsequent date, in any course of study offered by EGSC excluding questions and answers from tests previously administered.

Collusion is collaboration with another person in the preparations of editing notes, themes, reports, or other written work or in laboratory work offered for evaluation and other written work or in laboratory work. No student shall receive or give assistance not authorized by the instructor in the preparation of any essay, laboratory report, examination or other assignment to be submitted as a requirement of an academic course.

Misrepresentation of credentials is the use of false or misleading statements in order to gain admission. It also involves the use of false or misleading statements in an effort to obtain employment or college admission elsewhere, while one is enrolled.

Plagiarism is the failure to acknowledge indebtedness. It is always assumed that the written work offered for evaluation and credit is the student’s own unless otherwise acknowledged. Such acknowledgment should occur whenever one quotes another person’s actual works, whenever one appropriates another person’s ideas, opinions or theories, even if they are paraphrased, and whenever one borrows facts, statistics, or other illustrative materials unless the information is common knowledge. Plagiarism is prohibited. Themes, essays, term papers, test and other similar requirements must be the work of the student submitting it. When direct quotations are used, they must be indicated and when the ideas of another are incorporated in the paper they must be appropriately acknowledged.

Faculty Responsibility - It is the duty of the faculty to practice and preserve academic honesty and to encourage it among students. The instructor should clarify any situation peculiar to the course that may differ from this policy and should furthermore endeavor to make explicit the intent and purpose of each assignment so that the student may complete the assignment without unintentionally compromising academic honesty. It is the responsibility of the faculty member to provide for appropriate supervision of examinations.

Student Responsibility - It is the duty of the student to practice and preserve academic honesty. If the student has any doubt about a situation, he or she should consult with his or her instructor.

Procedures – Upon encountering a violation of academic honesty by a student, a faculty member should:
1. Confront the student and make the charge known.
2. Discuss the matter thoroughly with the student so that each position is clearly delineated.
3. Decide what action is appropriate.
4. Inform the student that he/she may appeal the decision of the faculty member to the division chair. If the division chair is the faculty member in question, the initial appeal is to be directed to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

If the action is less severe than a “WF” for the course, a faculty member should:
1. Report the violation and the action taken to the chair of the division in which the violation occurred, who will then report the matter to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.
2. Recommend whether the incident shall be made part of the academic dishonesty file in the office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

If a “WF” for the course is appropriate, a faculty member should:
1. Notify the Division Chair and initiate a “WF” withdrawal form. At this point, the matter shall be reviewed by a division committee and the division chair.
2. If those reviewing the matter do not agree with the interpretation of the evidence or with the action taken by the faculty member, they may ask him/her to reconsider. After reconsidering the matter, the faculty member may stand by the original decision and forward the “WF” withdrawal form to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

3. If those reviewing agree with the faculty member, the withdrawal form shall be forwarded to the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall:
1. Review each faculty member’s recommendation for a “WF,” check the academic honesty status of the student via the academic dishonesty file, and either let the “WF” stand or make some other recommendation.
2. Send the withdrawal form to the Registrar and enter the violation in the academic dishonesty file if the “WF” is to stand.
3. Notify the student in writing of the action taken, remind the student of his/her right to appeal, and inform the student that if he/she plans to appeal, the appeal must be filed within three (3) calendar days.
4. Notify the involved faculty member in writing of the action taken.
5. Upon a student’s second offense requiring a “WF” for a course, expel the student from East Georgia State College and direct the Registrar to enter the phrase “Ineligible to Register” on the student’s student information record.
6. Maintain the academic dishonesty file so that all appropriate administrators have access to the record of violations but also so that the student’s rights to limited access shall be safeguarded.

Disciplinary Sanctions
The following are possible disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed upon a student or student organization for an infraction of the Student Conduct Code. This list shall not be taken to be exhaustive and may be enlarged or modified to meet particular circumstances in any given case.

Academic Misconduct
1. Expulsion - permanent severance of the student’s relationship with East Georgia State College.
2. Suspension - temporary severance of the student’s relationship with East Georgia State College for a specific period of time.
3. Probation - notice to the student that any further major disciplinary violation may result in suspension.
4. Withdrawal of Recognition of Student Organization - disbanding of membership and withdrawal of recognition and privileges associated with being a student organization at East Georgia State College.
5. Educational Sanctions - specific projects to be completed by the student, such as, but not limited to, writing a research paper on a specific topic, performing community service or attending an educational event.
6. Reprimand
   a. Oral Reprimand - an oral disapproval issued to the student by the deciding disciplinary official(s).
   b. Letter Reprimand - a written statement of disapproval from the disciplinary official(s).
7. Restrictions - exclusion from participation in:
   a. Social activities
   b. Recreational areas
   c. Identification card privileges
   d. Visitation procedures inside on-campus housing
8. Forced Withdrawal - from the academic course within which the offense occurred without credit for the course.
9. Change of Grade - for the course in which the offending paper or examination was submitted, or in which the offense occurred.
10. Class Change – removal from a specific class and placement in another.
NON-ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT

**Alcohol**
For the complete policy, please view the Drug and Alcohol Policy in the Institutional Policy and Procedure Section of this document.
1. No student shall possess or consume (without a valid dental or medical prescription), distribute, manufacture or sell an alcoholic beverage or container on East Georgia State College property or at institutionally approved events.
2. No student shall be under the influence of alcohol while on East Georgia State College property or at institutionally approved events.

**Assault**
No student shall push, strike, or physically contact any member of the faculty, administration, staff, student body or any visitor to the campus in an insulting or provoking manner.

**Civility**
In order to keep a safe learning environment, students must engage in civil communication. This includes, but is not limited to, not yelling or screaming, not using profane language, not touching/using items that do not belong to you, not bullying or demeaning, including using electronic means (Facebook, Twitter, texting, etc.), not using cultural or racial slurs and not spreading rumors or gossip.

**Computer/Email Violations**
For the complete policy, please view the Information Technology Policy under the Policies and Procedures of the College on the President's Office website at [http://wwwega.edu/policy/Section_11.pdf](http://wwwega.edu/policy/Section_11.pdf)
1. No student shall improperly use the computer equipment provided by EGSC. This includes, but is not limited to:
   a. Attempting to install software
   b. Attempting to download, copy or store video or music files
   c. Removing paper from the printer paper trays
   d. Attempting to obtain information that does not belong to you, including passwords, or to circumvent any system's security measures
   e. Deliberate attempts to degrade the performance of a computer system or network
   f. Any form of harassment, including computer harassment and cyber stalking.
2. No student shall misuse the email account provided by EGSC. This includes, but is not limited to:
   a. Creating or forwarding junk mail, spam, chain letters, “Ponzi” or other “pyramid” schemes
   b. Any form of harassment, including internet harassment and cyber stalking.

**Disorderly Assembly**
1. No student shall assemble on campus for the purpose of creating a riot, or destructive, or disorderly diversion, which interferes with the normal operation of EGSC.
2. No student or group of students shall obstruct the free movement of other persons about the campus, interfere with the use of college facilities, or materially interfere with the normal operation of EGSC.

**Disorderly Conduct**
1. Any classroom behavior that interferes with the instructor's ability to conduct class or the ability of other students to learn is prohibited.
2. Any conduct which materially interferes with the normal operation of EGSC or with the requirements of appropriate discipline, including pranking, is prohibited.
3. The abuse or unauthorized use of sound amplification equipment indoors or outdoors during classroom hours is prohibited (use of sound amplification equipment for events must be cleared through the Student Life office).
4. No student shall enter or attempt to enter any dance, social, athletic or any other event sponsored or supervised by EGSC or any recognized college organization without proper credentials for admission. This includes a ticket, student identification card, invitation or any reasonable
qualifications established for attendance, such as a costume or proper evening attire.

5. Conduct and/or expressions which are lewd, obscene or which are patently offensive to the prevailing standards of the academic community are prohibited.

6. No student shall incite others to partake in violations of the East Georgia State College Student Conduct Code.

**Drugs**
For complete policy, please view the Drug and Alcohol Policy in the Institutional Policy and Procedure Section of this document.

1. No student shall possess, consume, distribute, manufacture or sell (without a valid dental or medical prescription) illegal or dangerous drugs or drug-related paraphernalia on East Georgia State College property or at institutionally approved events.

2. No student shall be under the influence of illegal or dangerous drugs while on East Georgia State College property or at institutionally approved events.

**Explosives**
No student shall possess, furnish, sell or use explosives of any kind on college property or at functions sponsored or supervised by EGSC or any recognized college organization.

**Failure to Comply**
1. No student shall interfere with, or give false name to, or fail to cooperate with any properly identified college official while these persons are in the performance of their duties.

2. No student shall fail to provide student identification card when requested to do so.

3. No student shall fail to complete sanctions given as a result of a violation of the Student Conduct Code.

**Falsification of Records**
No student shall alter, counterfeit, forge, or cause to be altered, counterfeited, or forged, any record, form or document used by EGSC. Violations may include identity theft, fraud or forged checks.

**Fraudulent Reporting**
No student shall intentionally make a false report to any college official, including statements made on any paperwork submitted, such as reporting of violations of the Student Conduct Code via SCORES. For the complete policy, please view the Student Conduct Online Reporting and Evidence policy under the Policies and Procedures of the College on the President’s Office website at http://www.ega.edu/policy/STUDENT_CONDUCT_ONLINE_REPORTING_AND_EVIDENCE_SYSTEM_-CAB_-7-23-13.pdf

**Fire Safety**
1. The unauthorized possession, sale, furnishing or use of any incendiary device is prohibited.

2. The possession or use of fireworks on college property or at events sponsored or supervised by EGSC or any recognized college organization is prohibited. Fireworks are defined as any substance prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect by combustion, explosion or detonation.

3. No student shall make, or cause to be made, a fire or false fire alarm.

4. No student shall intentionally or recklessly obstruct a fire exit.

5. No student shall fail to exit a College building when the fire alarm sounds.

6. No student shall operate, tamper with, discharge or remove any fire extinguisher equipment, exit sign, smoke detector or evacuation equipment without proper authorization.

**Gambling**
The playing of cards or any other game of skill or chance for money or other items of value where there is risk of personal loss is prohibited.

**Harassment/Threats**
1. No student shall harass, threaten or perform any act of intimidation toward another person in any manner, including terroristic threats. A person commits the offense of a terroristic threat when
he or she threatens to commit any crime of violence, to release any hazardous substance or to burn or damage property with the purpose of terrorizing another or of causing the evacuation of a building, place of assembly, or facility of public transportation or otherwise causing serious public inconvenience or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.

2. No student shall intentionally or repeatedly follow, stalk or contact another person in a manner that intimidates, harasses or places another in fear of their personal safety or that of their property.

**Hazing**
All rites and ceremonies of induction, initiation, or orientation into college life or into the life of any college group which tend to occasion or allow physical or mental suffering are prohibited.

**Repeated Violations**
Repeated violations of published rules or regulations of EGSC, which cumulatively indicate an unwillingness or inability to conform to the standards of EGSC for student life, are prohibited.

**Residence Hall Violations**
1. Noise: Any noise that can be heard outside an apartment between midnight and 8 am is prohibited.
2. Visitation: All visitation policies should be followed at all times.
   a. Allowing your visitor to enter Bobcat Villas or the Clubhouse without signing in properly is prohibited. Sign in is only allowed at the front desk of Bobcat Villas.
   b. No student shall have visitors outside the posted visitation hours. Standard hours are Sunday-Thursday from 10 am to midnight and Friday-Saturday from 10 am to 2 am.
   c. No student shall have a visitor who is under the age of 18, with the exception of approved family members.
   d. No student shall have more than one visitor at a time, with the exception of approved family members.
   e. No student shall have a visitor who cannot produce a current picture ID with date of birth and expiration date.
   f. Leaving your visitor alone or with someone else inside Bobcat Villas or the Clubhouse is prohibited.
   g. Allowing your visitor to enter/exit Bobcat Villas or the Clubhouse in any way except the main lobby entrance is prohibited.
   h. Allowing your visitor to violate the policies and procedures published in the Student Handbook is prohibited.
   i. No student shall have an overnight visitor who has not been approved by the Residence Life Coordinator.
3. Health and Safety: No student shall fail a health and safety inspection.

**Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault**
Sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, including sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Sexual violence includes sexual assault and sexual misconduct. All acts of sexual violence are forms of sexual harassment.

For complete policy, please view the Sexual Harassment Policy under the Policies and Procedures of the College on the President’s Office website at

1. Sexual Harassment: East Georgia State College prohibits sexual harassment and follows the policy statement as passed by the Board of Regents, University System of Georgia (Section 8.2.16 of the Policy Manual). That statement reads, in part, as follows:
   Sexual harassment of employees or students in the University System is prohibited and shall subject the offender to dismissal or other sanctions after compliance with procedural due process requirements. Unwelcome sexual advancements, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:
   a. Submission to such conduct is made explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment or academic standing; or
b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for employment or academic decisions affecting an individual; or
c. Such conduct unreasonably interferes with an individual’s work or academic performance or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment.

2. Sexual Assault: Sexual penetration, no matter how slight, of the genital, anal and/or oral opening of the victim by any part of the perpetrator’s body or by the use of an object, without the victim’s consent or against the victim’s will where the victim:
   a. is forced or has reasonable fear that the victim or another will be injured if the victim does not submit to the act; or
   b. suffers from a mental or physical disability or is otherwise incapable of consenting due to alcohol or drug use.
   c. Examples of sexual assault include rape, sexual battery, sexual violence and sexual coercion.

3. Sexual Misconduct: The intentional touching of the victim’s intimate parts (primarily genital area, groin, inner thigh, buttock, or breast) without or against the victim’s consent. This touching is either directly on the body part or on the clothing covering the body part, or if the victim is forced to touch the intimate areas of the perpetrator.

Smoking and the Use of Tobacco Products
EGSC is a “Smoke and Tobacco Free” campus. The use of any tobacco product is prohibited.

Solicitation
The conducting of a sales campaign or other activities representative of eliciting financial compensation by private retail entities or in representation of similar bodies is prohibited on campus.

Student Identification Cards
Lending, selling, transferring, using, or illegally obtaining a student’s identification card is prohibited. Student must present student ID cards to properly identified college faculty and staff upon their request.

Theft
Taking, attempting to take, or keeping in a person’s possession items not legally possessed by the person including, but not limited to items belonging to EGSC or items belonging to students, faculty, staff, student groups, student organizations, or visitors to the campus is prohibited.

Unauthorized Entry or Use of College Facilities
1. No student shall make unauthorized entry into any college building, office, or other facility, nor shall any person remain without authorization in any building after normal closing hours.
2. No student shall make unauthorized use of any college facility.
3. No student shall possess, use, make or cause to be made any key or other means of access to any college facility without proper authorization.

Vandalism
No student shall destroy, deface, or damage College property or property belonging to students, faculty, staff, or guests of EGSC.

Violations of Federal, State or Local Laws
1. Violation of federal, state or local law is prohibited. EGSC may take disciplinary action independent of any civil/criminal actions. If arrested, a student must report the arrest to the Director of Student Conduct and may not return to EGSC until permission is granted in writing.
2. A student in any unit of the University System of Georgia who is charged with or indicted for a felony or crime involving moral turpitude may be suspended pending the disposition of the criminal charges against them. Upon request, the student shall be accorded a hearing as provided in this Handbook. At such hearing, the student shall have the burden of establishing that his or her continued presence as a member of the student body will not be detrimental to the health, safety, welfare or property of other students or members of the campus community or to the
orderly operation of the institution. Upon final conviction, the student shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

**Weapon, Gun and Firearm Possession**
For complete policy, please view the Weapon, Gun and Firearm Policy in the Institutional Policy and Procedure section of this document.

No student shall possess a firearm, other weapon or dangerous chemical on College property unless permitted by law.

**DISCIPLINARY PROCESS FOR CONDUCT CODE VIOLATIONS**

**Official Communication**
The official means of communication with all students is via their EGSC email account. Any mention of a student being notified in writing should be construed to mean via their EGSC email account.

**Disciplinary Procedures**
In cases that involve action or misconduct that would cause a student or students to be subjected to disciplinary action, hearings shall be afforded the student according to due process.

**Complaint:** All complaints of alleged misconduct of a student shall be made in writing to the Director of Student Conduct. Each complaint shall contain a statement of facts outlining each alleged act of misconduct, and shall state the regulation which the student is alleged to have broken. SCORES, the Student Conduct Online Reporting and Evidence System, is the recommended means to file a complaint. (For the complete policy, please see SCORES in Institutional Policy and Procedure section.)

**Investigation:** The Director of Student Conduct will investigate the complaint and choose to dismiss the claim or move forward with a conference with the student.

If the results of the investigation show need, the student shall be notified in writing by the Office of Student Conduct of the accusation of a violation and will be asked to come in for a conference to discuss the complaint.

**Conference:** At the above mentioned conference, the student shall be advised:
1. The conference may be recorded.
2. An overview of the process when a violation is reported.
3. The violation they are accused of and an explanation of the charge.
4. Of their privacy rights under FERPA.
5. The Director of Student Conduct, in conjunction with the Vice President of Student Affairs, may refer any case to the Hearing Panel for a hearing and recommended action. Cases that involve the possibility of suspension or expulsion shall be referred to the Hearing Panel.
6. They may admit responsibility for the alleged violation in writing, waive the right to a hearing (in writing), and request that the Director of Student Conduct take appropriate action.
7. They may deny responsibility for the alleged violation in writing and:
   a. Request adjudication with the Director of Student Conduct
      i. If the student is prepared to present their case immediately, they may waive the 72 hour notice of a hearing (in writing) and ask the Director of Student Conduct to immediately begin adjudication.
      ii. If the student is unprepared to present their case immediately, a hearing date and time will be determined and a hearing notification emailed to the student.
   b. Request adjudication with the Hearing Panel, in which case a hearing date and time will be determined and a hearing notification emailed to the student.
8. In all hearing formats, the student will be afforded the opportunity to address the complaint by providing evidence and calling witnesses.

**Hearing Notification:** The Office of Student Conduct shall, at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing,
notify the student in writing concerning the following:
1. The date, time, and place of hearing.
2. The statement of the specific charges and grounds, which, if proven, would justify disciplinary action being taken.
3. The names of witnesses scheduled to appear on your behalf. Note: A witness must provide a written statement to the Director of Student Conduct at least 48 hours before the hearing in order to be entered as evidence. Otherwise, the witness will not be allowed to participate in the hearing.
4. A list of trained Hearing Advisors who can help the student navigate the disciplinary process. If the student wishes to use a Hearing Advisor, they should contact the Director of Student Conduct to set up a meeting between the two. Only one Advisor may be involved per case.
5. If a student chooses to have their hearing with the Director of Student Conduct, they may, in writing, waive their right to the 72 hour notice.

Hearing in Absentia: If the student does not appear for the conference or hearing, or decides to withdraw voluntarily, a hearing may take place in their absence.

Hearing Protocol: For the orderliness of the hearing experience, no one will be allowed inside the room during the hearing except the Director of Student Conduct, the Hearing Panel members, the student, approved witnesses, the Hearing Advisor and any EGSC students/administrators who are there for training purposes. The student may request that a non-participatory observer be allowed to attend the hearing; however, the observer cannot make a statement nor ask questions. They are there only to provide support to the student. This request must be made in writing at least 48 hours before the hearing.

Hearing Decision:
1. The standard of proof in conduct hearings is preponderance of evidence. Simply stated, preponderance means what is more likely to have occurred based on the evidence.
2. The decision will be communicated in writing to the accused student within 48 hours.
3. The student shall be notified in writing of his or her right to appeal the decision. The decision of the Director of Student Conduct or Hearing Panel shall stand until a ruling is made by the President.
4. A summary transcription of the proceedings shall be kept and made available to the accused student upon request in writing.

Hearing Panel
1. The Hearing Panel shall consist of six members to include: the Director of Student Conduct (non-voting member), one member of the staff, two members of the faculty and two regularly enrolled students. The Director of Student Conduct chooses these members and is responsible for training.
2. The Director of Student Conduct shall be the presiding officer and act as recorder, but shall not vote.
3. Any member of the Hearing Panel shall disqualify themselves if their personal involvement in the case is of such a nature as to be detrimental to the interest of the accused or of the institution.
4. The Hearing Panel shall make a determination of whether the student is in violation and then give a recommendation of disciplinary measures to the Director of Student Conduct if sanctions are deemed appropriate.

Hearing Advisor
A Hearing Advisor is a current EGSC student, staff, or faculty member who is chosen by the Director of Student Conduct and trained on the Student Conduct Code, specifically the Disciplinary Process and Hearing Procedures. The Advisor cannot participate as a witness or be associated with any case in which they serve as an Advisor.

The Hearing Advisor may:
1. Advise the student in the preparation and presentation of their case.
2. Accompany the student to the judicial hearing. The advisor functions in a supportive role and will not be allowed to speak during the judicial hearing. The advisor may be excused from the hearing if they attempt to speak for or advocate on behalf of the student in any way.

3. Advise the student in the preparation of an appeal letter.

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.

Disciplinary Sanctions
The following are possible disciplinary sanctions which may be imposed upon a student or student organization for an infraction of the Student Conduct Code. This list shall not be taken to be exhaustive and may be enlarged or modified to meet particular circumstances in any given case.

Non-Academic Misconduct
1. Expulsion - permanent severance of the student’s relationship with East Georgia State College.
2. Suspension - temporary severance of the student’s relationship with East Georgia State College for a specific period of time.
3. Probation - notice to the student that any further major disciplinary violation may result in suspension.
4. Residence Hall Removal – severance of the student’s relationship with on-campus housing at East Georgia State College, can be temporary or permanent.
5. Withdrawal of Recognition of Student Organization - disbanding of membership and withdrawal of recognition and privileges associated with being a student organization at East Georgia State College.
6. Educational Sanctions – specific projects to be completed by the student, such as, but not limited to, writing a research paper on a specific topic, performing community service or attending an educational event.
7. Reprimand
   a. Oral Reprimand - an oral disapproval issued to the student by the deciding disciplinary official(s).
   b. Letter Reprimand - a written statement of disapproval from the disciplinary official(s).
8. Restrictions - exclusion from participation in:
   a. Social activities
   b. Recreational areas
   c. Identification card privileges
   d. Visitation procedures inside on-campus housing
9. Restitution - reimbursement for damage to or misappropriation of property; this may take the form of appropriate service or other compensation.
10. Forced Withdrawal - from the academic course within which the offense occurred without credit for the course.
11. Class Change – removal from a specific class and placement in another.
Temporary Emergency Suspension

Temporary Emergency Suspension is the immediate and temporary ban of the student from campus due to the student’s threat to others, threat to property, to lawful activities of others, to educational process and to the orderly operations of College.

Appellate Procedure
A student shall have the right to appeal in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The decision of the Director of Student Conduct or the Hearing Panel shall stand until a ruling is made by the President.
2. The student shall have the ability to appeal in writing to the President of East Georgia State College within five days after the notification of the hearing decision.
   a. An appeal form should be requested from the Director of Student Conduct.
   b. The appeal form and appeal letter should be turned in to the Director of Student Conduct, but addressed to the President.
   c. A student may appeal on grounds that the evidence was not sufficient to find him/her guilty or other specified relevant grounds. In either case he/she shall clearly state reasons for appeal in written statements to the President.
   d. The President’s review is limited to consideration of whether the record contains a substantial basis to uphold the decision. Therefore, new material cannot be introduced except in extraordinary cases presenting a compelling reason as to why the material could not have been presented to the hearing panel and why it should be considered now.
   e. If received within the five day deadline, the Director of Student Conduct will forward the appeal form, the appeal letter and all relevant information from the hearing to the President for review.
   f. If received after the five day deadline, the Director of Student Conduct will forward a copy of the appeal form and appeal letter to the President with notification that the student is not eligible for appeal.
3. When considering an appeal, the President shall within five days appoint a committee of three members of the faculty of East Georgia State College or shall utilize the services of an appropriate existing committee. This committee shall review facts and circumstances connected within the case and shall within five days make the findings and report thereon to the President. After consideration of the committee’s report, the President shall within five days make a decision which shall be final so far as the institution is concerned.
4. When the President of East Georgia State College has rendered his decision in writing on any appeal, the student shall be considered to have exhausted all remedies on the local level.
5. Should the student be dissatisfied with the decision of the President, he/she shall have the right to appeal in writing to the Board of Regents as provided in the Policy Manual on the University System of Georgia website at http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/.
6. The decision of the President shall stand until a ruling is made by the Board of Regents.

Disciplinary Procedures for Student Organizations
In support of Section 406.01 of the Regents Policy Manual concerning the Withdrawal of Recognition of Student Organizations, all student organizations recognized by or using the facilities of East Georgia State College are hereby charged with the responsibility of enforcing compliance with local, state and federal laws by all persons attending or participating in their respective functions and affairs, social or otherwise.

Any student organization which knowingly permits, authorizes, or condones the manufacture, sale, distribution, possession, serving, consumption or use of marijuana, controlled substances, or other illegal or dangerous drugs at any affair, function, or activity of such student organization, social or otherwise, is hereby declared to be in violation of the laws of this state and shall have its recognition as a student organization withdrawn and, after complying with the constitutional requirements of due process, shall be expelled from the campus for one calendar year from the date of determination of guilt. Such organization shall also be prohibited from using any property or facilities of the institution for a period of
one year.

*NOTE: The sanctions imposed by these policies shall be subject to review procedures authorized by the Board of Regents (Article VIII of the Bylaws). An appeal to the Board of Regents shall not defer the effective date of the adverse action against the student organization pending the Board's review unless the Board so directs. Any such stay or suspension by the Board shall expire as of the date of the Board's final decision on the matter.

**Behavioral Recommendation Team**
The Behavioral Recommendation Team (BRT) exists to help promote the development of a healthy campus community at East Georgia State College. The team, made up of select college employees; (Director of Counseling/Disability Services, Director of Student Conduct, selected personnel from Academic Affairs, Legal Counsel, EGSC Statesboro and Augusta, Public Safety, and Housing), provides support and behavioral response to students, faculty, or staff members displaying varying levels of disruptive, disturbed, or distressed behaviors. This team will provide recommendations for communication, coordination, and intervention. Our goal is to increase communication among faculty, staff, and administration balancing FERPA, HIPAA, and counselor privilege with college “need to know” and emergency communication needs.

General Information

Access to Campus Facilities by Outside Groups
Classrooms and lecture halls located in the Academic Building, Luck Flanders Gambrell Building, and Community Learning Center are available for use by certain organizations for general meetings, seminars, banquets, receptions, public forums and other functions suitable to be held on a college campus and not in violation of the laws of the State of Georgia, policies of the Board of Regents and East Georgia State College campus rules. For more information about use of campus facilities, contact the Facilities Scheduling Office at 478-289-2122.

Alumni Affairs
Membership in the East Georgia State College Alumni Association is automatically conferred upon all graduates of the institution and is also available to those students who have attended but not graduated. This organization, under the general administrative supervision of the Director of Development and Alumni Relations, was formed after the occasion of the college's first graduation.

Banner Student Information System
Beginning Fall 2002, all students were granted access to the Student Information System, Banner Web. With a user-id and 'pin' number, students are able to access on-line information pertaining to their student record. This includes academic history, directory, financial aid, Regents' Test Scores and fee payment information. Students are able to request official transcripts and change address information. Students with 15 or more hours of degree credit, no Learning Support or CPC requirements are also able to register themselves on-line. Although advisement is mandatory at EGSC, students who fall into this category may choose not to see an advisor. In so doing, the student accepts the responsibility of completing all degree requirements as outlined in the EGSC Catalog. Periodically, specifically prior to a registration period, students should access their Banner Web Account information and check for holds, which might prevent their registration. Academic, disciplinary and financial holds will prevent a student from registering for courses. Along with this increase in access to student information though, does come some additional responsibility on the part of the student. Please guard your user-id and pin number. With these two pieces of information your student record information can be accessed by anyone!

Campus Safety Contact Information
In case of an on-campus emergency, or if you are in a college vehicle and an emergency arises, immediately call 911. You must also call the Public Safety Officer on duty at 478-455-0125 (Public Safety Cell Phone Number), which the Public Safety Officer on duty is required to have at all times.

Change of Name and/or Address
It is the student's responsibility to keep the Admissions and Registrar's Office notified of any name and/or address change. Unless notified to the contrary, correspondence will be addressed as shown on the student's application for admission.

College “Cyber” Cafe
Stop by and enjoy the services provided by the college cafeteria. Spring 2007, the dining area was relocated and given a prominent physical location in the JAM Student Center. With a full service grill and menu, even the most distinguished student palate can be accommodated. Computer workstations are available in the “Cyber” area (located in front of the Fall 2011, a full service cafeteria was opened in the Richard L Brown Dining Hall serving lunch and dinner to students, faculty and staff.

East Georgia State College Statesboro
Since 1997, more than 9,700 students have attended East Georgia State College Statesboro (EGSC S). Here, students can enjoy personalized instruction, in smaller classes, with professors who are committed to the field of education. While at EGSC S, students enjoy many of the benefits of Georgia Southern University. EGSC Statesboro students can use the Library and computer labs, attend cultural events, purchase campus meal plans, participate in intramural sport activities, see doctors and nurses at the Health Services clinic, use the RAC (Recreation Activities Complex), attend sporting events, be a member of the Southern Pride marching band, join student clubs and organizations, and more.
Students attending East Georgia State College Statesboro (EGSC S) should remember that they are not Georgia Southern University (GSU) students, though as EGSC S students, they have many of the same privileges and rights on the GSU campus as native students. EGSC S students are required to adhere to the academic and behavioral standards expected of all members of the college and campus communities, and are subject to the rules and regulations of both East Georgia State College and Georgia Southern University.

In the event students find themselves in violation of the GSU Student Code of Conduct, while on the GSU campus judicial proceedings will be administered according to the GSU Student Code of Conduct, which can be found at http://deanofstudents.georgiasouthern.edu/conduct/student-code-of-conduct/. Decisions by the GSU Judicial Affairs Office are communicated to, and observed by, East Georgia State College. Additionally, East Georgia State College reserves the right to review conduct code violations and impose their own penalties based on the EGSC Student Code of Conduct, which can be found on page 6 of this document.

The primary focus of EGSC Statesboro has been to provide an option for access to liberal arts post-secondary education to students from the ten county area in and around Statesboro (Appling, Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Evans, Montgomery, Screven, Tattnall, and Toombs). After satisfying all Learning Support and College Preparatory Curriculum deficiency requirements and completing 30 hours of college-level coursework, EGSC-S students are eligible to finalize the transfer process to a university-level institution.

As a transfer program, EGSC-S does not currently offer a full complement of courses in Statesboro. Sufficient course alternatives are available to allow fulfillment of transfer requirements. EGSC S offers all Learning Support courses, College Prep Curriculum courses, and select Core Curriculum courses including: Student Success; English Composition I and II; College Algebra; American History; American Government; Economics; Psychology; Sociology; Spanish I; Art; Music; and Speech Communications. Students attending East Georgia State College Statesboro are also eligible to enroll in health and physical education courses through Georgia Southern University, take online classes through EGSC, and take classes on the main campus in Statesboro.

Pending final approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, East Georgia State College Statesboro will begin offering full Associate Degree programs in Psychology, Sociology, and General Studies. Classes will be added to allow students to complete the full program of study in their chosen field in Statesboro. Students will continue to have access to Georgia Southern University’s student services resources and the University community.

Administrative offices in Statesboro are located at 10449 Highway 301 South, approx. 5 miles south of Georgia Southern University. In addition to taking classes in the state-of-the-art classrooms located at EGSC Statesboro, students can receive help with administrative issues, meet with advisors and professors, use the EGSC S computer lab, and take advantage of free tutoring and counseling services.

If you would like additional information about East Georgia State College Statesboro please call EGSC Statesboro at (912) 623-2400, or visit us at 10449 Highway 301 South, Statesboro, GA, 30458.

**East Georgia State College Augusta**

Here, students can enjoy personalized instruction, in smaller classes, with professors who are committed to the field of education. Additionally, while at EGSC Augusta students enjoy many of the benefits of Georgia Regents University, including Georgia Regents University ID card that allows students to use the library, cultural events, campus meal plans, fitness extension facilities, and more.

Serving in and around Augusta (Richmond, Columbia, Burke and South Carolina counties of Edgefield and Aiken), the primary purpose of EGSC Augusta is to provide an option for access to liberal arts post-secondary education to those students in the service area. After satisfying all Learning Support and College Preparatory Curriculum deficiency requirements and completing 30 hours of college-level coursework, EGSC Augusta students are eligible to finalize the transfer process to a university-level institution.
Administrative offices in Augusta are located on the Georgia Regents University –Summerville campus (formerly Augusta State University) in Payne Hall. At the EGSC Augusta office, students can receive help with administrative issues, meet with advisors and professors, utilize the EGSC Augusta computer lab, and take advantage of free tutoring.

Students attending East Georgia State College Augusta should remember that they are not Georgia Regents University (GRU) students, though as EGSC Augusta students, they have many of the same privileges and rights on the GRU campus as native students. EGSC Augusta students are required to adhere to the academic and behavioral standards expected of all members of the college and campus communities, and are subject to the rules and regulations of both East Georgia State College and Georgia Regents University.

In the event students find themselves in violation of the GRU Student Code of Conduct, while on the GRU campus, judicial proceedings will be administered according to the GRU Student Code of Conduct and are communicated to, and observed by, East Georgia State College. Additionally, East Georgia State College reserves the right to review conduct code violations and impose their own penalties based on the EGSC Student Code of Conduct, which can be found on page 8 of the East Georgia State College Student Handbook.

As a transfer program, EGSC does not offer a full complement of courses in Augusta. Sufficient course alternatives are available to allow fulfillment of transfer requirements. EGSC Augusta offers all Learning Support courses, College Prep Curriculum courses, and select Core Curriculum courses, including: Student Success; English Composition I and II; College Algebra; American History; American Government; Psychology; Sociology; Art and Music.

If you would like additional information about East Georgia State College Augusta, please call Donald Avery, Vice President for Student Affairs at (478) 289-2015; Dr. Jeff Edgens, Director of East Georgia State College Augusta (706) 729-2127; or, stop by the administrative office located at Payne Hall on the GRU Summerville campus.

Email (Student)
Students are provided East Georgia State College email accounts. New student email accounts are automatically created for a student when they are accepted for admission to East Georgia State College and before new student orientation / registration takes place. Students can check and send email messages via the East Georgia State College online email system (CatMail), which is accessible in the myEGSC web portal. For information about the myEGSC web portal, please go online to myegsc.ega.edu

Students can check and send email messages from computers in the campus computer labs or from any computer connected to the Internet. A student's email address remains active for the duration of their enrollment while attending East Georgia State College. A student's Email account will automatically be closed and all Email messages deleted when a student has not attended classes at East Georgia State College for over one year period of time. This time period begins when the student was last enrolled and taking classes at East Georgia State College. With this in mind, it is the responsibility of the student to print out and/or save to another format any email message that the student wishes to permanently retain.

EGSC utilizes student email to inform students of important information. Therefore, students should check their EGSC email accounts frequently. Students at the EGSC Statesboro site may also request a Georgia Southern University (GSU) email account. Students attending EGSC Statesboro who would like to obtain a GSU email account should contact the Information Technology Department at GSU.

For complete policy, please view the Campus E-mail policy under the Policies and Procedures of the College on the President’s Office website at www.ega.edu/policy/Section_11.pdf
Facilities—Student Computers
Various locations at EGSC-Swainsboro, Statesboro and Augusta have computers and printers available for student use. At Swainsboro, the Library, Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), the JAM Student Services Center and various computer classrooms have computers and printers available. Please note that scheduled classes that meet in computer classrooms have priority. For students who live in on-campus student housing (Bobcat Villas) at the Swainsboro campus, a computer lab is located on the second floor of the student housing complex as well as in the student clubhouse.

At EGSC-Statesboro, student computers are available in the student computer lab (room H-134), in the ACE and in two computer classrooms. Please note that scheduled classes that meet in computer classrooms have priority. EGSC-Statesboro students can also utilize various computer labs on the Georgia Southern University campus.

At EGSC-Augusta, student computers are available in the ACE, which is located in the EGSC-Augusta offices on the Georgia Regents University (GRU) Summerville Campus. Additionally, EGSC-Augusta students can utilize various computer labs on the GRU Summerville Campus.

All EGSC student computers have various software applications installed such as Microsoft Office.

Please do not bring food or tobacco products into the computer lab areas.

As part of the EGSC Student Technology Fee, students currently enrolled and actively taking classes at EGSC (Swainsboro, Statesboro or Augusta) are provided a 300-page print balance each semester that can be used on EGSC student computers. If a student depletes his/her 300-page balance before the end of the semester, additional printing pages can be purchased online or on a "pay-as-you-print" basis in the EGSC library or in the student computer lab at EGSC-Statesboro. Unused pages are not refunded to students in either monetary or blank paper reimbursements.

If you experience problems with a student computer, please contact the EGSC Information Technology Department, which has offices in the George L. Smith Building at Swainsboro and at EGSC-Statesboro, or via email at cswork@ega.edu or via phone at 478-289-2004.

For complete policy, please view the Computer Lab/Work Station Usage policy under the Policies and Procedures of the College on the President’s Office website at http://www.ega.edu/policy/Section_11.pdf.

First Aid
In case of minor cuts, scratches, etc., a first aid station is located in the Physical Education Complex. Please see the Physical Education Complex Coordinator for assistance.

Health Services
The Student Health Clinic is located in the lower level of the Academic Building on the Swainsboro campus. The hours for the clinic are Monday – Thursday, 12:30 – 4:30 pm. These hours are subject to change from semester to semester. These health services are for the Swainsboro students only and are paid for by their (Swainsboro only) student health fees. Services are provided by Emanuel Medical Center professional staff. Appointments are not necessary. Student Health Fees cover the costs of many services. For more information, call the Health Clinic at 289-2182, or visit the website at http://www.ega.edu/index.php/offices/business_affairs/auxiliary_services/health_services.

Heritage Room
The Heritage Room serves as an instrument for preserving historical data, stimulating historical interest and fostering collaboration with historical societies and area public libraries. Just as the college has expanded its geographical presence in recent year through the growth of enrollment, establishment of off-campus center, creation of collaborative programs with area technical institutes and development of economic development activities, the Heritage Room allows it to have major impact on its service area in terms of historical and cultural understanding and awareness. The Heritage Room initiative represents a historic opportunity for East Georgia State College and the communities it serves.
Housing
Beginning Fall 2011, East Georgia State College offers on-campus housing. No commuting! Living in on-campus housing will allow you to be close to your classes, the library, other academic resources and campus activities. EGSC has the capacity to house 196 full-time students in furnished four-bedroom, two bath apartments with shared living suites. See Housing handbook for more details or check EGSC housing website: housing@ega.edu for periodic updates.

Intercollegiate Athletics
East Georgia State College holds memberships in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association (NJCAA) and the Georgia College Athletic Association (GCAA). Members are listed on the GCAA website (www.thegcaa.com). EGSC supports intercollegiate teams for men in basketball and baseball and for women in basketball and softball.

Intramural Athletics
Intramural athletic activities are developed for students who wish to participate in both team and individual competitive sport activities. Activities include volleyball, ping-pong, flag football, basketball, and others. Students engaged in intramurals that involve substantial risks of bodily injury, property damage, etc. are required to sign a Release and Waiver of Liability form. See Appendix B for Intramural Handbook.

Library
The Library is located in the Luck Flanders Gambrell building in the Learning Commons Area. The spacious library with its large windows creates picturesque views of the outdoors. Students are encouraged to use the library for study, alone or in groups. The atmosphere of the Library makes it a friendly place for relaxation between classes and its location makes it a convenient “meeting place” for students. The Learning Commons area also houses the “Common Grounds” Coffee Shop.

Lost and Found
The Help Desk in the JAM Student Center serves as a central “Lost and Found” for the student body. A student who loses or finds an item should report it to this location. At the beginning of each Fall Semester the college will dispose of any unclaimed items gathered the previous year.

Minority Advising Program
The Minority Advising Program at East Georgia State College is open to all minority students. It is the purpose of the program to aid students in their efforts to achieve success in college. The Minority Advising Program is directed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Students interested in the program should contact the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Official Communications
Campus student email is the primary (official) means of communicating to the student body. So, please access your email accounts daily or you will miss out on valuable information!

Physical Education Complex
Any East Georgia State College student may use the "Fitness Center" unless these facilities are being used for class purposes. In it you will find, state of the art exercise equipment including strength training, free weights, and cardiovascular equipment. Fitness assessments and evaluations are available upon request. The Physical Education Complex also contains a gymnasium, two lane jogging track, classrooms and Art lab. The center also allows for additional casual recreation and relaxation pursuits on the part of the student body population as a whole. There will be no charge for use of these facilities for students, faculty or staff. Students must present current Student Id Card to take advantage of these services.

Placement Service
The college seeks to assist students in finding part-time employment. Job openings are posted in a conspicuous place on the campus bulletin boards and on the student employment website. Part time employment for students is offered at EGSC. A student employee is a part-time employee who is currently enrolled in at least a half-time credit load (6 credit hours) at East Georgia State College with the primary goal of achieving a degree. A student employee is considered a temporary employee and is not eligible for benefits. Student employees ineligible for financial aid are considered Student Assistants. For those students who have
demonstrated financial need, those positions are funded by the Federal Work-Study Program (FWS) is a federally funded financial aid program. Students seeking part-time employment should contact Human Resources/Student Employment at 478-289-2035.

**Student Right to Vote in Public Elections**
Students are encouraged to vote in all federal, state and local elections. A student whose class schedule would otherwise prevent him or her from voting will be permitted an excused absence for the interval reasonably required for voting. Students can register to vote through the Student Life Department. Please see anyone at the Help Desk in the JAM Student Center for further information.

**Vision Series**
The East Georgia State College Vision Series is a privately funded initiative that underwrites academic and cultural enrichment programs for East Georgia State College students and the surrounding community. It is a foundational element in our Student Activities program for our students. Students are encouraged to make themselves aware of and to take full advantage of the opportunities provided through the Vision Series.
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Extracurricular Activities
The student activities program is administered through the Student Life Department. These activities include movies, dances, lectures, concerts, field trips, student publications, intramurals and club activities, among other things. Information and notices of coming activities are available on the EGSC website (student life) at www.ega.edu, on the campus internal video system, and posted on campus bulletin boards. Students who wish to suggest activities should contact the Office of Student Life at 478-289-2105.

Clubs and Organizations
Student clubs on campus are appropriated a given amount of funds from the Student Activities fees. In addition to those funds, the clubs are permitted to raise other funds to enhance the possibilities of planning and carrying out more club activities. Each club treasury will be maintained in an account through the EGSC Business Office. All fundraising activities must be pre-approved by the Director of Student Life. Applications may be picked up from the Office of Student Life. Club membership is open to all students unless otherwise noted.

EGSC Clubs
(Club membership is open to all students unless otherwise noted.)

African-American Union – An organization to involve black students in all aspects of campus life, provide programs of interest to its members, and promote a sense of genuine unity and brotherhood among all students of East Georgia State College. Membership is open to all students.

Alpha Sigma Psi – An organization to foster interest and activities among students interested in the social sciences, particularly anthropology, sociology, and psychology.

Art Mania Club – The purpose of this organization is to expand its members knowledge and understanding of the many varieties of artistic expression in the world around them. Members will have opportunities to broaden and improve or find their artistic abilities. The group’s purpose is also to share art and information about it with students and faculty on campus, as well as other people in the community and surrounding communities.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries – An organization involving young men and women in spiritual growth and Christian service. BCM is open to all students.

Bobcat Paw Puppet Players Club – To advance and promote the art of puppetry, to educate children and families through the art of puppetry and to make a positive impact on East Georgia State College’s cultural climate, especially as it affects children and families in our community.

Cheerleading – The Bobcat Cheerleading Squad consists of enthusiastic, dynamic, fun, hardworking students whose mission is to represent EGSC with a spirit of support for teams, fans and the entire Bobcat community. Cheerleaders do not only perform during basketball games and pep rallies; they also represent the college at various community events including parades and festivals, as well as volunteer at service activities such as Special Olympics and Relay for Life. The ideal cheerleader is not only an exemplary student and athlete, he or she is a true example of what it means to be an EGSC Bobcat.

See Appendix C for Cheerleading Handbook

Circle K – Members are dedicated to serving the community. The Circle K pledges to foster compassion and goodwill toward others through service and leadership, develop their abilities and the abilities of all people, and dedicate themselves to the realization of mankind’s potential.

College Democrats – Provides students the opportunity to learn about the political process and discuss issues from a Democratic perspective. The club organizes debates, invites guest speakers to address club members, and promotes community service projects.
College Republicans – The purpose of this organization is to promote and increase political awareness and activity as well as to serve as a source of conservative political information on East Georgia State College campus, Emanuel County and surrounding counties. This organization will provide a forum for students to discuss important issues in politics. This organization will also play an active role in grassroots activism.

Disc Golf—Organization dedicated to the interest of disc or Frisbee golf. Located on the campus of East Georgia State College, students will find a complete eighteen hole golf course designed unobtrusively into the landscape of the main campus. Participants can expect challenging experiences, disc golf instruction and possible participation in sanctioned tournament events both locally and off campus.

EGSC Book Club – The purpose of the club is to broaden the reading experience of EGSC students and encourage students to read beyond their course assignments. Reading is the foundation of higher education.

Environmental Activists Ready To Help – The E.A.R.T.H. Club’s purpose is to engage in environmental projects dealing with beautification, safety, and conservation, “to work today for a better tomorrow.” Membership is free and open to all students.

Global Movie Club – To adhere to its mission statement, Global Movie Club (GMC) will: broaden the worldview of the participants; introduce major film genres and directors; allow students to discuss cross-cultural implications in conjunction with the International Club at EGSC; survey foreign and limited release films; allow participants to discuss films that depict “human experience” and explore the answers to the question, “What is human?”, and support reading across the curriculum.

Golf Club – The purpose of the Golf Club is to promote the game of golf by providing instruction and competition, to encourage community interaction and envelopment through participation in local charity tournaments, and to promote sportsmanship by fostering proper on-course golf etiquette and moral integrity.

International Club – An organization devoted to furthering the interests of foreign languages. Hands-on experience is emphasized. Membership is open to all students.

Non-Traditional Student’s Organization – An organization to provide support for adult students attending school after being absent from an educational institution for over 5 years.

Nursing Club – The purpose of the club is to provide support and accurate up-to-date program information for pre-nursing and nursing students at East Georgia State College.

Outdoor Recreation Club – The purpose of the club is to enhance the college experience for all students, through outdoor recreation and sports opportunity.

Phi Theta Kappa – An honor, educational-service organization which seeks to develop leadership potential and encourage fellowship among members. Membership is open to students who have completed a minimum of 15 semester hours and a minimum of 3.2 grade point average.

Robert Feline Playmakers – An organization to foster interest in drama and to increase students’ skill in dramatic performance. Membership is open to all students.

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics & Medicine of East Georgia (S.T.E.M.M. of East Georgia) – The club’s purpose is to promote the success of students pursuing math, science, medical and engineering degrees. To contribute to the success of these students an interactive website will be created and modified by club members posting important dates such as entrance exam schedules, study groups, and additional calendar activities. The club will also pursue and retain shadowing/internship arrangements for students in applicable degree tracks. The club will serve as an information and resource network for students. The club will benefit the campus as success rates of students increase and exposure of EGSC representatives throughout the area increases.

Students in Free Enterprise – The East Georgia State College SIFE team is one of more than 1,600 teams active on college and university campuses in more than 31 countries. SIFE focuses the energy and enthusiasm
of college students to make positive changes through services to their communities. SIFE students value the idea of seizing their opportunities and making a difference. Through a collaborative effort between business and education, SIFE teams improve the quality of life and the standard of living around the world by teaching the principles of market economics, entrepreneurship, business ethics and personal financial success.

**Student Professional Association of Georgia Educators (SPAGE) —** An organization under the direction and guidance of the Professional Association of Georgia Educators and is open to all education majors.

**Tennis Club—** To develop, promote and provide tennis to the students of East Georgia State College, to the local community and to our service area.

**Video Gamers —** The purpose of this club is to develop good sportsmanship and character through friendly competition as well as to provide good entertainment and opportunities to socialize.

**Miss EGSC Pageant**
Beginning with the Spring 2008 pageant, East Georgia State College made the decision to pursue participation in the Miss Georgia pageant. The Miss EGSC pageant is now a preliminary to the Miss Georgia pageant which is held in June of each year. Miss EGSC, through her selection as the reigning Miss East Georgia State College, will go on to represent the College each year in the Miss Georgia Pageant. Please see page 33 for contestants’ qualifications and official contract.

**Student Government Association**
The Student Government Association is the campus organization governing student activities and representing the students in college affairs. SGA members are elected by the student body. The SGA is composed of three officers: president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer; plus three senators elected from the sophomore class; and three senators elected from the freshman class. During the Fall and Spring semester meetings are held weekly and are open forum. Student issues and concerns should be brought to the attention of the SGA membership. Please see page Appendix A for the SGA Constitution.

**Student Publication**
**Wiregrass** - Published yearly containing art and poetry from students and employees.

### INSTITUTIONAL POLICY AND PROCEDURE

**Campus Displays**
Displays, including but not limited to posters, notices, or banners, which litter the campus or damage the property of the college or of other persons or entities, or which are obscene or which materially interfere with the regular and orderly operation of the college, are prohibited. Posters may not be displayed on walls, bulletin boards, doors, trees, etc., without the prior approval of the Director of Student Life.

**Children on Campus**
Children are not allowed on campus unless they are under the supervision of a responsible party. Children of students attending class are not allowed to attend classes with the responsible student and should not be left unattended outside the classroom.

**Club Fund Raising**
Student clubs on campus are appropriated a given amount of funds from the Student Activities fees. In addition to those funds, the clubs are permitted to raise other funds to enhance the possibilities of planning and carrying out more club activities. Additional fundraising forms are in each club manual. Each club treasury will be maintained in an account through the EGSC Business Office. All fundraising activities must be pre-approved by the Director of Student Life. Applications may be picked up from the Office of Student Life.
**Conflict Resolution**
The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia recognizes the benefit of resolving conflicts through alternative means designed to decrease the reliance on adversarial processes and resolve conflicts effectively and fairly at the lowest possible level.

East Georgia State College supports the goals of the “Campus Conflict Resolution Committee” initiative whereby its students may seek timely, equitable, and satisfactory resolutions to their conflicts in an efficient and cost-effective manner preferably at the first indication of a problem.

East Georgia State College encourages students to use the mediation process to solve conflict. Students whose conflicts are not resolved satisfactorily through Conflict Resolution may seek resolution using the complaint mechanisms appropriate for their conflict as set forth in the policies of East Georgia State College and Board of Regents Policy.

Conflict Resolution is an informal, structured, voluntary, and confidential process where the involved parties meet with one or two trained mediators to work through the conflict at hand. The participants must both agree on the outcome of the process for the conflict to be resolved. The mediator guides and encourages each party through the process, but does not make the final decision unless otherwise arranged to do so. For complete policy, please view the Conflict Resolution policy under the Policies and Procedures of the College on the President’s Office website at [http://www.ega.edu/policy/Conflict_Resolution_PolicyCAB_11-27-12.pdf](http://www.ega.edu/policy/Conflict_Resolution_PolicyCAB_11-27-12.pdf).

**Counseling and Testing**
Students may seek help at any time by contacting the Counseling and Disability Services Office in the Student Services Complex. Testing is available to students in determining their career interest and aptitudes. Information and referral is also available for students needing to document an already diagnosed or suspected disability in order to receive accommodations in college. You may contact the Counseling and Disability Services office for any questions or for more information at 478-289-2039. At EGSC Statesboro, contact (912) 623-2406 or (478) 289-2039 for Swainsboro or Augusta. Academic advisors are assigned by the academic department to each student to assist in planning individual college programs during a students’ freshman year.

**Counseling - Interpreting Services**
Students requesting interpreter services are encouraged to ensure that they have submitted appropriate documentation of a hearing impairment. Documentation of a hearing impairment must be from a Licensed Audiologist. This documentation must include a diagnosis and information as to how the disability impacts the student in an academic environment.

Students will be notified when appropriate documentation is on file and may choose to schedule a meeting with the Counselor/Disability Service Provider (DSP) to arrange accommodations and/or services.

**A. Student Requirements**
Class attendance is crucial for successful academic completion. When a student who uses an interpreter will be absent from class, notifying the Counselor/DSP is EXPECTED 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE ABSENCE. An email is sufficient notification. This is crucial when communication facilitators are being paid for their time in class. This timeframe is necessary because most Interpreters require at least 48 hours notice of cancellations. The Interpreter is there as a supplement to the classroom experience, not as a substitute. If a student misses class, he or she needs to meet with the instructor for follow-up. Interpreters are not responsible for the student’s absence or their academic responsibilities.

**B. Student Responsibilities**
1. Students are responsible for contacting the Counselor/DSP in advance if an Interpreter is needed. On the first day of class or in any new situation, please identify yourself to the Interpreter.
2. You are responsible for being on time for all classes, labs, and meetings.
3. Students are encouraged to sit in a place that provides the best lighting, distance, background, and angle for seeing the Interpreter.
4. If you have any questions relating to class materials, ask the instructor.
5. Personal conversations with the Interpreter should not occur during the class, but before or after
the class.
6. If you have difficulty understanding the Interpreter, discuss it with that person. If this does not resolve the problem, contact the Counselor/DSP.
7. If your Interpreter does not come to class, notify the Counselor/DSP that he or she has failed to show up.

Let your Interpreter know if:
1. You plan to be absent or miss a class.
2. Your class is cancelled.
3. There will be a video shown in class.
4. You will be making a presentation.

C. No-Show Policy-
If an Interpreter has been requested and you know that you will be unable to attend class, you should provide the Counselor/DSP with at least 48 hours advance notice so that the Interpreter can be informed. In limited circumstances, such as student illness, students may not be able to provide 48 hours notice. In this circumstance, any advance notice is considered sufficient. Failure to provide any advanced notice is considered a “No-Show”. To give advance notice a student may:
1. Call the Counselor/DSP and speak either in person or leave a message OR
2. Send an email to the Counselor/DSP notifying of the absence

Failure to provide the Counselor/DSP with notice will result in the following actions:

1. First "No-Show": A first warning letter will be sent to remind the student of the policy and appropriate procedures.
2. Second "No-Show": A second warning letter will be sent to the student informing the student that they have two "No-Shows". In addition, the letter will remind the student of the policy and appropriate procedures.
3. Third "No-Show": Interpreting services will AUTOMATICALLY BE SUSPENDED and a letter will be sent to the student informing the student of the policy and the appropriate procedure. SERVICES WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED until the student makes an appointment and meets with Counselor/DSP to reinstate services. Reinstatement will require the student to explain his or her actions and communicate a renewed commitment to attending classes and other school events as expected.
4. Exception to the "No-Show Policy": If three (3) or more "No-Shows" occur within the same two week period, services will automatically be temporarily suspended and a letter will be sent to the student informing the student of the policy and the appropriate procedures. The services will remain suspended until the student makes an appointment and meets with the Counselor/DSP.

Counseling - Services for Students with Disabilities
East Georgia State College is committed to assisting students in attaining their highest potential by providing reasonable academic accommodations for those students with various learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. Services presently available include counseling, liaison with faculty/staff, access to technology, and referral to other services. For assistance, please contact the Disability Services Provider in the JAM Student Services Complex on the Swainsboro campus at 478-289-2039, Augusta students are encouraged to call 478-289-2039 or in Statesboro at 912-688-6912.

It is the responsibility of the student to make known to the college their need for accommodations.

Students must consult with their instructors as to barriers to completing a course and make known to instructors any accommodations that have been awarded. Students must notify the testing department ahead of time if accommodations have been awarded when taking institutionalized tests such as the Compass test(s). Students must contact the Disability Service Provider when needing accommodation for a disability or when having problems with receiving granted accommodations.
**Process for Special Accommodation:** Student must first contact the Disability Service Provider to disclose the disability and request for special accommodations. Student must provide documentation of the disability in the form of professional assessment. It may be necessary for the student to be retested if the psychological evaluation is more than three years old or does not meet Board of Regents criteria for that classification of disability. If providing special accommodations is warranted, the student will work with the Disability Service Provider to arrange appropriate accommodations with each instructor.

**Disabilities continued:** In compliance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it is the policy of the college that it does not discriminate against an individual on the basis of his or her disability, as covered under the ADAAA and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. We also affirm that all programs of the college are open to regularly admitted students without regard to disability.

No students will be denied access to any program or to any administrator or faculty person because of the person’s disability. Any person, employee, or job applicant who has a complaint or grievance in regard to the ADAAA and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 should contact the Vice President for Business Affairs.

**Criminal Background Investigation Procedures**

East Georgia State College will require a Background Investigation Committee for applicants and former students that self-declare on the Admissions Application that they have been convicted of a crime other than a traffic offense or have current criminal charges pending, students in the Teacher Education program of study, EGSC students applying for employment as a Post-Secondary Readiness Enrichment (PREP) tutor, EGSC tutor, EGSC students applying to a Study Abroad program or any student who applies to live in on-campus housing. The purpose of the policy is to (1) further the college’s interest in and responsibility to evaluate the character, maturity and responsibility of its applicants for admission; (2) to ensure the safety of the campus community, including the on-campus student housing facility, and off campus K-12 placement environments, and (3) to allow the college to better advise students of the difficulties they face in obtaining internships, student teaching requirements and licensure in occupations that, by law or policy, exclude those with certain convictions.

**Special Note for Teacher Education Students:** Each of the teacher education courses requires the EGSC student to complete classroom experience sessions in a K-12 school in order to fulfill the essential requirements of the course. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that students who prepare to become educators possess appropriate qualities of character conducive to a K-12 setting. The Criminal Background Investigation must be completed and approved by the committee prior to the student being placed in a K-12 classroom. Any teacher education student convicted of a crime of moral turpitude would be ineligible for placement in the K-12 classroom and unable to fulfill the essential requirements of the course. Additionally, it is possible such student would likely not be able to fulfill future student teaching course requirements nor receive eventual licensure. The above policy allows East Georgia State College to better advise students of the difficulties they face in obtaining future internships, student teaching, and licensure.

**Past Convictions and Convictions While Enrolled at EGSC**

The East Georgia State College Admissions Application and the East Georgia State College Residence Hall Application require applicants to self-disclose prior criminal convictions and pending criminal charges, to provide an explanation of the nature of the offense(s), the date(s) of occurrence, name and location of the court and the sentence imposed, and to submit court documentation. Applicants and students have a continuing duty to disclose their criminal history to East Georgia State College. Applicants also have a duty to notify the college immediately of any inaccuracies in, or corrections to, the information initially disclosed. Following admission, currently enrolled students have a continuing duty to report arrests and convictions that occur while enrolled at East Georgia State College, including those occurring between terms. Future criminal activity while enrolled at EGSC may result in disciplinary action including suspension and the inability to complete a program of study. The criminal background check is valid for one year. It is possible that a student may be required to obtain additional reports during his or her period of enrollment at EGSC, for future internships and for professional licensure in selected fields including teacher education. Upon realization of criminal activity, student will be requested, at personal expense, to provide updated criminal background investigation report.
Penalty for Failure to Self Disclose
Failure of the applicant to self-disclose prior or current criminal convictions and pending charges on the Admissions Application or the Residence Hall Application is a falsification of the record. Upon discovery of pending criminal charges, prior criminal convictions or post admission criminal convictions not reported or disclosed by the student, East Georgia State College may dismiss, suspend or expel a student from a course, program and/or the institution. In addition, the student will forfeit all fees paid to East Georgia State College and may be denied a re-admission opportunity.

Procedure for Obtaining Background Investigation Report
Applicants/students must:
- Complete a Background Investigation Consent Form which can be picked up from Enrollment Services, mailed to your permanent home address, or accessed on-line at http://www.ega.edu/offices/student_affairs/registrars_office/forms_registrars_office.
- Return completed Background Investigation Consent Form to Admissions.
- If requesting the report for any reason other than on-campus housing, submit $25 processing fee to: East Georgia State College, Business Office, 131 College Circle, Swainsboro, GA 30401. Note that your fee is for “CBI”.

Committee Review
Upon receipt of CBI report, the Background Investigation Committee will review and render a decision concerning admissibility of applicant/student to institution and/or on-campus housing, Teacher Education program, Study Abroad Program, or employment as a tutor. The Committee reserves the right to call the student to appear before the committee to answer questions concerning discrepancies or incomplete information.

Factors used by the committee to evaluate the information in the criminal background check report include:
1. Nature, circumstances and frequency of the reported offense;
2. Length of time since the offense;
3. Information that addresses efforts at rehabilitation including whether the student accepted responsibility for the act or contested it, the punishment imposed, and efforts of positive life changes;
4. Accuracy of information provided by the applicant in the admissions application; and
5. Whether admission would compromise the safety of EGSC faculty, staff, students and visitors, or compromise the safety of any parties participating in an off campus tutorial site.

For teacher education students: Criminal Background Investigation reports for Teacher Education students will be evaluated using the above standards with specific attention to the nature of the prohibited crimes as set forth by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GPSC). The GPSC denies licensure for applicants convicted of crimes of moral turpitude such as: fraud or false pretenses in obtaining something of value, larceny or misdemeanor theft by taking, larceny after trust, murder, soliciting for prostitutes, voluntary manslaughter, sale of narcotics or other illegal drugs, pattern of failure to file federal tax returns in years in which taxes are due, criminal issuance of a bad check, and making a false report of a crime.

Applying the standards above, the committee may take the following action(s):
1. Denial of admission to the institution;
2. Denial of admission to the Teacher Education Program, or in the alternative, counsel and advise student of future risks and barriers if he/she elects to continue this program of study;
3. Denial of employment as a PREP tutor;
4. Denial of admission to EGSC Study Abroad Program; and/or
5. Denial of admission to on-campus housing.

An official written response will be directed to applicant/student at their permanent home address concerning the committee's decision. In the event a teacher education student is denied admission to the teacher education program, and said student desires to continue in the teacher education program of study, the student must sign a Waiver form. The Waiver advises the student that enrollment in EDUC
2110, EDUC 2120 and/or 2130 may result in:

(1) Student being unable to fulfill the essential requirements (classroom experience) of the course;
   a. Student may be ineligible for a teacher education program of study (after transfer) at a 4 year degree granting institution; and
   b. If the student completes a four year degree in an alternate field of study, the student may not be able to obtain professional certification from the Georgia Performance Standards Commission.

All students have the right to request reconsideration, in writing, within 5 days of the student’s receipt of the committee’s decision. If the student does not reply to the committee within the five day period, the Committee’s reconsideration decision becomes final. No further appeals are allowed.

Declaration to Change Campus Location
At the time students apply to East Georgia State College they must indicate on the Admission application the site they plan to attend. This information is coded into our Banner system and is used along with the number of credit hours they enroll in to determine the cost of their tuition and fees for any semester. Fees at the Statesboro and Augusta sites are different from the Swainsboro campus and students are responsible for knowing the difference between the two fee structures. If students wish to change from their original or latest assigned location, they must complete and return the “Declaration to Change Campus Location” form to the Registrar’s Office. Approval is required by the Financial Aid Office, Business Office, and the Registrar’s Office and the form must be received no less than two weeks prior to the start of the semester or two weeks prior to Early Registration for an upcoming semester in which you wish to execute this change. Deadlines are necessary since the Business Office releases a list with the bookstore credit information. The credit information is dependent upon the location the student is approved to attend. A declaration may only be requested once an academic year, which is three consecutive semesters. If you wish to request a change at the start of the next academic year, you must complete a new request form. This form is available on the Registrar’s Office website at http://www.ega.edu/offices/student_affairs/registrars_office/formsRegistrars Office. Students will be notified about the outcome of their request via their Web Mail Account with EGSC.

Drugs and Alcohol
President Bush’s National Drug Control Strategy issued in September of 1989 proposed that the Congress pass legislation to require schools, colleges, and universities to implement and enforce firm drug prevention programs and policies. On December 12, 1989, the President signed the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments (Public Law 101-226). This law establishes a process to accomplish the President’s goal.

Public Law 101-226 requires that schools maintain standards of conduct that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs and alcohol on school property or as any part of school activities.

In support of Public Law 101-226, East Georgia State College recognizes and supports local, state, and federal laws with respect to the sale, use, distribution, and possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs. To this end, the possession, consumption, distribution, manufacture, or sale (without valid medical or dental prescription) of alcoholic beverages, illegal or dangerous drugs on East Georgia State College property or at institutionally-approved events off campus is prohibited. East Georgia State College also adheres to the following:

Drug Free School Zone – it is unlawful for persons to manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess with intent to distribute illegal drugs within 1,000 feet of any elementary or secondary school property. A first conviction is punishable by imprisonment for not more than 20 years and/or a fine of not more than $20,000, and a second or subsequent conviction is punishable by imprisonment for at least five years but not more than 40 years and/or a fine of not more than $40,000.

Student Organization Responsibility for Drug Abuse Act - provides that any student organization that knowingly engages in illegal drug activity will be expelled from its college campus for a minimum of one year. A student organization may appeal to the Board of Regents, or, in some cases, to certain superior courts.
Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 - provides that students enrolled in public postsecondary schools who are convicted of a drug-related offense shall be suspended for the remainder of the quarter, semester, etc. and shall forfeit all academic credit for that period. Furthermore, it provides that students enrolled in nonpublic postsecondary schools who are convicted of a drug-related offense shall be denied state funds for any loans, grants, or scholarships for the remainder of the quarter, semester, etc.

Amending the List of Controlled Substances – this act adds several names to the list of dangerous drugs. 1-(1-(2-thienyl) cyclohexy) pyrrolidine is added to Schedule 1 of the list of controlled substances. In addition, the following items are added to the list of dangerous drugs: adenosine, carboplatin, cefixime, cefpiramide sodium, clozapine, flutamide, ganciclovir sodium, mefloquine HCL, omeprazole, propafenone HCL, propofol, selegiline HCL, and imodium A-D 2mg caplets.

Posting of Drug Laws - this resolution encourages counties, municipalities, schools, colleges and businesses to post on their premises summaries of drug legislation enacted during the 1990 Session. These summaries should include the risks and penalties imposed for using and/or selling illegal drugs.

Substance Abuse Services Available in Area (through Ogeechee Area MH/MR/SA Center, 98 Anderson Drive, P.O. Box 1110, Swainsboro, GA 30401, phone number 478-289-2530).

- Ogeechee Behavioral Health Services provides outpatient services such as alcohol and drug assessments as well as counseling services.

- In-patient facilities-
  Serenity Behavioral Health Systems (located in Augusta, Georgia)- (888) 629-3330- Provides dual diagnosis drug rehabilitation with a primary focus on mental health services and drug rehabilitation.

  Quentin Price (located in Dublin, Georgia)- (800) 868-5423 or (800) 868-5423- This facility provides detoxification services. The treatment center provides short-term residential treatment.

  John’s Place Crisis Stabilization Unit (located in Statesboro, Georgia)- (912) 764-6129 or (800) 746-3526- This facility provides short-term intensive services for individuals in need of more intensive and structured residential services.

  Braswell House (located in Swainsboro, Georgia) (478) 289-2486. This is an addictive disease semi-independent residential program. Individuals entering this program are referred by in-patient crisis stabilization units. This program offers a safe, stable, drug free residence to ten co-ed individuals for a minimum of 30 days. Individuals without a safe and sober home environment to return to are often good candidates for this program.

Our New Amendment Follows-

East Georgia State College Student Alcohol and Drug Policy Amendment October 2006

Drug Free Schools and Campuses (DFSC) Regulations – require all institutions of higher education, as a condition of receiving federal funds or other forms of federal financial assistance under any federal program, to certify that they have implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students. Implementation of this regulation requires a written policy, distribution to all students and a biennial report on the effectiveness of the programs and the consistency of policy enforcement.

I. Policy: The possession, consumption, distribution, manufacture or sale (without valid dental or medical prescription) of alcoholic beverages, illegal or dangerous drugs on East Georgia College property or at institutionally approved events off campus is prohibited.
II. Institutional sanctions for violations of the above policy are located in the "Disciplinary Sanctions for Conduct Code Violations," section of this Student Handbook. Felony Drug Convictions are specifically addressed within the above section. All sanctions imposed by East Georgia College are subject to review procedures upon appeal to the Board of Regents, (Board of Regents Bylaws, Article VIII). An appeal to the Board of Regents shall not defer the effective date of the adverse action against a student pending the Board's review unless the Board so directs. Any such stay or suspension by the Board shall expire as of the Board's final decision on the matter, (Board of Regents Policy 406.04).

III. State Legal Sanctions: (A) Suspension: Any student of a public educational institution who is convicted, under the laws of this state, the United States, or any other state, of any felony offense involving the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug shall as of the date of conviction be suspended from the public educational institution in which such person is enrolled, (OCGA 20-1-23). (B) Denial of Loans, Grants or Scholarships for Felony Drug Convictions: Any student convicted under the laws of Georgia, the United States, or any other state, of any felony offense, involving the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession or use of marijuana, a controlled substance or a dangerous drug, shall as of the date of the conviction, be denied state funds for any loans, grants or scholarships administered under the Georgia Student Finance Commission. (C) Criminal Sanctions: Under Georgia and federal law, it is a crime to possess, manufacture, sell, or distribute illegal drugs.


Federal sanctions for the illegal possession of drugs include imprisonment up to 1 year and/or a minimum fine of $1,000 for a first conviction; imprisonment for 15 days-2 years and a minimum fine of $2,500 for a second drug conviction; and imprisonment for 90 days-3 years and a minimum fine of $5,000 for a third or subsequent drug conviction. For possession of a mixture or substance which contains a cocaine base, federal sanctions include 5-20 years in prison and a minimum fine of $1,000, for a first conviction if the mixture or substance exceeds 5 grams, for a second conviction if the mixture or substance exceeds 3 grams, and for a third or subsequent conviction if the mixture or substance exceeds 1 gram. Additional possible penalties for the illegal possession of drugs are forfeiture of real or personal property used to possess or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance if the offense is punishable by more than 1 year imprisonment; forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft, or any other conveyance used, or intended for use, to transport or conceal drugs; civil fine up to $10,000 per violation; denial of federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses for up to 1 year for a first and up to 5 years for a second or subsequent offense; successful completion of a drug treatment program; community service; and ineligibility to receive or purchase a firearm.

Georgia law prohibits the purchase or possession of alcohol by a person under the age of 21, or the furnishing of alcohol to such a person. Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs also is illegal. It is against Georgia law, under certain circumstances, to walk or be upon a roadway while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The punishment for these offenses may include imprisonment, payment of a fine, mandatory treatment and education programs, community service, and mandatory loss of one’s driver’s license.

IV. Health Risks: The following information on health risks is from Worcester Poly Technic Institute Policies and Benefits Manual- Health Risks Associated with Alcohol and Drugs, taken from URL: http://www.wpi.edu/offices/sdcc/alcohol.html.

A. Health Risks of Alcohol-Health risks associated with excessive use of alcohol or alcohol dependency include dramatic behavioral changes, retardation of motor skills, and impairment of reasoning and rational thinking. These factors result in a higher incidence of accidents and accidental death than for nonusers of alcohol. Nutrition also suffers, and vitamin and mineral deficiencies are frequent. Prolonged alcohol abuse causes bleeding from the intestinal tract, damage to nerves and the brain, psychotic behavior, loss of memory and coordination. Damage to the liver often results in cirrhosis. Other risks include impotence, severe inflammation of the pancreas, and damage to the bone marrow, heart, testes, ovaries, and muscles. Damage to nerves and organs is usually irreversible.
B. Health Risks of Other Drugs- Use of illicit drugs may lead to physiological and mental changes similar to those caused by alcohol, although changes are frequently more severe and more sudden. Death or coma resulting from overdose of drugs is also more frequent. In addition to adverse effects associated with use of a specific drug, intravenous drug users who use unsterilized needles or who share needles with other users can develop AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus and infections in the heart. Brain damage may also result. Below is a general description of dangers associated with alcohol and other drug use.

- **Depressants** (Alcohol- beer, wine, liquor) - Accidents can occur as a result of impaired ability and judgment. There is an overdose potential when mixed with other depressants. By itself, heart, liver, brain damage as well as birth defects can develop if used during pregnancy. Death can result from an overdose, as a result of accidents, or from effects from long-term abuse.

A. **Narcotics**- (heroin, junk, dope, black tar, China white, Demerol, Dilaudid, morphine, codeine) cause addiction, lethargy, weight loss, contamination from unsterile needles, and accidental overdose.

B. **Barbiturates** (sedatives, tranquilizers) - Possible overdose, can occur especially in combination with alcohol, muscle rigidity, addiction, withdrawal and overdose require medical treatment. Individuals often experience an increased level of anxiety after drug wears off. Death can result from an overdose.

- **Stimulants** (Cocaine- coke, crack rock, base) - Results from use include addiction, heart attack, seizures, lung damage, severe depression, paranoia, restlessness, and irritability. Death from heart failure can result for first time users.

B. **Amphetamines**- (speed, uppers, crank, bam, black beauties, crystal, dexies) - can cause fatigue leading to exhaustion, addiction, paranoia, depression, confusion, possible hallucination, and weight loss.

- **Hallucinogens**- Acid (PCP, MCMA, ecstasy, psilocybin, mushrooms, peyote)- can lead to unpredictable behavior, emotional instability, altered perception of time and place, vomiting, nausea, flashbacks, violent behavior (PCP), "bad trips", and psychotic reaction.

B. **Marijuana** (Pot, dope, grass, weed, herb, hash, joint) - Use often results in pain reaction, impaired short term memory, addiction, lung disease, and interference with body's immune response to various infections and diseases. Marijuana distorts perception, hampers judgment, diminishes motor skills, can cause birth defects if used during pregnancy, and contributes to loss of ambition and diminished ability to carry out long term goals.

*All of the above if used during pregnancy can cause serious birth defects. Alcohol use during pregnancy is the third leading cause of mental retardation in the U.S.*

There are seven possible symptoms of someone involved in drugs:
1. Change in school or work attendance or performance
2. Alteration of personal appearance
3. Mood swings or attitude changes
4. Withdrawal from responsibilities/family contacts
5. Association with drug-abusing peers
6. Unusual pattern of behavior
7. Defensive attitude concerning drugs

Grade Appeal Process
If a student does not understand the reason for a final course grade, it is the student’s responsibility to contact the instructor of the course about the final course grade. If after such informal consultation the student does not agree with the basis on which the final course grade was assigned, the student may initiate a formal appeal according to the procedures found under the Policies and Procedures of the College on the President’s Office website at http://www.ega.edu/policy/final-course-grade-appeal-policy-and-procedure.pdf

Student Appeals Process Following Academic Exclusion
A student may challenge his or her academic exclusion and loss of financial aid on the grounds stated in the official policy, by filing a “Letter of Appeal” using the form available on the EGSC Office of the Registrar and Financial Aid Office. For complete policy, please view the Student Appeals Process Following Academic Exclusion policy under the Policies and Procedures of the College on the President’s Office website at http://www.ega.edu/policy/academic-exclusion-appeal-cab8-27-13.pdf.

Intellectual Diversity

Members of the faculty are free to express, inside or outside the classroom, opinions on any matter that falls within the field of knowledge the faculty members are employed to teach, subject only to those restrictions that are imposed by high professional ethics, fair-mindedness, common sense, accurate expression, and a generous respect for the rights, feelings, and opinions of others. It is the faculty members' scholarship in their disciplines which entitles them to teach. As members of a learned profession and of the academic community, faculty members have an obligation to respect the dignity of others.

Academic Freedom shall be distinguished clearly from constitutional freedom, which all citizens enjoy equally under the law. Academic Freedom is an additional assurance to those who teach and pursue knowledge, and thus, properly should be restricted to rights of expression pertaining to teaching and research within their areas of recognized professional competencies. Beyond this, expressions by members of the academic community carry no more weight or protection than accorded any other citizen under the guarantee of constitutional rights; that is, outside of one’s professional field, one must accept the same responsibility which all other individuals bear for their acts and utterances. In these cases, there is and should be no guaranteed immunity from possible criticism under the guise of academic freedom. However, when a member of the academic community speaks or writes as a citizen, the faculty member should be free from institutional censorship or discipline, but as persons of learning, faculty members should remember that the public may judge the education profession and institution by their utterances. Therefore, the faculty should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should indicate that they are NOT speaking for the Institution.

Faculty members are to make every effort to assure unimpeded intellectual diversity in their classes, and they must avoid particularly even the appearance that students who disagree with their views on matters of opinion will in any way be penalized or put at a disadvantage. Students who feel they may have been inappropriately disadvantaged through improper application of intellectual diversity have the right to file a formal complaint. All complaints must be in writing. Students should then direct their attention to the Grade Appellant and Conflict Resolution procedures outlined in the East Georgia State College Student Handbook for further action. In instances where issue is taken with the receipt of grade received from an instructor, student is directed to the Grade Appellant procedures and in all other instances the student is directed to the Conflict Resolution procedure. In the event a student feels uncomfortable with discussing the issue with the instructor and division chair, the student should go directly to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Vice President for Academic Affairs will assist the student in the resolution of appeals, complaints and issues.

Miss EGSC Pageant

Beginning with the Spring 2008 pageant, East Georgia State College made the decision to pursue participation in the Miss Georgia pageant. The Miss EGSC pageant is now a preliminary to the Miss Georgia pageant which is held in June of each year. Miss EGSC, through her selection as the reigning Miss East Georgia State College, will go on to represent the College each year in the Miss Georgia Pageant.

This Agreement is made by and between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of East Georgia State College (“College”) and the undersigned Pageant Contestant (“Contestant”). For and in consideration of the opportunity to compete for the Miss East Georgia State
College title, scholarship and other benefits to be awarded to the Miss East Georgia State College Pageant winner. Contestant does hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

1. Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release: Contestant acknowledges and agrees that participation in the Miss East Georgia State College Pageant is not a requirement of her course of study and her participation is purely voluntary. As such, Contestant agrees to assume all risk involved with her participation in the Miss East Georgia State College Pageant and with her reign as the Miss East Georgia State College should she win the pageant. In consideration of the professional and educational enrichment that she will derive from participation in the Miss East Georgia State College Pageant, Contestant does hereby, for herself, her heirs, executors and administrators, and assigns, waive, release, covenant not to sue and forever discharge the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, East Georgia State College and their members, agents, servants and employees (collectively referred to as the College) of and from any and all manner of action of actions, causes or causes of action, including, but not limited to negligence, suits, debts, accounts, damages, claims and demands of any kind whatsoever which I have or may acquire by reason of injury, damage or harm to person while participating in the Pageant. Further, I agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the College from any and all claims, demands and/or causes of action arising out of my own actions while participating in the Pageant and/or during my reign as Miss East Georgia State College, if so chosen.

2. Contestant must abide by the East Georgia State College Student Code of Conduct during the entire term of her contestant status, and should she win the Miss East Georgia State College Pageant, during her reign as Miss East Georgia State College.

3. As a condition of participating in the Miss East Georgia State College Pageant, Contestant must meet all of the qualifications of the Miss Georgia and the Miss America Organization contract including, but not limited to:

- Be between ages 17 – 24;
- Be a US citizen;
- Meet residency requirements for competing in a certain town or state;
- Meet character criteria as set forth by the Miss America Organization;
- Be in reasonably good health to meet the job requirements; and
- Be able to meet the time commitments and job responsibilities as set forth by the local program in which you compete.

4. If selected as the winner of the Miss East Georgia State College Pageant, Contestant agrees to:

   a. Make the following mandatory Miss East Georgia State College appearances:
      1. Identified local East Georgia State College events
      2. Miss Georgia Competition (dates for current year)
      3. Practice, Events and Competition for Miss East Georgia State College pageant
   b. Conduct herself at all times during her reign as Miss East Georgia State College in a manner that reflects positively upon herself and East Georgia State College;
   c. Submit completed copies of all Miss Georgia paperwork to the Miss EGSC Board of Directors at least 7 days prior to the Miss Georgia deadline;
   d. Respond to phone calls and e-mail messages from Board members within 48 hours;
   e. Give at least 24 hours notice that she will be unable to attend a scheduled function, and may only cancel in case of emergency or serious illness. Miss East Georgia State College must speak directly with a Board member to cancel an appearance; text messaging and e-mail and not acceptable means of cancellation;
   f. Have pre-approved by the Miss East Georgia State College Board of Director all official appearances and all wardrobe for those appearances;
   g. Write thank you notes for all gifts and cards received and in response to all official appearances she
makes during her reign within two weeks of the event;

h. At all times represent herself and East Georgia State College in a dignified manner on any public or
privately accessible information sources (such as, but not limited to, Facebook, MySpace, message boards,
personal websites and blogs, etc., and whether by photo or comments posted): and

i. To raise $250 for the Children’s Miracle Network as part of her participation in the Miss Georgia
competition.

5. All Miss East Georgia State College scholarships will be awarded during Fall semester. Miss East
Georgia State College scholarship recipients must apply for receipt of their scholarship money to the
Financial Aid Office no later than June 1 of that current academic year.

6. Contestant understands and acknowledges that all or part of the Miss East Georgia State College
scholarship money may be revoked by the College as the result of missed mandatory appearances or
conduct unbecoming the Miss East Georgia State College title, as determined in the sole discretion of the
Miss East Georgia State College Board of Directors. If the scholarship has already been paid, then the
College may place a hold on the Contestant’s student account until reimbursement of the revoked amount
has been repaid to the College. A hold will result in the Contestant’s inability to register, graduate or
obtain a transcript.

**Notification – Convicted Sex Crime Offenders**

Notification to the general public of individuals convicted of sex crimes will be made via the Public Safety

**Parades, Student Rallies and Gatherings**

Parades, student rallies, and other such gatherings which interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic on
campus must be cleared with the Vice President for Student Affairs and the Public Safety before they may
be undertaken, and they must be limited to areas designated for such activities.

**Parking and Transportation Services at EGSC**

For Parking Assistance call Public Safety Swainsboro: 478-289-2090; Statesboro: 912-623-2462;
Augusta: 706-729-2127/706-737-1408

For complete policy, please view the Parking and Transportation policy under the Policies and Procedures

**Pets**

Pets are not allowed on the East Georgia State College Swainsboro campus or EGSC Statesboro, except
service animals assisting faculty, staff or students with disabilities, during normal operating hours and
class time. EGSC normal hours of operation are Monday –Friday, 8am-5pm; class times are Monday–
Thursday 7am – 10pm. For students on the Swainsboro campus, operating hours include weekend hours
for library and computer lab access, as posted on the EGSC website. EGSCS students enrolled in classes
meeting on the Georgia Southern University campus are subject to GSU policies concerning pets on
campus and are directed to the GSU Handbook for guidance. A service animal must be identified as an
assistance animal through the wearing of a “service dog” vest or other identification. Students, faculty
and staff must clean up after his/her service animal while on campus. Pets are allowed on the main
campus grounds in Swainsboro ONLY outside normal operating hours and class times and when under
direct supervision. All pets must be leashed at all times.

**Record Retention, Storage, and Disposal**

The Office of the Registrar shall retain in a secured, fireproof area all records applicable to student
enrollment and academic achievement. This office maintains information on the following: student folder
information, academic history permanent records, grade information, graduation information, schedule
adjustment/registration information, transcript requests, enrollment certification requests, confidentiality
requests, Compass and Regents test score information, and Board of Regents report
information.
1. Upon application for admission, applicants are requested to complete an admissions application and supply several types of information. Students must supply transcripts from all institutions previously attended, high school graduation or GED information, and immunization records. SAT and ACT test information may also be provided. This information is placed into the student's folder and housed in the Admissions Office. The student folder is transferred from the Admissions Office to the Office of the Registrar following final registration for a term. Students who apply, but do not enroll, have their folder placed in a suspense file. Each year, the Office of the Registrar will produce a list of students who have not attended the institution for a period of 5 years. These folders are pulled, boxed, labeled by year, and forwarded to the student records archives, which is located in the auxiliary warehouse. This information will be archived for a period of 5 additional years at which time, if the student has not returned, it will be destroyed. Students, who return following the transfer of the student folder information to archives, will have their folder returned to the Office of the Registrar.

2. Prior to Summer Quarter 1997, academic history information was kept on permanent records cards. This information is retained indefinitely.

3. Prior to the Fall 2004, instructors reported grade information for students on grade rolls. This information is recorded into the Banner Student Information System. These hardcopy reports containing grade information are retained indefinitely.

4. The Office of the Registrar maintains a current list of graduates and degree audit information. This information is held indefinitely. This information is also recorded in the Banner Student Information System.

5. Registration schedules are not currently being retained within this office. The Banner Student Information System has within it an audit trail application, which allows for tracking of student registration information. Schedule adjustment information in the form of drop/add cards or withdrawal cards are maintained within the office for a period of one academic year. After this time, this information is removed and destroyed.

6. Transcript request information is maintained for a period of one academic year. Following this time period, this information is pulled and destroyed.

7. Enrollment certification information is maintained for a period of one academic year. Following this time, this information is pulled and destroyed.

8. By federal law, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, students are granted full discretion for disclosure of their academic information to persons or entities other than themselves. Students have the option of requesting that no information, including what is considered directory information, be released to anyone other than themselves. We request that students, who choose this option, complete a Confidentiality Statement. This information is placed into the student's folder and kept until such time as the folder is destroyed.

9. Compass and Regents Test score information is kept indefinitely.

10. Prior to Fall Semester 97, data generated for reporting purposes to the Board of Regents is kept in the vault. Since that time, this information is being stored electronically within this office.

*NOTE: Beginning Summer Quarter 1997, East Georgia State College implemented the student information system, Banner. All registration, academic history and graduation information is maintained within this student information system. Computer Services runs a daily backup at the end of each business day, which is held for one week. This is a complete backup and can fully restore our student information system to operational order.
Student Rights under FERPA

This institution is covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) as amended, which is designed to protect the student’s rights with regard to education records maintained by the institution. Under this act, a student has the right to inspect and review education records maintained by this institution that pertain to the student, to challenge the content of records on the grounds that they are inaccurate, misleading or a violation of privacy or other rights, control disclosures of education records with certain exceptions, and the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the College to comply with the requirements of FERPA. ‘Directory information’ will be treated as public information and will generally be available on all current and former students at the discretion of the institution. This includes the following: student’s name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports programs, age, hometown, hobbies, and general interest items of members of athletic teams, dates and status of attendance, degrees, honors, and awards and awards applied for and/or received, and previous educational institutions attended by that student. Any student, who does not wish directory information disclosed, must file a written request with the Office of the Registrar. For more information concerning FERPA, refer to the Academic Policy and Procedure section of this catalog.

The Registrar’s Office maintains permanent academic records on all students who have ever enrolled in the college. All practices and policies dealing with the acquisition, retention and disclosure of information to student records are formulated with respect to the student’s right to privacy. No record is kept which will detrimentally discriminate by race, creed, gender or political belief of a student.

The Registrar’s Office maintains the official transcript and the official documents of each student. The student’s folder may contain the application for admission, immunization record, official transcript(s) from high school or previous college/university, the results of admissions tests, copies of official correspondence concerning the admission status, copies of written requests made by the student to make changes to their record. These records are available to an internal college official who has a legitimate educational interest in the information. A college official has a legitimate educational interest in a student’s records if the official needs the information to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities. A college official is defined as faculty, administrative and classified staff, administrators, trustees, students serving on official college committees or assisting another college official in performing his or her duties, and third parties with whom the college has contracted such as attorneys, auditors, or collection agents. Information is made available to other persons only with the expressed written permission of the student.

Students have the right to inspect the official transcript of their academic record and personal folder, to request an interpretation and explanation of information contained within these records; to request amendment of educational records that are incorrect or misleading, or in violation of their right to privacy; and to request a hearing to amend such records, if necessary.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) afford students certain rights with respect to their education records. These rights include:

1) The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days of the day the College receives a request for access.

Students should submit to the Registrar written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The Registrar will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the Office of the Registrar, the Registrar shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed. Contact the Registrar at Student Complex Center, 131 College Circle, Swainsboro, GA 30404. Phone contact number (478) 289-2104.

2) The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the student believes to be inaccurate or misleading, or in violation of their right to privacy.

Students may ask the College to amend a record they believe is inaccurate or misleading, or in violation of their privacy rights. They should write to the Registrar, clearly identify the part of the record they want
changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

FERPA was not intended to provide a process to be used to question substantive judgments which are correctly recorded. The rights of challenge are not intended to allow students to contest, for example, a grade in a course because they felt a higher grade should have been assigned.

If after the review of the requested amendment to the student record, the college elects not to make the requested change, the student or parent may request a hearing to challenge the content of the student’s education records on the grounds that the information contained in the records is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the privacy rights of the student. Students and parents must direct requests for hearing to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Student Complex Building, 131 College Circle, Swainsboro, GA 30401; (478) 289-2015.

If the hearing panel decides to amend, it shall do so and inform the parent or student of the amendment in writing. If the hearing panel decides to deny the request for amendment, it shall inform the student and parent in writing of this decision and of their right to place a statement in the record commenting on the contested information in the record and/or stating why he or she disagrees with the decision of the college. Any such contested statement will be maintained as part of the student’s permanent record and disclosed as part of the student’s permanent record.

3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

A copy of the FERPA form is available at: http://www.ega.edu/offices/student_affairs/registrars_office/forms_registrars_office.

The College may disclose education records in certain other circumstances:

**Student Records can be Disclosed to Others Without Student Consent in Certain Instances:**

East Georgia State College may disclose a student’s educational record without the student’s consent if such disclosure fits within one of the following categories:

1. Directory information unless the student has requested in writing that all or a portion of those items designated as directory information not be disclosed.
2. The request is from an internal university official who has a legitimate educational interest in the information.
3. The request is from another educational institution where the students seeks or intends to enroll.
4. The request is from authorized representatives of the Comptroller General of the US, Secretary of Education, or to state and local officials or authorities to which such information is specifically required to be reported or disclosed pursuant to the state statute adopted prior to Nov. 19, 1974, if the allowed reporting or disclosure concerns the juvenile justice system and the system’s ability to effectively serve the student whose records are released; or information that is allowed to be reported pursuant to a state statute adopted after 1974, which concerns the juvenile justice system and the system’s ability to effectively serve, prior to adjudication, the student whose records are released. Nothing in this paragraph shall prevent the state from further limiting the number or type of state or local officials who will continue to have access there under.
5. The request is in connection with financial aid the student has applied for or received if the disclosure is for the purpose of determining eligibility, amount or conditions of aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid.
6. The request is from organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, educational agencies or institutions for the purpose of developing, validating or administering predictive tests, administering a student aid programs and improving instruction, if such studies are conducted in such a manner as will not permit the personal identification of students and their parents by persons other than representatives of such organizations and such information will be destroyed when no longer needed for the purpose for which it is conducted.
7. The request is by accrediting agencies to carry out accrediting functions.
8. The request is by a parent or legal guardian of a dependent student, as defined by the Internal Revenue Code.
9. The information is disclosed to comply with a lawfully issued subpoena or court order. The institution must make a reasonable effort to inform the student in advance of compliance unless the subpoena or court order expressly states that providing prior notice would compromise the confidentiality of an investigation or other legal proceeding. Counsel acting on behalf of a college may provide education records to a court without a subpoena or court order when the college has initiated legal action against a parent or student. In such case, the college must provide prior notice to the student or parent.

10. The disclosure is made in the event of a health or safety emergency involving the student. The emergency must pose a significant and articulable threat to the health or safety of a student or other individuals. Disclosure may be made to only those persons whose knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals.

11. The final results of a disciplinary hearing against a student who is an alleged perpetrator of a violent crime or non-forcible sex offense if the institution finds that the student committed a violation of the institution’s rules or policies. The name of the student, violation committed, sanction imposed, and name(s) of other student(s) involved, but only with prior consent of such other student(s).

12. The disclosure is to parents, as defined in § 99.3, of a dependent student, as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

13. Any violation of federal, state or local law or rule or policy of the college governing the use or possession of alcohol or controlled substances may be made to the parent or guardian if the student is under age 21 and the college has determined the student committed a disciplinary violation.

Students May File a Complaint Alleging FERPA Violation
Students alleging violations of FERPA may file a complaint with the US Department of Education at the following address:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202-8520

Student Government Association
The East Georgia State College Student Government Association acts as the voice of the student body. SGA provides a means of expressing students’ needs and ideas, to encourage self-respect, self-esteem, and individual responsibility. SGA strives to have a closer understanding between the student body and the administration and faculty of East Georgia State College. For the complete SGA Constitution and by-laws, please view Appendix A of this document.

Weapon, Firearm and Gun Policy
It is against East Georgia State College policy and unlawful for any person to carry or possess any weapon or explosive compound at any school function or on campus property. Official Code of Georgia Annotated 16-11-127.1. (a)(2)

The campus extends to any and all property leased by the College or loaned to the College or College recognized organizations for campus functions. This includes off campus facilities and sites used by the College or College sponsored organizations for College sponsored events as well as College vehicles used by the College to transport students, faculty and staff to events.

It is against East Georgia State College policy for any person to carry or possess any firearm, handgun, long gun at any school function on or off campus, on college property, East Georgia State College Foundation property or any property leased or operated by East Georgia State College. This includes persons who are licensed weapon holders, whether concealed or in open view.

Weapons are defined as "any pistol, revolver, or any other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile of any kind, or any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, ballistic knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from
metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any flailing instrument consisting of two or more rigid parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known as nun chakka, nun chuck, nunchaku, shuriken, or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any weapon of any kind, and any stun gun or taser. This paragraph excludes any of these instruments used for classroom work authorized by the teacher." Official Code of Georgia Annotated 16-11-127.1 (a)(2).

East Georgia State College Public Safety personnel are excepted from the above prohibition. Faculty desiring to bring unloaded weapons for classroom instruction may do so only if ammunition is deactivated and prior approval obtained by Chief of Public Safety. Weapons which are to be used for classroom instruction must be approved by East Georgia State College Chief of Public Safety prior to the weapon being brought onto campus. The person or persons bringing the weapons on campus for classroom purpose must comply with the safety and security stipulations set forth by East Georgia State College Chief of Public Safety.

This policy applies to all faculty, staff, students and visitors. All persons found in possession of a weapon are subject to arrest. Faculty and staff in violation of the weapons policy will be subject to discipline up to and including termination; students will be referred to the Student Judicial Committee for adjudication, including possible expulsion.

Appendix A:

Student Government Association Constitution

Preamble
We, the students of East Georgia State College, in order to establish an effective student government, to provide the students with a means to express their needs and ideas, to encourage self-respect, self-esteem and individual responsibility, and to strive toward an even closer understanding between the student body and the administration and faculty of the college, do hereby ordain and establish this constitution of the Student Government Association of East Georgia State College.

Article I – Name, General Organization, and Authority

Section 1. Name - This organization will be named the Student Government Association of East Georgia State College, hereinafter referred to as the SGA.

Section 2. General Organization - The SGA will consist of two (2) departments, the legislative department and the executive department.

Section 3. Authority - The authority held by the SGA is that which has been delegated by the President of the college through the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Article II – Legislative

Section 1. Powers - All legislative powers will be vested in the Senate of East Georgia State College. The Senate will exercise the following duties:
1. To be a legislative body chosen through popular elections by the student body of East Georgia State College.
2. To serve as a liaison between the student body and the faculty and administration of this college.
3. To make recommendations of approval or disapproval for all new clubs and organizations on campus.
4. To make recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs concerning the allocation of Student Services (Agency) funds to student groups.
5. To require at its discretion financial reports from organizations receiving appropriations from the Student Services (Agency) budget.
6. To make recommendations to the Vice President for Student Affairs concerning changes in college rules governing the conduct of students.
7. To assist in planning and conducting the orientations of incoming students.
8. To enact legislation regulating school elections.
Section 2. Membership - The Senate will consist of six (6) Senators elected by the student body.

Section 3. Grade Point Average and Student Standing Requirements - All Senators must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 to hold office and be enrolled for three (3) or more semester hours. The status of academic or disciplinary warning or probation disqualifies an officeholder from office.

Section 4. Representation - There will be three (3) Senators chosen from the body of freshmen - those with less than thirty (30) semester hours of credit - and three (3) Senators from the body of sophomores - those with thirty (30) or more semester hours of credit. Sophomore senators must have earned at least 6 hours of credit at East Georgia State College.

Section 5. Presiding Officer - The Vice-President of the SGA will be President of the Senate, but will have no vote unless the Senate is equally divided.

Section 6. Organization within the Senate - The Senate will choose its own officers and also a President pro tempore to serve in the absence of the Vice-President.

Section 7. Voting within the Senate - Each member of the Senate will have one (1) vote. A majority vote, a quorum being present, will be required to pass all legislation, recommendations, and resolutions, except where otherwise stipulated in this constitution. A quorum will be defined as four Senators, composed of two freshmen and two sophomores.

Section 8. Vacancies - In the event a Senate seat becomes vacant, a special election will be called by the President of the SGA within twenty (20) days to fill the vacant seat.

Section 9. Impeachment and Dismissal of the President, Vice-President, or Secretary-Treasurer - When an officer of the executive branch fails to exercise the duties required of him by his office, the Senate may as a last resort bring charges of dereliction of duty against him by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. The officer against whom the charges are made will have an opportunity to defend themselves before the Senate. A unanimous vote will be required to divest said officer of his office. The replacement process will be that specified in Article III - Section 4.

Article III – Executive

Section 1. Powers - The executive power will be vested in the President of the SGA. The President of the SGA will serve the following functions:

1. The President will represent the student body as a whole at all official school functions.
2. The President will be the administrative head of the SGA.
3. The President will have the power to veto any act of the Senate. The President’s veto may be overridden by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.
4. The President will appoint student members of the Election committee with the consent of two-thirds (2/3) of the Senate.
5. The President will, from time to time (at least twice during the year), give information concerning the state of the SGA in the Senate.
6. The President will be ineligible to serve in any other major elective or appointive post at East Georgia State College during his/her term of office.
7. The President will serve as a member of the Advisory Council and the Publications Committee.
8. The President will be the only authorized SGA representative to the Student Advisory Council of the University System of Georgia.

Section 2. Vice-President - The Vice-President will serve with the same duties and powers as the President should the President be unable to discharge his or her duties or should the office of President
become vacant.

Section 3. Secretary-Treasurer - The Secretary-Treasurer of the SGA will maintain a general surveillance of allocations made to various organizations and activities for the purpose of keeping them informed and within their budgets and will provide periodic reports on the status of appropriated monies. All minutes of meetings of the Executive Branch of the SGA will be recorded by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 4. Vacancies - In case of vacancy in the office of the President of the SGA, the Vice-President will assume the office and call a special election for Vice-President within twenty (20) days. In the case of a vacancy in either the office of Vice-President or Secretary-Treasurer, the President of the SGA will call a special election within twenty (20) days to fill the appropriate office.

Article IV - Elections
Section 1. Senate - Election to fill Senate positions will be held during the fall and spring semesters of each academic year. Sophomore senators will be elected spring semester; freshmen senators will be elected in the fall semester.

1. Three sophomore senators will be elected on the second (2nd) Tuesday of April in the spring semester. Three freshmen senators will be elected on the second (2nd) Tuesday of September in the fall semester.
2. Candidates will be elected at large from the student body. Three (3) seats will be reserved for freshman candidates. Three (3) seats will be reserved for sophomore candidates.
3. The freshman candidates receiving the three (3) highest vote totals will be elected to the freshman Senate seats. The sophomore candidates receiving the three (3) highest vote totals will be elected to the sophomore Senate seats.
4. Freshman senators will assume office immediately upon their certification by the Elections Committee. Sophomore senators, after their certification by the Elections Committee, will assume office beginning with the fall semester immediately following their election. All terms of office will be served concurrently during the academic year.
5. The Elections Committee will have the final authority to determine a candidate’s category. All students enrolled at East Georgia State College will be allowed to vote.

Section 2. President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer - The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer will be elected in a general election to be held during the spring semester of each academic year.

1. Candidates for President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer must have thirty (30) semester hours of credit, 6 of which must have been earned at East Georgia State College, and a 2.0 grade point average. Each executive officer must be enrolled for three (3) or more semester hours in order to hold office. The status of academic or disciplinary warning or probation disqualifies an officeholder from office.
2. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer must be elected by a majority of the students voting in the general election. In any race for executive office in which none of the candidates receives a majority of the vote, the President of the SGA will call a run-off election within ten (10) days between the top two (2) candidates in the particular race or races.
3. All enrolled students are eligible to vote for President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.
4. The President-elect, Vice-President-elect, and Secretary-Treasurer-elect will take office immediately upon election and serve in their respective capacities through the next academic year.

Section 3. Petitions for Candidacy - All candidates for President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Senate must turn in a petition containing the signatures of at least ten percent (10%) of the students enrolled at East Georgia State College to the Elections Committee.

Section 4. Eligibility of Candidates - Any student enrolled at East Georgia State College is eligible to run for any SGA office for which he or she meets the qualifications. An additional requirement of all candidates will be that if elected they will be able to attend scheduled meetings of the SGA on a regular basis.
In the event an executive officer or senator fails to attend SGA meetings regularly, the senate may bring charges of dereliction of duties by a simple majority vote. Replacement will be appointed on a temporary basis by the senate.

Section 5. Elections Committee -
1. The Elections Committee will consist of the following members: Vice President for Student Affairs or a faculty advisor appointed by him; three (3) students appointed by the President of the SGA and confirmed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Senate.
2. The Elections Committee will make all arrangements for student elections and will set deadlines for submission of nominating petitions. The committee will be responsible for assuring fair and democratic elections and for proper management of the polls. This committee will review any discrepancies or protest and will make the final decision regarding such matters. Any student running for any of the offices of the SGA will not be placed on the committee.

Article V - Amendments
The Senate, in session, and a quorum being present, may propose amendments to this constitution by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote. A proposed amendment may be ratified in a special election held one week after said Senate action by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the students who participate in the election.

Article VI - Ratification
This constitution must be ratified by at least fifty-five percent (55%) voting in a campus-wide election.

Initial Procedure for Recognition of Student Organizations
Application - An organization seeking recognition must submit the following information in writing to the Student Services office:
1. Name
2. Purpose (including explanation of why the organization is desirable on campus)
3. Qualifications for membership
4. Fees, dues and other considerations for membership
5. Officer and leadership structure
6. Time and manner of election of officers
7. Number of students wishing to join
8. Faculty or staff sponsor
9. Explanation of any extra-campus affiliation (e.g., national parent organization)
10. Time and location of meetings
11. Names of prospective members who will serve as spokesmen for the organization during the recognition procedure (it is suggested that three students be named).

Hearing - The Vice President for Student Affairs or his designee shall examine each application and reject those not submitted in proper form. He may request a hearing on the proposed recognition. He may, at his discretion, request that the hearing be held before the Student Services Committee. The Vice President may request the presentation of oral and documentary evidence. A recording or transcript of the hearing may be made and preserved for use in possible appeals and reviews.

Criteria for Recognition and Review Procedure - Recognition shall be granted only to those organizations whose purpose and proposed activities are clearly related to educational goals and mission of the college. Recognition shall be denied if the evidence presented shows that the proposed organization will present substantial likelihood of material interference or conflict with the educational process of the college or any of the following:
1. The regular and orderly operation of the college.
2. The requirements of appropriate discipline within the college community.
3. The academic pursuits of teaching, learning, and other campus activities.
4. The laws or public policies of the State of Georgia and the United States.
5. The statutes and regulations of the college and the Policies of the Board of Regents.

If the Vice President or the committee disapproves recognition, the organization may appeal the
decision to the President of the college, who shall review the same and affirm, reverse or modify the
decision. The appeal shall be in such form as the President may require.

All applicants for recognition approved by the Vice President or the committee shall be promptly transmitted
to the SGA for ratification. Ratification shall be in accordance with procedures established by the student
governing authority. If the student governing authority fails to ratify the approval, the organization may
appeal this action to the President of the college, who shall review the action and affirm, reverse or modify the
same. The appeal shall be in such form as the President may require.

The recognition of an organization authorizes it:
1. To use college facilities and equipment, subject to the Board of Regents’ Policies and to college
   regulations governing the use of facilities and equipment, and to reasonable scheduling and clearance
   of particular facilities and equipment by the Facilities Office and/or the Security Office.
2. To be eligible to receive student service monies subject to the Board of Regents’ Policies and to college
   regulations governing allocation of student activity fees.

All club fund raising activities must be approved by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Organizations shall
carry on business transactions and contractual relations with punctual and timely discharge of valid
obligations and prudent use of funds.

Activities of organizations must be in conformance with their applications’ stated purposes.

Active membership shall be confined to regularly enrolled students. Three hours per semester is the
minimum academic load for any student participating in a student organization. A student must maintain a
2.0 cumulative grade point average to be eligible to serve as an officer of a student organization.

A list of officers must be submitted to the Student Services office within 7 days after each election. A copy of
each organization’s constitution and by-laws and of all subsequent amendments thereto must be submitted to
the Student Services office within 7 days after enactment.

Student organization publications shall not contain material which is obscene or defamatory (as defined by
Georgia law), or which create a substantial likelihood of material interference with the regular and orderly
operation of the college. Student organization publications shall abide by the guidelines and policies of the
External Relations Committee.

All East Georgia State College club sponsored activities will take place on the campus of East Georgia State
College unless otherwise approved by the Director of Student Life. East Georgia State College’s name shall not
be used in association with any off campus activity unless prior approval is granted by the Director of Student
Life. Violations may result in loss of club recognition or other penalties as prescribed by the Vice President for
Student Affairs, the Director of Student Life, and SGA. Please see below.

The Vice President for Student Affairs shall periodically review the activities of all student organizations to
determine if they are acting in compliance with college regulations. Charges of violations of college
regulations may be brought against any recognized organization and shall be heard by the Vice President for
Student Affairs or, at his discretion by the Director of Student Life. The Vice President or the Director may
request the presentation of oral and documentary evidence at the hearing. He or the hearing committee may
have a recording or transcript of the hearing prepared. The Vice President or the SGA may impose any one or
any combination of the following penalties upon an organization after consideration of the evidence presented
at the hearing.
1. Restriction of all or any privileges enjoyed as a recognized student organization.
2. Monetary fines, withholding or withdrawal of allocated student activities monies.
3. Restitution for damages.
4. Probation of recognized status.
5. Suspension of recognized status.

An organization may appeal the imposition of any penalty to the President of the college, who shall review
the action and affirm, reverse or modify the same. The appeal and review shall be in such form as the
President may require. The President may utilize the services of an existing or ad hoc committee in
determining the issues involved. Upon notice and hearing, the President of the college may review at any
time the recognition of any student organization, or any decision on disciplinary charges against any
student organization, and make whatever final disposition of the matter he deems necessary for the best
interests of the college.

Appendix B:

Intramural Handbook:

I. Purpose

The Intramural Sports Program supports the mission of the Office of Student Life by offering
quality comprehensive programs and activities to the students, faculty, and staff of East Georgia State
College. The Intramural Program strives to promote healthy, active lifestyles while also teaching decision-
making, problem solving, conflict management, communication, and social skills. The strength of this
program is entirely dependent on student participation and leadership. While the Assistant Director of
Student Life serves as a facilitator of the program and a liaison between the students and staff of EGSC,
the primary responsibility of making the Intramural Sports Program successful lies in the hands of the
students who choose to participate.

This handbook will serve as a guide for participants, and should be used a reference should any
questions or conflicts arise. However, East Georgia State College reserves the right to make any changes,
additions, alterations, or omissions deemed necessary at anytime. For more information about the
Intramural Sports Program, please contact the Assistant Director of Student Life, Taylor Edenfield, at
478.289.2170 or tedenfield@ega.edu, or Vicki Sherrod, Director of Student Life at 478.289.2105 or
vsherrod@ega.edu.

II. Player Eligibility

1. A valid East Georgia State College ID must be presented to sign up for and participate in an
Intramural Activity.
2. A player must be enrolled in 6 credit hours in the same semester session during which the
Intramural Activity takes place. Students who enroll for the current semester and then withdraw
from all classes are no longer eligible.
3. A signed liability waiver and Medical Information Form for each participant must be on file with
the Office of Student Life.
4. Players must never have been considered professional athletes in same or related sport.
5. Any individual who currently participates in a sport at the intercollegiate level is ineligible to
participate in intramural sports during the same academic year. A participant who meets any of
the following criteria is considered to be a collegiate athlete:
   a. Name appears on an official intercollegiate roster during the academic year.
   b. Has competed in an intercollegiate contest during the academic year.
6. Former collegiate athletes can participate in Intramural sports with certain exceptions. Players
must not be listed on a collegiate roster in the same or related sport for the current academic year.
Exceptions will be made for any player who was on the roster for less than three weeks. A team
roster is limited to only one former collegiate athlete. For more information, please see the NIRSA
Eligibility Guidelines at
   http://www.nirsa.org/wcm/Play/Series/Guidelines/Player_Eligibility_Requirements/wcm/
   Play/Series/Eligibility.aspx?hkey=79830b08-64cc-43be-a856-0a7a1c35a0cb
7. To be eligible for playoff competition, a player must participate in a minimum of 1 regular season contest.
8. A player shall not be permitted to play with more than one team per sport. However, players are permitted to play on a gender specific team as well as a Co-Rec team in the same sport. A participant cannot be added to a roster if he or she has already played with another team.
9. A player is considered a member of the first team he or she signs a game score sheet with, and after entering one contest with a team, a player may not switch teams during the season. In other words, trading is prohibited. Exceptions will be made in the event a team formally withdraws from competition.

III. Getting Started/Registration

1. Participants are required to form their own teams/roster, a copy of which must be given to the Assistant Director of Student Life. One member of the team should be chosen to serve as Team Captain. The Team Captain will act as a liaison between the team and the Assistant Director of Student Life. It is the captain’s responsibility to:
   a. Organize the team and enter it into competition before the entry deadline.
   b. Attend the mandatory Captains’ meeting for the designated sport.
   c. Keep his or her contact information up to date with the Office of Student Life.
   d. Be familiar with all eligibility rules and ensure that his or her team consists of only eligible players.
   e. Coordinate practices with team members.
   f. Inform team members as to the time and place of scheduled games.
   g. Ensure that those representing his or her team play according to the rules of the game and conduct themselves properly.
   h. Keep his or her team informed of rules, policies, and regulations governing each Sport.
   i. Inform the Assistant Director of Student Life immediately of any conflicts, questions, or changes that may arise throughout the season.

2. Rosters, Scheduling, and Waivers:
   a. Download and print a roster form from the EGSC Student Life website, or pick one up at the Help Desk located in the JAM Student Center.
   b. Fill out roster with each team member’s name, student ID number, and contact information.
   c. Return completed form to the Office of Student Life. Team Captains will be notified after the verification process is complete.
   d. Game scheduling will be done entirely by the Assistant Director of Student Life and/or any student workers employed by the Office of Student Life. All efforts will be made to produce a schedule that accommodates as many teams and players as possible; however, due to space and time limitations, that may not always be possible.
   e. Generally speaking, games will be played in the mid- to late afternoon, and participation in an intramural sport is ABSOLUTELY NOT an excuse to miss class.
   f. Game schedules will be available via the EGSC website and Facebook page, and signage will be placed around campus. It is the responsibility of the players to make themselves aware of game times and locations.
g. Each participant will be required to sign a waiver AND fill out a Medical Information form before participating in game play of any kind. NO EXCEPTIONS.

IV. Responsibilities and Expectations of Participants

1. Each team is expected to have some type of attire (i.e. NUMBERED t-shirts, jerseys, etc) that provides uniformity in color for all participants, and ONE T-SHIRT PER PLAYER will be provided by the Office of Student Life. This t-shirt should be worn during all competitions in which a team participates, so arrangements should be made by each player to ensure this is possible. Numbering of these t-shirts is required for most intramural sports, and is the sole responsibility of the player.

2. Proper footwear (depending on playing surface) is required. Because attire varies per sport, please refer to specific sport rules for guidelines.

3. Each team is expected to create a team name by which they will be identified throughout the season. “East Georgia State College” and “Bobcats” should not be used in team names. The Office of Student Life reserves the right to change or alter any team name that is vulgar, offensive, or in poor taste.

4. Participants are encouraged to practice with teammates and/or schedule and participate in scrimmage games. Practices WILL NOT be scheduled by the Office of Student Life, and are therefore the sole responsibility of the teams.

5. Participants are responsible for keeping up with game schedules, and should remain in frequent contact with the Team Captain and/or Assistant Director of Student Life. A team not fielding the minimum number of players at game time shall receive a forfeit loss. Not being aware of a scheduled game is not longer an excuse, as the game schedule is readily accessible online.

6. Participants are expected to adhere to all rules and codes of conduct (see below) that apply to each sport and/or venue, as well as the rules and standards of East Georgia State College as outlined in the Student Handbook.

7. Participants are expected to learn the rules of the specific sport he or she participates in, and to adhere to these rules during all contests. Rule interpretation is the sole responsibility of the official(s), and the Assistant Director of Student Life will rely on the judgment of said officials.

V. Extramural Sports (Tournaments)

Participation in activities offered by the Intramural Sports Program provides various opportunities for participation in extramural contests, i.e. state, regional, and national tournaments. These tournaments allow participants from the EGSC Intramural Sports Program to compete against other Intramural teams on the state, regional, and national levels and to represent EGSC at various extramural events. There are some guidelines associated with extramural contests.

1. There is the potential for East Georgia State College to reimburse the extramural tournament entry fee of one team. This team will be decided either in playoff competition (first place team), or an All-Star team that will be selected at least 2 weeks prior to the tournament. The Office of Student Life will determine which method is best, and several variables will be considered.

2. Lodging and travel are not included in any fees paid by the Office of Student Life, unless travel is PROVIDED by the Office of Student Life. This will be determined on a case by case basis. Lodging for participants in an extramural event, however, is never to be paid for or reimbursed by East Georgia State College.
3. All teams have the opportunity to participate in State and Regional tournaments; however, they must pay their own entry fee, not to be reimbursed by the Office of Student Life.

4. Participation and behavior at extramural events is representative of EGSC and sportsmanship displayed should reflect the program represented. Any instance of poor sportsmanship by an individual or team representing EGSC will result in sanctions for that individual or team with the Intramural Sports Program at EGSC, in addition to any sanctions imposed at the extramural event.

5. The Assistant Director of Student Life will notify Team Captains of any and all applicable extramural activities and tournaments, and a schedule of said activities is available through the Office of Student Life.

VI. Rules and Behavioral Expectations

1. Tobacco, alcohol, and drugs are prohibited during any and all Intramural activities. Playing or spectating under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, or drugs is cause for immediate ejection, and could result in further punishment and sanctions.

2. If a disagreement should arise between a player and an official concerning the interpretation of a rule that could have or has had a direct bearing on the outcome of a contest, a protest may be made by the team captain to the officials. Protests must be made at the time of the dispute and before play has resumed. Misapplication of playing rules and participant eligibility are the only elements of the contest which may be protested. Official's judgment may not be protested.

3. Abusive, offensive, or obscene language and/or gestures will not be tolerated.

4. Unnecessary roughness, physical violence, fighting, or threats thereof can result in immediate termination of the game and possible suspension of player(s) and/or team(s).

5. Use of an ineligible player will cause the offending team to receive a forfeit loss for each contest in which the ineligible player(s) participated.

6. Any and all behavior and actions deemed inappropriate or unacceptable by officials and/or the Department of Student Life, but not specified in this handbook, can result in ejection and/or suspension.

Appendix C:

Cheerleading Handbook

Expectations of Behavior

Because cheerleading is a privilege and not a right, East Georgia State College Office of Student Life sets higher standards for cheerleaders than it would for those students who choose not to participate in such activities. The East Georgia State College Cheerleading Code of Conduct will be enforced to all students participating in the cheerleading program:

- regardless of whether school is in session;
- regardless of whether the offense occurs on or off school property or at a school-related event;
- regardless of whether the student is directly involved with the extracurricular activity (cheerleading) at the time the prohibited conduct occurs;
- regardless of whether the extracurricular activity (cheerleading) is in-season and
- regardless of where or when the conduct occurs.

The following guidelines are an overview of what is expected of you as a member of the East Georgia State
College Bobcat Cheerleaders. The Cheerleading Coach reserves the right to make any changes or additions to the Code of Conduct deemed necessary. By signing this Code of Conduct, you are agreeing to adhere to all rules, standards, and guidelines set forth in the EGSC Student Handbook, as well as those outlined in this specific document. You are also accepting the consequences set in place for failure to adhere to said rules, standards and guidelines. Please read carefully before signing, and see the Cheerleading Coach with any questions or concerns.

1) You are representing not only yourself, but also your team, coaches, and East Georgia State College at all times. You will always act responsibly, appropriately, and respectfully, in and out of uniform.
   a. No alcohol, drugs, use of offensive language, or any behavior unbecoming of a Bobcat Cheerleader will be tolerated.
   b. Profanities or inappropriate postings on online profiles such as Facebook or Twitter will not be tolerated. The Cheerleading Coach reserves the right to make judgment calls on any public postings made by squad members and to require squad members to remove any posting deemed inappropriate.
   c. No display of affection toward boy/girlfriends is acceptable at a team function of any kind.
   d. No arguing/fighting/ill words/negative attitudes towards teammates or coaches will be accepted.
   e. Any and all concerns, disputes, or issues must be immediately reported to the Head Coach.

2) All practices and workouts are mandatory, and full participation is required. It is impossible to be successful in any team sport without each and every member of the team.
   a. If you frequently miss practice or other team events you will be removed from the team and replaced by an alternate. If you miss 3 practices, you will be dismissed. If you miss 2 games, you will be dismissed.
   b. YOU must notify the head Cheerleading Coach ASAP if you are going to miss practice or workouts. DO NOT send notice through a fellow squad member.
   c. Pay attention and work hard during all practices. Negativity, poor attitudes, and lack of productivity will not be tolerated.
   d. The Bobcat Basketball schedule is given to you months in advance. If you have conflicts during the games, please do not commit to being a Bobcat Cheerleader.
   e. Cell phones are NOT ALLOWED during workouts, practices, or games.
   f. Cheerleading is supposed to be fun, but the inherent dangers related to the sport cannot be taken lightly. Safety should ALWAYS be our number one priority during practices and games.

3) Your appearance is crucial to the integrity of the squad, particularly when in uniform and during practices. Squad members who refuse to follow these guidelines for appearance will be removed from the squad.
   a. No visible tattoos. Use make up to cover any tattoos that show when you are in uniform.
   b. Only light, natural looking make up will be allowed.
   c. Hair must be worn away from your face.
   d. Nails must be kept short and only neutral polish or traditional French Tips are allowed.
   e. No jewelry except for small studs in your ears. Remove all jewelry before practices and games.
   f. Uniform skirts, practice shorts, etc. must be an appropriate length, and show ONLY LEG from behind.
   g. Uniform shirts must be long enough to cover your stomach, even when arms are raised.
h. No gum-chewing, eating, or drinking (anything except water) will be tolerated during practices or games.

4) **Squad members are required to maintain a 2.0 GPA, and any member unable to do so will be removed from the squad.**
   a. The Cheerleading Coach will check each squad member’s grades at mid-term and end of term. Warnings will be given to squad members at mid-term whose GPA is below a 2.0. Dismissals will happen at the end of each semester.
   b. All squad members are required to complete mandatory study hall hours, as designated by the coach. Squad members in danger of falling below a 2.0 GPA will be required to participate in extra study hall sessions.

5) **Traveling with the Bobcat Basketball teams is a privilege that is not to be taken likely. Decisions to travel to away games will be made by the Cheerleading Coach and the Basketball Coach(es).**
   a. When traveling, always remember that you are a representative of EGSC. Any behavior that violates the Code of Conduct or that is deemed unbecoming of a Bobcat Cheerleader will result in the revocation of offending squad member(s) traveling privileges.
   b. The Bobcat Cheerleading Squad will travel as a group if we travel at all. No personal transportation to or from away games will be allowed, unless coordinated and approved by the Head Coach.

6) **Any injury or illness must be reported to the Cheerleading Coach immediately. If injury is pre-existing, it must be detailed on the squad member’s Medical History form.**
   a. If an injury or illness incapacitates a squad member, he or she will not be permitted to practice or cheer for a period of time as determined by a health care professional. Return to participation will require a note from said health care professional.
   b. If a chronic illness or injury causes a squad member to miss practice or games repeatedly, the member may be removed from the squad at the Coach’s discretion.

7) **The EGSC Cheerleading Program is committed to promoting and fostering healthy lifestyles and eating habits for its squad members.**
   a. Each squad member will be required to participate in 5 MANDATORY EXTRA hours of workouts/exercise in addition to the conditioning that will occur during practice. These workouts must be documented and documentation must be turned into the Cheerleading Coach each week.

8) **Uniforms and poms are provided free of charge to all squad members.**
   a. It is the responsibility of each squad member to ensure uniform is clean for each game.
   b. Uniforms and poms must be returned in good condition at the end of the year. Failure to do so may result in a monetary fine.
   c. Poms must be turned in to the Cheerleading Coach AT THE END OF EACH GAME. The Coach or Captain will be responsible for handing out poms to each squad member before each game and/or public appearance.
Campus Map

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