

# Policy Manual



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## GENERAL STATEMENT

Upon admission to Broward College (the “College”), students agree to act responsibly in all areas of personal and social conduct and to take full responsibility for their behavior.

For students who exhibit disruptive behavior serious enough to merit disciplinary action, the College may refer the students for appropriate psychological/psychiatric evaluation. The College shall retain the services of a psychological/psychiatric evaluator to assess the behavior and psychological condition of students who exhibit disruptive behavior and/or threaten bodily harm to themselves and/or others or exhibit severely disoriented perceptions and/or behaviors. Alternatively, College counselors may be used to assist students who exhibit less severe disruptive behavior.

All records associated with a psychological/psychiatric evaluation or disciplinary process shall be kept confidential. To protect confidentiality and the possible sensitive nature of the information, the chief student affairs officer on the campus or his/her designee may share the information in person with the faculty member or other officer of the College who has a legitimate educational interest or to protect the safety of the College community. Only relevant information should be shared, not the entire record. No copies of the record shall be made.

Students are subject to federal and state law, county and municipal ordinances, and all policies and procedures of the Board of Trustees. Violation of these published laws, ordinances, or policies and procedures may subject the violator to appropriate action by College authorities.

## THE POLICY AND THE STUDENT

Students shall not be permitted to interfere with other students’ access to a college education. Students must conform to the standards of appropriate behavior as set forth in Broward College Policy 6Hx2-5.02- Student Code of Conduct.

## THE POLICY AND THE FACULTY AND STAFF

Any faculty or staff member who believes a student is exhibiting disruptive behavior has a responsibility to inform the chief student affairs officer on the campus.

All records associated with a psychological/psychiatric evaluation or disciplinary process shall be kept confidential, however, faculty and staff may disclose personally identifiable information from an educational record to appropriate parties, including parents of an eligible student in connection with an emergency if knowledge of the information is necessary to protect the health and safety of the student or other individuals.

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### IMPLEMENTATION AND OVERSIGHT

The chief student affairs officer or designee on the campus/center where the infraction is alleged to have occurred, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, is responsible for the implementation and oversight of policy compliance. Students wishing to grieve a decision may appeal in accordance with the provisions of the Dismissal of Disruptive Students Procedure.

### VIOLATION OF POLICY

The College reserves the right to take all appropriate steps to protect the safety of the College Community. Students suspended under this policy may (1) petition to receive a 100% refund for the term during which they were suspended and (2) may apply for re-admission only after certification by a licensed clinical psychologist or psychiatrist, and/or recommendation from a chief student affairs officer or designee, and approval by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

For students suspended or expelled under this policy, the campus chief student affairs officer or designee shall consult with the student's professor(s) regarding the student's grade(s) for the term during which they have been suspended or expelled. Final determination of grades, however, shall rest with the professor(s).

If a student has been removed from the College through disciplinary suspension due to disruption of the educational process, or the endangerment of the health and safety of others, and returns to the College in a subsequent academic term as a student, the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management or his/her designee may share with the student's professor(s) information concerning the student when in his/her judgment it may further educational interests and is determined to be in the interests of safety of the learning environment and the College community. Students who are expelled may not return to the College.

### DEFINITIONS

**Disruptive Behavior** – any behavior that the College deems detrimental to the safety and security of the learning environment and campus community.

**Expulsion** – Permanent separation of the student from the College.

**Suspension** - Separation of the student from the College for a definite period of time, after which the student is eligible to return; conditions for readmission may be specified.

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**Date**  
August 26, 2008

**President's Signature**

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