

## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES - PROCESS

### I. GENERAL STATEMENT OF STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The purposes of the Student Rights and Responsibilities Procedure are to define a student's basic rights within the college community, state what actions students may expect from the college to protect those rights, and explain the college's expectations of its student members, including the standards by which student behavior is measured. This statement describes unacceptable student behavior and outlines the procedures to sanction students if they engage in unacceptable conduct.

A person must be officially admitted and currently registered for an academic credit course to be considered a student under this policy.

#### A. Statement of Student Rights and College's Responsibilities

Students at Northwestern Michigan College have the same rights and protections under the Constitution of the United States and the state of Michigan as other citizens. These rights include freedom of speech, press, religion, and assembly. Students also have the right to be treated fairly by the college and to be informed of college policies and/or regulations affecting them. Any student accused of violating college policies and/or regulations affecting them is entitled to procedural due process protection.

#### B. Northwestern Michigan College's Expectations of Students

When students are admitted to NMC, they accept the rights and responsibilities of membership in the college's academic and social community. Honesty is expected of each student at Northwestern Michigan College. Each student is expected to respect the rights of others and to work to create an open, caring and intellectually stimulating environment where diversity of ideas is valued and every person's dignity and autonomy are respected. Students at Northwestern Michigan College are expected to be responsible for their actions and to respect the rights of others.

### II. NORTHWESTERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The College Review Board shall have jurisdiction on all cases involving personal behavior violations, except those noted in II.C." (Professional Standards for Occupational Programs). Possible sanctions are listed at IV.B.8.

#### A. Personal Behavior

The following personal actions on NMC property or at official college functions are prohibited. This list is not intended to be exhaustive and the college reserves the right to impose discipline for personal actions that may not be expressly identified: