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Honoring the Code

Principia College assumes that its students have made a conscientious choice to align themselves with the unique purpose and moral standards of this institution. They are accountable, both on and off campus, whether school is in or out of session, for behavior that is in accord with the code. If they do not honor the code, they should seek confidential help or honorably withdraw.

While Principia's moral standards have remained constant throughout its history, its institutional rules and procedures have evolved with changing times and needs. Whether one agrees with all the current rules and policies, or feels that some should be changed, obeying them is an essential responsibility of each community member for the well-being and progress of both the individual and the community.

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Social Conduct

Students are responsible for:

- living completely free from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other recreational drugs (also see section on "Spiritual Reliance" below);
- abstaining from pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relations and from homosexual activity;
- demonstrating respect for the personal and property rights of others, the disregard of which includes, but is not limited to, violent acts or language, rape, hazing, harassment, lying, theft, vandalism, indecent exposure, and other illegal activity.

A social violation will be referred to the Community Board and could result in disciplinary suspension. (See section on "Social Discipline" below.) The Community Board may also consider for suspension any other behavior it deems "loose social conduct" (Policy 22). A pattern of disregard for lesser school rules could also result in disciplinary suspension.

Academic Integrity and Performance

Students are responsible for doing their own academic work and making satisfactory progress. (See [academic progress policies](#).) Instances of cheating or plagiarism will generally be referred to the Scholastic Committee. Poor academic performance or a breach of academic integrity could result in academic suspension.

Financial Integrity

Students are responsible for paying their Principia bills in a timely manner. Instances of delinquency will be referred to the Financial Standards Committee. A violation of financial integrity could result in financial suspension.

Spiritual Reliance

"Members of the faculty, staff, and student body will be expected to rely on Christian Science for healing" (Policy 4). Although temporary use of medicine in unusual circumstances is compassionately regarded (see Science and Health, page 444:7-10), students who rely on medicine beyond one quarter may be asked to withdraw until such usage is discontinued. A withdrawal is not a suspension and does not negatively affect the student's record.

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