



STUDENT CONDUCT CODE

The Student Code of Conduct documents the standard of conduct students and organizations are expected to abide by. Students and organizations will be aware of the Code and knowledgeable of the fact that they will be held accountable for compliance with its provisions. By enrolling and being affiliated with the College, a student or organization neither relinquishes the right nor escapes responsibilities of local, state, or federal laws and regulations. The College is committed to maintaining an environment that contributes to its educational mission and the safety, health, and well-being of all students and other persons on campus. Therefore, students and organizations must abide by the rules and policies established by the College.

It is assumed that students enrolling in the College are mature, desire constructive learning, and attend with that purpose in mind. Common courtesy and cooperation are expected of all students. Interference, injury, or the intentional attempt to injure or interfere with any person's personal or property rights – whether a student, visitor, faculty, staff member, or the College itself- is strictly prohibited.

Application of Student Code of Conduct

The Student Code of Conduct applies to individual students and formal and informal groups either involved in College-related activities or functioning as official representatives (s) of the institution. It applies to the behavior of students and organizations, both on and off the College campus, which is determined to be incompatible with the educational environment and mission of the College.

Misconduct

The College expects the conduct of each student and organization to be in conformity with standards of common decency and decorum, with recognition of and respect for the personal and property rights of others and the educational mission of the College. A student or organization may be disciplined and is in violation of the Student Conduct Code for any of the following:

1. Academic dishonesty,
2. Forgery, alteration, or misuse of College documents, records, or identification,
3. Issuance of worthless checks made payable to the College,
4. Failure to comply with the authority of college officials acting within the capacity and performance of their positions,
5. Violation of written College rules, policies, and regulations,
6. Obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, other College activities, or other activities on College premises by either College or non-College persons or groups,
7. Destruction, damage, or misuse of College, public, or private property. The student or organization is responsible for any damage done to College property,
8. Conduct in violation of federal or state statutes or local ordinances that threatens the health and safety of the College community or adversely affects the educational environment of the College,
9. Conviction of any misdemeanor or felony which adversely affects the educational environment of the College,
10. Obtaining college services by false pretenses including, but not limited to, misappropriation or conversion of College funds, supplies, equipment, labor, material, space, facilities, or services,
11. Hazing, i.e., any mental or physical requirement or obligation placed upon a person by a member of any organization, by an individual, or by a group of individuals that could cause discomfort, pain, or injury or which violates any legal statute or College rule, regulation, or policy,



12. Lewd, obscene, licentious, or indecent conduct or the verbal or written threat of such action against another person,
13. Lewd, obscene, licentious, indecent, unsafe, or inappropriate dress; students must wear shoes/footwear at all times,
14. Possession, while on College-owned or controlled property, of firearms, ammunition, explosives, fireworks, or other dangerous instrumentalities,
15. Possession, sale, and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages or non-prescribed, controlled drugs on College property or at a student or College-sponsored function,
16. Unauthorized manufacture, sale, delivery, or possession of any medication or drug paraphernalia defined as illegal under local, state, or federal law,
17. Theft, accessory to theft, and possession of stolen property,
18. Filing a false report or knowingly making a false statement about or interfering with the investigation of any situation described in this conduct code or the Student Handbook.
19. Fighting, physical or verbal abuse, threats of violence, intimidation, and physical or mental harassment,
20. Trespassing or unauthorized entry,
21. Entering false alarms, tampering with fire extinguishers, alarms, or other equipment,
22. Publishing, aiding in publishing, circulating or aiding in circulating anonymous publications or petitions,
23. Disruptive devices such as tape players, radios, beepers, mobile phones, or other electronic devices in the student center, hallways, lecture rooms, classrooms, library, or any other place that will interfere with the regular activity of the College,
24. Violations of the Sexual Harassment Policy,
25. Any form of gambling,
26. Disruptive or disorderly conduct that interferes with the rights and opportunities of those who attend the College to utilize and enjoy educational facilities.

Violations of the above will render a student subject to disciplinary action under the procedures that provide adequate notice and a fair hearing as outlined in this handbook. Penalties for violations may include reprimand and probation, loss of privileges, suspension, expulsion, and other penalties that may be outlined in College regulations published in the student handbook.

Where there has been a severe violation of College regulations and a student's continued presence will materially threaten the welfare of the College, the President's designated representative, usually the Dean of Student Services or another College official, may immediately suspend the student. According to the regular disciplinary procedures, the student will be entitled to a hearing.

Misconduct Disciplinary Policy

Any case involving a violation of published policies and regulations in this bulletin will be brought to the immediate attention of the Dean of Student Services or Dean of Auxiliary Services, who will discuss the case with the student, attempting to arrive at a mutually satisfactory conclusion. If a satisfactory conclusion is not reached, the student may appeal the case to the Student Services Action Group.

The *Student Services Action Group*, or a similarly functioning group, is authorized to hear the student appeal and may choose to modify, uphold, or reverse the written recommendations of the Office of the Dean of Student Services in this case. It is important to note that in the chronology of events, the student receives a copy of these recommendations in their initial meeting with the Office of the Dean of Student Services. His/her decision to appeal will be based on disagreement with these recommendations. After appeal to the *Student Services Action Group*, the Office of the Dean of Student Services will ensure that the student is granted due process through the following steps:



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- Written notice will be provided the student at least three (3) calendar days in advance of the hearing date. Further, the student will be given a list of witnesses and a copy of their statements or complaints, along with other evidence and affidavits which the College intends to submit against the student.
- The student is permitted to have counsel present at the hearing to advise him/her. The student may question at the hearing any witness who gives evidence against him/her. Attorneys are present in advising capacity only. The College appeal process will not be bound by Courtroom procedures.
- The student is permitted to hear the evidence presented against him/her and will be permitted the opportunity to present his/her own case, his/her version of the incident, and any exhibits, affidavits, or witnesses on his/her behalf.
- A full and complete record of the hearing will be made. Unless otherwise specified, a videotaped record will be used.
- The *Student Services Action Group* will provide a written decision to the student and the Dean of Student Services. Final local responsibility for discipline is vested in the President of the College. Any disciplinary probation or suspension will be recorded on the student's permanent record. The College seeks to guarantee that the fundamental principles of fair play are observed and to assure that no disciplinary action is taken on grounds which are not supported by substantial evidence. A conscious effort is made to assure that all of the College's regulations are within the scope of the lawful missions of tax-supported higher education. It is recognized that it is not a lawful mission of the College to prohibit the exercise of a right guaranteed by the Constitution or a law of the United States. However, the President will take direct and appropriate action in any case involving the integrity of the College and the well-being of the students.

Hazing Education and Prevention

Shelton State Community College is committed to maintaining a safe and respectful campus environment. Hazing of any kind is strictly prohibited and will not be tolerated. Students involved in clubs, organizations, teams, or campus groups are expected to foster a culture of respect and accountability.

“Hazing” means any mental or physical requirement or obligation placed upon a person by a member of any organization, by an individual, or by a group of individuals that could cause discomfort, pain, or injury or which violates any legal statute or College rule, regulation, or policy. Hazing behaviors, whether physical, emotional, or psychological—have no place in our community.

For more information on hazing prevention and how to take action, visit [StopHazing.org](https://www.stophazing.org).

If you have experienced or witnessed hazing, report it immediately to the Dean of Student Services. Your voice matters—and together, we can stop hazing before it starts.