

STUDENT CONDUCT PROCEDURES

at

SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**A FACULTY'S GUIDE TO OUR EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WHICH INCORPORATES
ETHICS, VALUES AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

INTRODUCTION

The primary purpose of the Student Code of Conduct and Student Conduct Process is to protect the campus community and foster a safe, non-threatening environment that advances the academic mission of the College. Accordingly, students and student organizations will be held accountable for violations of College regulations and policies, although within this context reasonable efforts will also be made to foster the personal and social development of all parties involved.

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Postponing or Dismissing Cases: The student conduct process will proceed as outlined in *The Student Handbook*. Should a student elect not to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing can take place in his/her absence. Student conduct proceedings and actions are not subject to challenge or postponement on the grounds that criminal or civil charges involving the same incident have been dismissed, reduced, or are pending in civil or criminal court.

Off-Campus Violations: While the jurisdiction of the College shall generally be limited to conduct which occurs on College premises or at College-sponsored events, a student who is charged with a felony as a result of off-campus behavior, or who represents a risk to the health or safety of the College community, may also be subject to the student conduct process. In addition, the jurisdiction may be extended when a student commits a prohibited act off campus against a member of the College community, or against the College itself, when the act is related to the student's or victim's status at the College.

Accused Student's Rights in Student Conduct Proceedings

- The right to be informed in writing of all alleged violations at least three (3) days before any hearing.
- The right to waive the three-day notice of alleged violations and proceed with a hearing within three days of being informed of the charges.