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**POLICY TITLE:**

**Student Code of Conduct**

**APPLIES TO:**

**All Students**

**ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY:**

**Vice Provost of Student Affairs**

**Division of Academic & Student Affairs**

**APPROVED BY:**

**Kentucky State University Board of Regents**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:**

**August 8, 2025**

**NEXT REVIEW DATE:**

**August 8, 2028**

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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Kentucky State University (KSU) is dedicated to maintaining an educational environment that fosters academic excellence, personal development, and respect for the rights of all individuals. All students are expected to uphold and abide by the standards of conduct that form the basis of this Student Code of Conduct ("Code"). This Code ensures the protection of a safe and orderly educational environment and applies to conduct that occurs on KSU premises, at KSU-sponsored activities, and to off-campus conduct that adversely affects the KSU community and its mission.

The student conduct process is not intended to punish students but rather to protect the interests of the KSU community and to challenge students whose behavior is not in accordance with KSU standards. Sanctions are intended to be educational and to encourage students to reflect upon their behavior and its impact.

**DEFINITIONS:**

### **Prohibited Conduct**

Actions that violate the behavioral standards established by KSU, including but not limited to acts of dishonesty, disruption, harm to persons or property, and violations of law or other KSU policies.

### **Sanction**

An educational outcome imposed on a student found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct. Sanctions may range from a formal warning to expulsion from KSU.

### **Student**

Any person admitted to KSU and/or enrolled in courses at KSU, either full-time or part-time, pursuing undergraduate, graduate, or professional studies.

## **PROCESS:**

### **Authority and Responsibility**

The President of KSU delegates the authority to administer the student conduct system to the Division of Academic & Student Affairs. The student conduct process is the responsibility of Student Affairs, which is charged with investigating complaints and facilitating the adjudication of alleged violations of this Code.

### **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Students have the right to a fair and impartial process, including the right to be notified of any charges, to review the evidence against them, and to have a hearing and an appeal as detailed in the implementing regulation. Students are responsible for knowing and adhering to the standards outlined in this Code and for participating truthfully and cooperatively in the student conduct process.

### **Prohibited Conduct**

The specific behaviors that constitute a violation of this Code are detailed in the Student Code of Conduct Adjudication Regulation.

### **Implementation**

The specific, step-by-step procedures for reporting, investigating, and adjudicating violations of this Code are detailed in KSU's official Student Code of Conduct Adjudication Regulation.

## **REFERENCES AND RELATED MATERIALS:**

- KSU Student Code of Conduct Adjudication Regulation
- KSU Academic Integrity Code

## **CONTACTS:**

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