

Polk State College Procedure

Procedure Number	Procedure Title	Effective Date
5001	Code of Conduct for Student Participants	February 22, 2024

I. Purpose

The purpose of the *Code of Conduct for Student Participants* is to provide a means of assisting students in understanding appropriate conduct while representing the College as a participant in a college-organized activity. The Code is not all inclusive, but it is intended to identify broad areas of behavioral expectations in addition to those referenced in District Board of Trustees (DBOT) Rule 4.01: *Code of Conduct for Students and Student Organizations*. Each coach, sponsor, or appropriate administrator is assigned the responsibility of 1) using this general Code of Conduct to develop an expanded version that is specifically applicable to each activity, and 2) briefing the participating students, both verbally and in written form, of these expectations.

For the purposes of this procedure, “student participants” are those students who represent the College through participation in athletics, clubs, dramatics, music, and other activities that are sponsored, funded, or supported by the College. Since participants' behavior reflects on the College and affects the community's attitude toward Polk State, the College has an obligation to set forth the parameters of acceptable conduct.

II. Procedure

- A. Participation in Polk State student activities is a privilege granted by the College. The supervising Dean of Student Services (or his or her designee) administers DBOT Rule 4.01 and this *Code of Conduct for Student Participants*; the Dean may revoke the privilege of participation or representation for students with violations indicated under Section II. D of this document.
- B. Each student involved in student activities must exhibit responsible behavior while participating in the prescribed activity.
- C. The College does not tolerate activities or conditions that reflect poorly upon the College and its commitment to the development of good citizenship. A student's involvement in such activities results in the revocation of that student's privilege to participate in future Polk State student activities.
- D. The College views certain activities and conditions as unacceptable for a student participant. These include, but are not limited to:
 1. Conviction of any felony while the student is enrolled as a Polk State College.
 2. Conviction of any misdemeanor that involves actions that reflect unfavorably on the College.
 3. Possession, use, or sale of illegal drugs or alcohol on campus or at a College-sponsored event.
 4. Conduct that is deemed disruptive to the College's educational process.
 5. Possession or use of a firearm on campus or at any College event, except as authorized by the College President.
 6. Conduct that indicates that the individual is under the influence of alcohol or drugs while

- on campus, or while at any activity at which the student is representing the College.
7. Willful damage to school property or any property for which the College is responsible.
 8. Any action endangering the safety and well-being of another person(s) while on campus or at a College event.
 9. Gambling on campus or at a College event, or involvement in gambling concerning any College activity.
 10. Behavior that generates notoriety to the degree that the interests of the College are no longer served by the individual's continued participation in the activity.
 11. Violation of any rules described in the *Polk State College Student Code of Conduct* (cf. DBOT Rule 4.01).
 12. Violation of any rules set for a specific activity that are prescribed by the appropriate coach or sponsor and approved by the supervising Dean of Student Services.
 13. Violation of any rules, codes of conduct, or behavioral requirements described by the Florida College System Activities Association (<https://thefcsaa.com/landing/index>).
- E. The Dean of Student Services administers all matters involving revocation of the privilege to participate, per Polk State College Procedure 5028: *Student Code of Conduct: Sanctions and Assignment of Penalties for Violations* and Procedure 5029: *Student Code of Conduct Violation Procedure: Student Groups and Organizations*.
- F. Each student participant must be made aware of these regulations at the outset of involvement in College-related student activities.

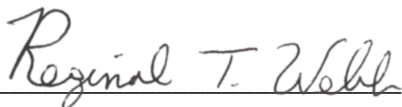

History

Adopted: July 30, 1981

Revised: October 31, 2006; February 26, 2010; April 26, 2012; and February 22, 2024

Related Rule(s): DBOT Rule 4.01, Code of Conduct for Students and Student Organizations;

Date of Last Review: February 22, 2024

 Signature <u>Reginal T. Webb</u> Name	 Signature <u>Angela M. Garcia Falconetti</u> Name	February 22, 2024
Responsible Administrator	President	Date