

CATALOG ADDENDUM

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Re: Expectation of Student Conduct

EXPECTATION OF STUDENT CONDUCT

Butler Community College expects students to behave in a manner that supports a positive educational environment for all. Upon enrollment, each student accepts the obligations of performance and behavior imposed by the college relevant to its lawful missions, processes and functions. The Student Code of Conduct and Academic Integrity policies have been developed to achieve that aim.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

At Butler Community College students are expected to be responsible for reviewing all of the policies at the College. Specifically, students are required to understand the policies that relate to student behavior, academic honesty, and Butler's timeless institutional values of quality, integrity, service, and care. All students are expected to adhere to all of these policies. Lack of knowledge of the policies is not an acceptable excuse for non-compliance.

When in the classroom, students must be fully engaged in any class. Any act of disrespect toward an instructor, sponsor or College official is unacceptable. Students are expected to immediately comply with directives from any College official. If a student feels that a request is inappropriate, they should voice their concern to the Vice-President for Student Services.

Butler Community College expressly prohibits any form of discrimination or harassment based on gender, race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, or status in any group protected by state or local law.

Student behavior that is contrary to adopted school policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action. Grounds for probation, suspension or expulsion include:

1. Willful violation of any published regulation for student conduct adopted or approved by the Board of Trustees
2. Individual or group behavior which substantially impinges upon or invades the rights of others, disrupts, impedes or interferes with the operation of any college class or activity. Such conduct includes (but is not limited to) assault, threats to the personal safety of one's self or others, throwing objects, making excessive noise, unwelcome physical contact, or hazing/bullying.
3. Conduct which results in violations of federal, state laws, and local city ordinances or conviction of the student of any offense specified in chapter 21 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated or any criminal statute of the United States.
4. Disobedience of an order from a teacher, peace officer, college security officer or other school authority, when such disobedience can reasonably be anticipated to result in disorder, disruption or interference with the operation of any college class or activity is prohibited.
5. Being under the influence, possessing, and/or consuming alcoholic beverages (3.2 beer included), illegal or unauthorized drugs on college property. (See Disciplinary Action for Drug and Alcohol Violations in the Student Handbook).
6. Theft of any kind, including seizing, receiving or concealing property with knowledge that it has been stolen. Willful, intentional or negligent damage or destruction to any property belonging to the college, faculty or staff, visitor or student.
7. Possession or use of unauthorized firearms or other weapons or violation of the Weapons Policy.
8. Violations of any computer lab policy. Violations of ethical standards and unauthorized or inappropriate use of computer such as (but not limited to): using other's e-mail without permission, downloading or engaging in pornographic material, monopolizing hardware, software and/or printers for personal use (not college related), tampering with the college's network security system, or any illegal activity that violates the laws of libel, copyright, trademark and the Buckley Amendment.
9. Intentionally and/or maliciously violating the Academic Integrity policy or falsifying College documents or records (including financial aid, admissions and registration) or make a false report or statement to a College official. (See Academic Integrity)
10. Participation in inappropriate sexual behavior or sexual harassment of College faculty, staff, or students. (See Harassment and Violence Policy)
11. Use of cigarettes, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes or any other violation of the College Tobacco Free Campus Policy. (See Tobacco Free Campus Policy)

Students are expected to fully cooperate with any investigation affecting the College by local law enforcement or college officials. If a student participates in conduct which results in their conviction of any misdemeanor or felony offense, they may face disciplinary action from the College that may include being removed from school.

College officials including the President, Vice President of Academics, or Vice President of Student Services (or their designees) may impose sanctions including probation, suspension, dismissal, and expulsion of any student who violates College Policy including the Student Code of Conduct and Academic Integrity policies.

If a student disagrees with the sanctions set forth by a college official he/she has the right to appeal. To appeal sanctions resulting from violations of the Student Code of Conduct, except the Academic Integrity violations, the student should refer to the Student Disciplinary Process. For violations of the Academic Integrity policy and disagreements about grade assignments, the students should refer to the Academic Integrity and Academic Appeal Process.

STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

Butler's Student Disciplinary Process is a three-step model consisting of the following stages: Investigation and Initial decision; Appeal to the Student Review and Appeals Committee; and Appeal to the Vice President of Student Services.

Step 1: INVESTIGATION AND INITIAL DECISION

Stage one of the disciplinary process begins with any college student, faculty, or staff member reporting or making a complaint of a student(s) of suspected violation of College Policy. Upon receipt of a complaint, the pre-adjudication investigation stage begins. During this stage the investigation may include interviewing witnesses and suspects of the before mentioned complaint. Most investigations are completed by the Department of Public Safety and/or other student services staff (i.e. residence life staff). The College shall determine appropriate disciplinary action(s) based on the type and severity of behavior or violation committed.

While a disciplinary decision is pending, the Associate Vice President of Student Services (or designee) may immediately impose interim action(s) in the event that a student's continued presence in class, program, activity or event or on any College-owned, College-operated or College-utilized facility poses a significant danger to themselves or others, and/or there is reasonable cause to believe that such interim action is required to protect lives or property or to ensure the maintenance of order. In imposing interim action, the Associate Vice President of Student Services (or designee) will give consideration to potential consequences of the action imposed, such as the student's inability to attend classes. The College may allow for alternative means for the student to fulfill academic and other obligations. A student may request a review of an interim action while it remains in effect by submitting a written request to the Vice President of Student Services. The Vice President of Student Services will review the request and determine if the interim action will be upheld, modified or terminated. The decision of the vice president will be final, and the interim action process will be separate and distinct from the investigation and discipline procedure.

After the investigation is completed a written report is forwarded to the Adjudicator (in most cases the Associate Vice President of Student Services or designee) and the disciplinary process is initiated. The role of the adjudicator is that of fact finding, rule interpretation, and choice of sanction for policy violation(s). The Adjudicator will review, in person, with the student the nature of the complaint and render sanctions in writing to the student. In addition to or in conjunction with probation, suspension, or expulsion the following list of sanctions may be imposed by the College as part of disciplinary action: mandatory training, hold on student records, academic or personal counseling, restitution and fines, required administrative meetings, medical certification/evaluation, execution of a behavioral agreement, modifications to the academic schedule, issuance of a no-contact order in relation to another individual, mandatory project or assignment, denial of privileges, emergency suspension, ban from College campus or activities and/or community service.

No suspension or expulsion shall be imposed upon a student without notification of their right to an appeal to the Student Review and Appeals Committee. In cases of expulsion, students will first be placed on suspension in order to have the opportunity to appeal. A written notice of any decision to suspend or expel a student will include the charges upon which the decision is based. This notice shall be given to the student to be suspended or expelled and to his or her parents or guardians (if student is dependent and under 18 years of age). Such notice shall be accompanied by a copy of this procedural regulation.

Step 2: RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE STUDENT REVIEW AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

If a student wishes to appeal any disciplinary action or decisions to suspend or expel, he or she must do so in writing to the Vice President for Student Services within two days of receiving disciplinary sanctions. Upon receipt of the letter requesting the appeal, the Vice President for Student Services must notify the student of the time, date, and place that the student will be afforded an opportunity for a formal hearing, and such date shall not be later than seventy-two (72) hours after the Vice President for Student Services has received the student's appeal. For the purposes of time notification, weekends and school holidays are excluded. The Student Review and Appeals Committee is comprised of four faculty members and four Student Services staff members, chaired by the Vice President of Academics.

Step 3: APPEAL TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

Should the student desire to appeal the decision made by the Student Review and Appeals Committee, they may do so, in writing, directly to the Vice President of Student Services. The Vice President of Student Services will review all of the documentation that was presented during the appeal to the Student Review and Appeals Committee. The Vice President of Student Services has the ability to support the decision made by the Student Review and Appeals Committee or make a decision to overturn such decision made by the committee. Students will be notified of appeal results in writing. The Vice President of Student Services' decision is final.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Butler Community College defines academic integrity as learning that leads to the development of knowledge and/or skills without any form of cheating or plagiarism. This learning requires respect for Butler's institutional values of quality, service,

integrity, and caring as well as its Learning College Principles. All Butler students, faculty, staff, and administrators are responsible for upholding academic integrity.

Examples of cheating include, but are not limited to: giving, receiving, or using unauthorized help on individual and group academic exercises such as papers, quizzes, tests, and presentations through any delivery system in any learning environment. This includes impersonating another student, sharing content without authorization, fabricating data, and altering academic documents, including records, with or without the use of personal and college electronic devices.

Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to: representing or turning in someone else's work without proper citation of the source. This includes unacknowledged paraphrase, quotation, or complete use of someone else's work in any form. It also includes citing work that is not used and taking credit for a group project without contributing to it.

Faculty members have discretion in handling student violations of the academic integrity policy, but faculty members must consult with their deans or administrators prior to removing a student from a course. Faculty members must inform students of violations and their consequences in writing. Students who violate the academic integrity policy will sustain academic consequences set by faculty members. The consequences may include, but are not limited to, any of the following actions and may be imposed in any order or sequence.

1. A warning.
2. A zero or failing grade on the academic exercise with repetition of the exercise allowed for reduced or the same amount of original credit.
3. A zero or failing grade on the exercise with no repetition allowed.
4. A failing grade in the course and removal from it.
5. Students who violate the academic integrity policy are also subject to administrative consequences, which may include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Reduction or cancellation of a college scholarship.
 - b. Suspension from college activities.
 - c. Being barred from the course and/or program for a set time.
 - d. Being barred from the course and/or program permanently.
 - e. Suspension from the college for a set time.
 - f. Expulsion from the college.

Students will be informed of administrative consequences in writing. Students have the right to appeal any decision or disciplinary action as outlined in the Academic Appeal Process.

ACADEMIC APPEAL PROCESS

Butler's Academic Appeal Process is a four-step model consisting of the following stages: Faculty/Student Resolution; Dean, Associate Dean or Site Director Appeal; Appeal to the Student Review and Appeals Committee; and Appeal to the Vice President of Academics.

The Butler Community College academic appeals process is to be used for violations of the academic integrity policy disagreements about grade assignments. If a student does not agree with a grade assignment, classroom procedures or related issues or disputes allegations of academic misconduct, the following procedures will be followed to ensure an appropriate resolution of the academic appeal:

Step 1: FACULTY/STUDENT RESOLUTION

The student will attempt to resolve the issue with the faculty member by requesting a meeting and discussing the issue.

Step 2: DEAN OR ASSOCIATE DEAN OR SITE DIRECTOR APPEAL

If the issue cannot be resolved between the student and the faculty member, the student has the right to appeal to the appropriate academic dean or associate dean or site director. To initiate an appeal, provide a detailed written summary of the situation and any supporting documentation in writing to the appropriate academic dean, associate dean, or site director. The academic dean, associate dean, or site director will notify the student of his or her decision in writing. **Grade appeals, the appeal must be submitted in writing within six weeks of the date the grade was officially posted by the Registrar's Office.**

Step 3: STUDENT REVIEW AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the academic dean, associate dean, or site director, the student may appeal this decision within 10 days with the Student Review and Appeals Committee. The appeal must be made in writing to the Vice President of Student Services. The student should describe the initial concern; provide any supporting documentation; indicate the decision by the academic dean, associate dean, or site director; and explain why this decision is not satisfactory. The Student Review and Appeals Committee may request additional information from the instructor, academic dean, associate dean, site director, or others. Once all documents are received, the committee will review the information and notify the student of the committee's decision in writing. In the case of suspension or expulsion, students will have the

right to a formal hearing and procedural due process. Upon receipt of the letter requesting the appeal, the Vice President of Student Services must notify the student of the time, date, and place that the student will be afforded an opportunity for a formal hearing. The Student Review and Appeals Committee is comprised of four faculty members and four Student Services staff members, chaired by the Vice President of Student Services.

Step 4: VICE PRESIDENT OF ACADEMICS

If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Student Review and Appeals Committee, the student may appeal this decision within 10 days with the Vice President of Academics. The appeal must be made in writing. The student should describe the initial concern; provide any supporting documentation; indicate the decision by the academic dean, associate dean, or site director; indicate the decision by the Student Review and Appeals Committee; and explain why these decisions are not satisfactory. The Vice President of Academics may request additional information from the Student Review and Appeals Committee, instructor, academic dean, associate dean, site director, or others. Once all documents are received, the Vice President of Academics will review the information and notify the student of the decision in writing. The decision by the Vice President of Academics is final.

PROCEDURAL DUE PROCESS

When disciplinary action is administered for violations of College Policy, students have the right to appeal the disciplinary action, through the Student Disciplinary Process and in cases of proposed suspension or expulsion for Academic Appeals Process. Students who have been sanctioned for violating College Policies, the Student Code of Conduct or the Academic Integrity Policy are assured due process. The formal hearing described process described in the Student Disciplinary Process and the Academic Appeals Process, hereof shall afford procedural due process including but not limited to the following listed below. The student and the College administrator involved in this hearing may choose to be present during the entire presentation of evidence.

Rights of the Participants

1. The right of the student and the College to have counsel of his/her own choice present and to receive the advice of such counsel or other person whom he/she may select.
2. The right of the student and his/her counsel or advisor and the College to hear or read a full report of testimony.
3. The right of the student and his/her counsel and the College to confront and cross-examine witnesses who appear in person at the hearing, either voluntarily or as a result of the issuance of a subpoena.
4. The right of the student and the College to present their own witnesses in person or their testimony by affidavit.
5. The right of the student and the College to testify in their behalf and give reasons for his/her conduct.
6. The right of the student and the College to have an orderly hearing.
7. The right of the student and the College to a fair and impartial decision based on substantial evidence.

For the purposes of this regulation "counsel" means any person a student or the College selects to represent and advise them at all proceedings conducted pursuant to the provisions of these regulations governing suspension and expulsion of students.

Powers and Duties of Person(s) Conducting the Hearings

Any person, hearing officer, or any member of a committee while conducting a hearing may:

1. Administer oaths for the purpose of taking testimony.
2. Call and examine witnesses and receive documentary and other evidence.
3. Take any other action necessary to make the hearing in accord with procedural due process.

The Chairperson of the Student Review and Appeals Committee in holding an appeal hearing may, and upon the request of any student for whom such hearing is held or his or her parent or counsel, petition that the administrative judge of the judicial district court be authorized to issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of the principal witness or witnesses and production of books, records, reports, papers and documents relating to the proposed suspension or expulsion in the same manner as the issuance of subpoenas in civil actions pursuant to K.S.A. 60-245. For the purpose of this paragraph, "principal witness" means any witness whose testimony is of major importance in support of the charges upon which the proposed suspension or expulsion is based or in determination of material questions of fact.

Reports of Hearing(s)

Upon the conclusion of any formal hearing, the Student Review and Appeals Committee shall make a decision and notify the student, in writing, of the decision. A copy of the decision will be kept with the Vice President for Student Services and shall be open to the inspection of the student who is suspended or expelled and, if the student has not attained eighteen (18) years of age, to his or her parents or guardians and counsel or other advisor. If the student has attained eighteen (18) years of age, such report shall be open to the inspection of his or her parents or guardians and counsel or other advisor only upon written consent of the student.

Whenever any such formal hearing results in suspension or expulsion, the Student Review and Appeals Committee conducting such hearing may make a recommendation to the Vice President of Student Services that returns the student to classes, pending any appeal or during the period allowed for notice of appeal, if such student is not reasonably anticipated to cause continued repeated material disorder, disruption, or interference with the operation of the college or substantial and material impingement

upon or invasion of the rights of others. Whenever the committee fails to make a recommendation, the suspension shall continue until an appeal is determined or until the period of suspension or expulsion has expired, whichever is the sooner.

Under this regulation, whenever any written notice is required to be given to parents or guardians of any student, it shall be sufficient if the same is mailed to the residence of such parents or guardians at the address on file in the college records of such student. In lieu of mailing such written notice, the same may be personally delivered.

FORMAL COMPLAINT PROCESS

The Butler Community College nonacademic appeals process is to be used for issues other than disciplinary or academic matters, and provides you with protection against unwarranted infringement of your rights. A grievance may concern an alleged violation of college policies, infringement of your rights and other such problems dealing with other students, college staff and faculty and authorized college activities.

In any case where a grievance involves alleged illegal discrimination, including any claim that a student has been subject to illegal discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, age, religion or disability, marital or parental status or status as a veteran, the Vice President of Student Services will notify the Section 504 Counselor or Title IX Coordinator in writing of the grievance. Claims of illegal discrimination will be investigated using the Policy of Nondiscrimination and/or the Harassment and Violence Policy.

The following procedures will be followed to ensure an appropriate resolution of a student grievance or complaint at the lowest possible level:

Step 1: The student will attempt to rectify the grievance with the supervisor of the area in which the alleged violation occurred within 10 business days. Every effort will be made to resolve the grievance at the lowest possible level.

Step 2: Where resolution is impossible or unsatisfactory to either party, the issue should be appealed in writing to the appropriate supervisor. The supervisor must inform the student in writing of any decision made and the reason for that decision within five business days.

Step 3: If the student feels the grievance has not been resolved, he/she may submit a written grievance to the Vice President for Student Services within 10 business days from the time the complaint was filed at the previous level and request a conference. The Vice President for Student Services must, within five business days following the conference, inform the student in writing of any decision made and the reasons for making that decision. The decision of the Vice President for Student Services is final.

Step 4: If the student feels the grievance has not been resolved, he/she may submit a written grievance to the Board of Trustees by email or mail at the addresses below. A committee will be appointed by the Board of Trustees to review the information and make a final decision. The Board of Trustees' decision will determine if the college has a process for addressing the complaint, if the college process was followed and if the college resolution was reasonable.

These proceedings will occur in a professional manner and all efforts will be made to protect the rights of all parties involved.

If the student is not satisfied with the outcome of the complaint, after following the process explained above, a committee will be appointed by the Board of Trustees to review the information and render a final decision. Their decision will determine if the college has a process for addressing the complaint; if the college process was followed; and if the college resolution was reasonable.

To file a complaint, send a written complaint to:

Butler Community College - Board of Trustees
901 S. Haverhill Rd
El Dorado, KS 67042
316-322-3101
trustees@butlercc.edu

The written complaint should include the following information:

1. Name, current mailing address, phone number of complainant
2. Email address
3. Dates of your enrollment
4. Details of your complaint
5. Expected outcome

The Board will reply to the student within 10 business days to let you know they have received your complaint and whether it requires any additional information. The Board will let you know their tentative plan for investigating and resolving the complaint, and will update you if it takes longer than originally planned. The Board will send a written response, usually

within 45 days of receipt of the complaint, explaining the investigation and the resolution.

A record of all complaints and their resolution will be documented and the records will be kept in the Board Office, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, 901 S Haverhill Rd, El Dorado, KS 67042.

If the student feels the complaint has not been properly addressed, the student may follow the state complaint process by contacting the applicable state agencies:

- Consumer protection and/or fraud complaints may be filed with the Kansas Attorney General's office.
Kansas Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection:
Consumer Protection Hotline
1-800-432-2310
(785) 296-3751
Fax: (785) 291-3699
<http://ag.ks.gov/about-the-office/contact-us/file-a-complaint>
- Discrimination complaints may be filed with the Kansas Human Rights Commission, <http://www.khrc.net/complaint.html>.
- Complaints regarding State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) courses delivered by SARA member community colleges may be filed by students enrolled in those courses with the Kansas Board of Regents office, http://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/sara.
- Kansas Community Colleges are regionally accredited by the North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission on Colleges and Universities (NCAHLC). Complaints regarding an institution's ongoing ability to meet the Criteria of Accreditation may be filed by following the guidelines at <https://www.hlcommission.org/HLC-Institutions/complaints.html>.