

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY STANDARDS & CIVILITY

QUICK GUIDE FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

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All members of the WSSU community should:

Be responsible for knowing the Code.

Demonstrate civility as members of WSSU.

Be accountable for our actions on and off campus.

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<https://www.wssu.edu/student-life/community-standards-civility/index.html>

FERPA

Under the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) parents/legal guardians of dependent students under the age of 21 may be informed by the Division of Student Development and Engagement if:

- There is serious student misconduct involving violence, alcohol, or drugs.
- Student conduct results in sanctions that require a separation from the university or in any second offense involving such case.
- The student is deemed a dependent on the taxes of their parent(s).
- A student may be harmful to themselves or others.

*NOTE** Parents/guardians, attorneys, or advisors will not have access to student's records unless the student completes a FERPA Waiver to waive his or her rights to privacy.



STUDENT RIGHTS

RIGHT TO AN ADVISOR

Any student who is going through a conduct process has the right to select an Advisor, Civility Advisor, or Licensed Attorney. The purpose of this is so students will have emotional support as they are guided through the conduct process.

RIGHT TO CONFIDENTIALITY

Conduct records are maintained in the Office of Community Standards & Civility. They are accessible to the respondent student and others as provided by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS

Students have the right to a fair and timely hearing, full knowledge of accusations, the opportunity to secure an Advisor, and confidentiality under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Each student who is guided through the conduct process has the right to be treated with fairness and an unbiased environment. Each case is handled with care and concern.

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STANDARD OF EVIDENCE & APPEALS

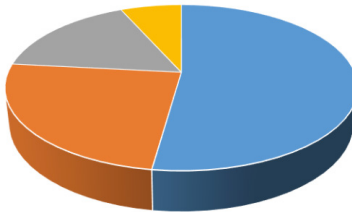
Decisions are made based on a “preponderance of the evidence,” meaning that the hearing panel or administrator will determine what is “more likely than not” to have taken place based on information given.

If a student is found responsible for his or her infractions within the process but not within the court system, as they are two separate entities, this will not be seen as “Double Jeopardy” due to the two different levels of standard of proof.

An appeal must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- A violation of due process, or
- A material deviation from Substantive and Procedural Standards for student disciplinary procedures, Section 700.4.1 of the UNC Policy Manual

TOP VIOLATIONS



■ MARIJUANA

Possession and/or use
Possession of drug paraphernalia

■ ALCOHOL

Underage possession and/or consumption
Alcohol paraphernalia

■ OTHER VIOLATIONS

Aid or abet
Disorderly conduct
Failure to comply
Fighting

■ HOUSING INFRACTIONS

Roommate altercations
Littering