

Louisiana Delta Community College

2023 - 2024

Code of Student Conduct

Department of Student Success Services

Office of Student Conduct



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**LOUISIANA DELTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (LDCC)
2023-2024 CODE OF STUDENT CONDUCT (CODE)**

INTEGRITY – RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY

**This Code applies to all
LDCC Community College Campuses and Adult Education Programs**

Statement of Authority

The College has the legal right and moral obligation to establish rules for academic and personal conduct and to deny admission to applicants or continued enrollment to students who do not meet/maintain these standards identified as "responsibilities" as well as the rules of the College and its departments. Counseling and/or sanctions will be imposed on students or student organizations that violate these standards. The College reserves the right to review any action taken by civil or judicial authorities regarding any LDCC student or student organization.

All students admitted to the College accept the responsibility of conforming to all LDCC rules and regulations. The College will make every reasonable effort to make the rules and regulations available. Each student is responsible for becoming familiar with and abiding by them. This academic misconduct policy serves as a procedural reference for the entire institution. However, these guidelines for disciplinary sanctions and the student appeal process do not supersede student misconduct policies associated with specific programs of study as governed by state or national oversight boards.

Students will not give or receive unauthorized aid or assistance on any graded assignment or assessment. If a student witnesses anyone else doing so, the witnessing student must report the infraction to the faculty member and/or the appropriate College administrator.

**ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT
SECTION ONE**

1.01 Types of Academic Misconduct

Although all academic misconduct is wrong, premeditated acts of academic misconduct represent a greater threat to the integrity of the College than unpremeditated acts of academic misconduct. Louisiana Delta Community College establishes the following definitions and distinctions between the two types of academic misconduct.

1.01:01 *Unpremeditated* academic misconduct is an act of academic misconduct taken without advance contemplation, prior determination, or planning, or full understanding that the act is considered academic misconduct: e.g., on the spur-of-the-moment; seizing the opportunity to cheat; collaboration to a greater degree than is permitted in a situation; careless or incomplete documentation of sources and references.

1.01:02 *Premeditated* academic misconduct is an act of academic misconduct which grows out of advance contemplation or meditation, prior deliberation, or planning which may include the preparation of a written plan or notes. Although prior thought and planning is requisite to premeditation, the prior thought and planning need not exist for any period of time before it is carried into effect.

1.02 Categories of Academic Misconduct

1.02:01 **Cheating** is the intentional use of inappropriate and unauthorized assistance, information, materials, or study aids in any academic exercise and includes multiple submissions of the same or part of the same work to different instructors for different assignments in the same semester or in a different semester. Cheating includes but is not limited to, the use of unauthorized assistance (e.g. collaboration with peers or artificial intelligence platforms and applications like AI chatbots ChatGPT

and GPT-4), information, or materials on tests, homework, quizzes, papers, projects, and all other academic assignments. Attempting to pass off work created by artificial intelligence (AI) sources as original constitutes cheating unless AI sources are specifically authorized by the instructor for an assignment. Additionally, the act of conspiracy for the purpose of defrauding also constitutes cheating.

- 1.02:02** **Fabrication** is the misrepresentation of a signature or a document as original (authentic) and includes the fabrication of any part of an individual or group academic assignment; or of official documents of the College or outside agencies, including drop/add slips, excused absence slips, and medical documentation. Fabrication also includes making up or changing data or results, relying on someone else's results in experiments or laboratory assignments, or collaborating with artificial intelligence (AI) sources without authorization by the instructor. Citing sources that have not been used or consulted is also an offense.
- 1.02:03** **Plagiarism** constitutes using another person's ideas, words, data, arguments, or sentence structure in any academic assignment as the student's own without proper documentation or citation. Unauthorized collaboration with artificial intelligence chatbots or other AI composition software also constitutes plagiarism.
- 1.02:04** **Misrepresentation** is intentionally presenting oneself as someone else or intentionally representing the condition or the situation as more or less than what it actually is to gain credit or special concessions on individual or group academic work, including make-up tests, projects, and class assignments.
- 1.02:05** **Violation of class rules** is the intentional failure to follow the rules of each individual class concerning academic assignments and class behavior as referenced in the course syllabus.
- 1.02:06** **Complicity** is the willing involvement with others in any academic misconduct.
- 1.02:07** **Software Fraud** is the unlawful downloading and copying of computer software used to create academic work.
- 1.02:08** **Multiple work submissions** involve handing in academic work that was done previously by the student for another class or by someone else.

1.03 Academic Offenses and Sanctions

The instructor reserves the right to levy the following sanctions, which are dependent on the frequency and gravity of the alleged offense:

- 1.03:01** The reduced grade for the assignment
- 1.03:02** Failing grade for the assignment
- 1.03:03** Reduced final grade for the course
- 1.03:04** Failing grade for the course

The following sanctions may be levied against the student by the Academic Division Chair or the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. If the offense warrants the following disciplinary actions, instructor consultation with the appropriate academic supervisor is required:

- 1.03:05** Referral for counseling
- 1.03:06** Dismissal from a program of study
- 1.03:07** Suspension from the College

1:03.08 Expulsion from the College

1.04 DUE PROCESS FOR ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT AND STUDENT APPEALS

1.04:01 The faculty member will notify the student in writing of the academic misconduct charges, a description of the evidence, and the disciplinary sanction. An email will suffice as written correspondence. If the penalty resides with an authority higher than the instructor, then the faculty member will confer with the Division Chair/Program Director and then communicate the intended sanction with the student.

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1.04:03 Division Chairs/Program Directors may meet with the student and/or faculty member to discuss the evidence and disciplinary sanctions. Division Chairs/Program Directors must respond, in writing, to the student and instructor within seven (7) calendar days of receipt. The response will communicate the conditions for either granting or denying the student's appeal.

1.04:04 Students who do not agree with the charges and/or sanctions as decided by the Division Chair/Program Director may appeal to the Vice Chancellor of Education and Student Services. Appeals to the VCESS must be submitted in writing within five (5) calendar days of notification from the Division Chair/Program Director that the appeal had been denied. The Vice Chancellor of VCESS must respond, in writing, with a decision regarding the student's appeal within ten (10) calendar days of receipt. The student, faculty member, and Division Chair/Program Director will be included in the correspondence. The Vice Chancellor's decision will be final and binding.

ACTS OF MISCONDUCT OTHER THAN ACADEMIC SECTION TWO

2.01:01 Failure to comply with behavioral standards of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System and Louisiana Delta Community College and abide by local, state, and federal laws.

2.01:02 Violation of the rights of individuals as established in the United States and Louisiana Constitutions.

2.01:03 Harassing conduct of any kind, including acts based on race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, etc.

2.01:04 Stalking: The repeated following or harassing of another person accompanied by the making of a credible threat with the intent to place that person in reasonable fear of death or serious injury.

2.01:05 Cyberstalking: The use of electronic mail or electronic communication of any words or language threatening to inflict bodily harm, physical injury to the property of, or extortion of money or other things of value to any person or the person's family or dependents; use of electronic mail or electronic communication for threatening, terrifying, or harassing any person; use of electronic mail or electronic communication to make false statements to any person or the person's family or dependents with the intent to threaten, terrify, or harass.

2.01:06 Bullying: Severe or repeated use by one or more individuals of written, verbal, or electronic communication or a physical act or gesture, or exclusion directed at another individual. Bullying may cause physical or emotional harm, create a hostile environment, infringe on an individual's rights, and/or disrupt the campus environment.

- 2.01:07** Physical abuse or threat thereof, including acts of intimidation against any person or persons, or other conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of such persons, including hazing, domestic violence, or offensive touching.
- 2.01:08** Sexual offenses, including offensive touching (sexual battery), nonconsensual intercourse (rape), and intercourse with a person who is not capable of giving consent due to some form of intoxication or who is otherwise incapable of giving consent, and performing sexual acts to self on college property, college activities and events on or off-campus.
- 2.01:09** Unauthorized entry or use of College facilities or any violation of College rules regarding the use of College property. Unauthorized use, access to, manipulation of, tampering with, or duplication of any College computer hardware, software programs, and/or associated documentation including, but not limited to, telecommunications equipment, computer equipment, etc.
- 2.01:10** Using the College's computing resources for personal or financial gain; allowing non-college personnel access to computing resources on campus; displaying obscene, lewd, or sexually harassing images or text in use of the College's computers; or modifying or copying records or data belonging to the College.
- 2.01:11** Vandalism, malicious destruction, damage, defacing, misuse, or abuse of College, public, or private property, including library materials, computer equipment, software, vending/games machines, and vehicles.
- 2.01:12** Setting a fire on campus or campus-related premises or setting the fire alarm without proper authority.
- 2.01:13** The intentional making of a false report of a bomb, fire, or other emergency.
- 2.01:14** Failure to comply with fire or safety procedures (including failure to evacuate for fire drills and weather alarms) whenever the alarm sounds.
- 2.01:15** Falsification of academic records, identification cards, financial aid records, academic forgery, altering official academic documents, misusing College documents, or withholding information relating to admission, transfer credits, financial aid, academic status, records, etc. (refers to academic transcripts).
- 2.01:16** Failure to answer a college summons or to appear for a discipline hearing as notified by College officials.
- 2.01:17** Failure to meet any College-related financial obligation. Passing worthless checks, counterfeit money, or transactions to fulfill financial obligations.
- 2.01:18** Participation in any group demonstration, sit-in, or disorderly conduct that disturbs the orderly activities and processes of the College.
- 2.01:19** Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in any form on campus or while participating in a College activity or on a College-sponsored trip.
- 2.01:20** The possession of a firearm, explosives, knives or weapons, or any item that may be construed as such by a student or non-student on school property, at school-sponsored functions. This includes ammunition, fireworks, or other dangerous substances or materials of any kind.

- 2.01:21** Unauthorized or illegal possession, use, sale, or transportation of narcotics, stimulants, depressants, hallucinogenic drugs, marijuana, or other illegal drugs on campus or while on a College-sponsored event or trip.
- 2.01:22** Personal conduct which does not comply with socially accepted behavior in the academic community (includes but is not limited to: engaging in drunkenness, use of profanity, disorderly conduct, lewd, indecent, or obscene gestures or conduct, etc.) on or off-campus.
- 2.01:23** Disturbing the peace by unreasonable loud noise or behavior and or disruptive and disorderly conduct.
- 2.01:24** Convicted of a felony.
- 2.01:25** Formally charged by civil authorities with the commission of a felony of such nature that the student's presence at the College is potentially dangerous to the health, safety, and educational environment of the College community.
- 2.01:26** When there is strong, convincing evidence that the student against whom civil authorities have brought charges or imposed penalties has committed a felony of such nature that the student's continued presence at the College is potentially dangerous to the health, safety, and educational environment of the College community.
- 2.01:27** Smoking in College facilities. All buildings of LDCC are smoke-free and tobacco-free. Smoking, chewing, snorting and/or any use of tobacco products or tobacco "like products (such as e-cigarettes) are prohibited in buildings and on the college grounds.
- 2.01:28** Gambling of any type.
- 2.01:29** Obstructing or disrupting teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures, or college-authorized activities or events. Severe or repeated disruption of class/lab activities.
- 2.01:30** Disobedience to the lawful order or directive from campus police or an instructor in the classroom, and/or insubordination or disrespect to an instructor and/or Administrator when they are functioning in their official capacity.
- 2.01:31** Disrespect or inappropriate behavior at any time when dealing with students, College employees, and/or the general public. This includes various degrees of obscenities and profanities, emails, text messaging, and voice mail.
- 2.01:32** Theft, larceny, shoplifting, embezzlement, or the temporary taking of the property of another.
- 2.01:33** Repeated or accumulated violations of any part of the code.
- 2.01:34** Disruptive behavior that interferes with learning on campus.
- 2.01:35** Retaliation against any complainant, witness, or College employee
- 2.01:36** The possession and use of unmanned aircraft systems (drones) on all College campus grounds.

- 2.01:37** Students must adhere to health-related mandates issued by local and state authorities, including but not limited to the spread of infectious diseases (e.g., COVID-19, influenza, or swine flu). Example: Mask requirement in halls and other common spaces.

2.02 Disciplinary Standards and Procedures:

Initiation of Discipline Proceedings:

- 2.02:01** When the Dean of Student Success Services/ Campus Director or Designee/AdultED Director receives notification that a student has violated any rule or regulation of the Code of Student Conduct, the Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/AdultED Director shall investigate the alleged violation within five calendar days of receiving the notification.
- 2.02:02** The Dean of Student Success Services/ Campus Director or Designee/AdultED Director may summon a student (either orally or in writing) to appear in connection with an alleged violation. The summons shall direct the student to appear at a specified date, time, and place.
- 2.02:03** A student who fails to keep an administrative appointment or who fails to appear without just cause within 24 hours or one class/business day shall forfeit the right to present their case and will have said charges considered in absentia by the Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director or Designee/AdultED Director. Thereupon, the Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director or Designee/AdultED Director will review the case, conduct an investigation, and submit the case to the College's Disciplinary Hearing Committee for a ruling.
- 2.02:04** The Disciplinary Hearing Committee will give a written report of the outcome of the case with imposed sanctions if determined to the Dean of Student Success Services, who will notify the student of the outcome from the Disciplinary Hearing Committee within five calendar days.
- 2.02:05** Within 5 calendar days of receiving the letter with disciplinary sanctions, the student may appeal in writing to the Executive Director of Enrollment Management whose has the final ruling on the case.

2.03 Definitions:

- 2.03:01** *Student:* any person enrolled in college classes (full-time, part-time, audit, or credit).
- 2.03:02** *College employee:* any person employed by the College, including student employees.
- 2.03:03** *College facilities:* all lands, buildings, and facilities owned, leased, or controlled by the College
- 2.03:04** *College activity, event, or trip:* any activity, event, or trip that is sponsored by the College or any division/organization of the College.

2.04 Sanctions

Discipline sanctions may be imposed in response to misconduct acts committed by students or a student organization. The purpose of imposing sanctions is to promote the educational and social development of the student and the College community, to provide appropriate penalties, and to deter other acts of misconduct that thwart the institution's aims, purposes, and policies.

No refund or credit of tuition, fees, or other costs associated with attendance of the College will be made to students when discipline sanctions are imposed, which result in the student being deprived of privileges and/or access to services.

In the case of serious violations, a notation of the discipline matter will be placed on a student's academic transcript until it is cleared. In the case of dismissal from the College, the record is permanent.

Discipline records are confidential in accordance with federal and state laws. The contents of the student discipline record may not be released to anyone not associated with campus discipline except upon written approval of the student or a court-ordered subpoena or by the administration of FERPA.

- 2.04:01** *Written Reprimand:* from the appropriate Administrator to the student on whom the penalty is imposed, placed in the student's permanent discipline record.
- 2.04:02** *Warning probation:* written notification that further violations of this code's sub-sections will result in more severe disciplinary action. Warning probation may be imposed for a period of not more than one calendar year.
- 2.04:03** *Disciplinary probation:* written notification that further violations of this code's sub-sections may result in suspension. The terms of disciplinary probation shall be determined Disciplinary Hearing Committee.
- 2.04:04.** *Suspension of privileges:* prohibits participation in or attendance at certain events, activities, or class/lab; restricts specific campus student privileges.
- 2.04:05** *Community Service:* assigned a specific number of hours of service.
- 2.04:06** *Counseling:* student-directed to Student Counseling and Disability Office for the time period designated by the Counselor. In the case where the College is not qualified or equipped to handle severe personal, psychological, or emotional problems, the Counselor will refer the student to an off-campus agency to meet the student's needs.
- 2.04:07** *Restitution:* repair or replacement of property damaged.
- 2.04:08** *Fines:* monetary fines to fit the case. If the fine is not paid, it remains on the student's record as indebtedness to the College, which renders the student ineligible to register for subsequent semesters or receive official transcripts.
- 2.04:09** *Cancellation of registration* or denial of credit may be imposed in cases where the student is found responsible for withholding information relating to the student's admission, transfer credits, academic status, records, etc.

2.04:10 *Suspension:* may be used in the event of a threat to the safety of the College community or if a student refuses to answer a summons.

2.04:11 *Expulsion:* may be used in the event of a threat to the safety of the College community.

If the student is suspended or expelled before the published automatic "W" grade deadline date, the student will receive a "W" in the currently enrolled course(s). If the student is suspended or expelled after the published automatic "W" grade deadline date, the student will receive an "F" in the currently enrolled course(s).

A written report is made indicating the imposed sanctions. The student may appeal the sanctions of the Administrator and request a hearing before the Disciplinary Hearing Committee. Requests for appeals must be submitted in writing to the Administrator within five calendar days of the notification of the administrative sanction.

2.04:12 Bar Against Readmission: written notification issued to a student who has left the College that he/she will not be allowed to re-enroll until the pending discipline matter has been resolved. The penalty terminates on clearance of the discipline matter. This sanction may also be imposed in cases of severe disciplinary infractions and/or in the event of a threat to the safety of the College community. Students may appeal to the Student Disciplinary Hearing Committee for readmission to the College after one year.

2.05 Appeal Procedures

The student has the right to submit a written appeal to the decision or any sanction imposed within five calendar days to the Dean of Student Services if any of the following apply: insufficient evidence to support the charge(s); sanctions imposed were inappropriate; information discovered that indicates that the administrator or committee members were not impartial. The appeal is based on the records of the investigation/hearing. No new evidence may be presented.

STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES SECTION THREE

(other than for appeals of academic standing or reported grade)

Introduction

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3.01 Definitions

3.01:02 *Discrimination Complaint* - Written complaint alleging any policy, procedure, or practice that discriminates on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or disability.

3.01:03 *Student Grievant*- an individual enrolled in academic courses part-time, full-time, "credit," "non-credit," or "audit" who files the grievance.

- 3.01:04** *Applicant Grievant* (under ADA) - Applicant for admission to postsecondary education who submits a complaint alleging discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, disability, or veteran status.
- 3.01:05** *Respondent*- Person alleged to be responsible for the violation.
- 3.01:06** *Day*- Calendar days in which the College is open for business, excluding holidays and weekends.
- 3.01:07** Title VI, Section 504, and ADA Coordinator – Person(s) designated to coordinate efforts to comply with and carry out responsibilities under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and other state federal laws addressing the equal educational opportunity.

Coordinator for Section 504 and ADA

Traci Clark, Director of Counseling and Disability Services
 7500 Millhaven Road, Monroe, LA 71203
 Phone Number: 318-345-9152 Email: traciclark@ladelta.edu
 Days/hours available: Monday-Friday – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

3.02 Informal Pre-Filing Procedures

Before filing a formal grievance, the student is encouraged to reasonably resolve the problem informally. The College is committed to making every effort possible to resolve issues in this informal manner. A grievance must be lodged with the proper authority thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged violation.

- 3.01:01** Student grievant requests a resolution and/or corrective action from one of the following: Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/Academic Administrator/Section 504, ADA Coordinator based on the type of grievance.

3.03 Formal Filing Procedures

- 3.03:01** The student files a written grievance. Forms are available from the Department of Student Success Services, the Office of Human Resources, and online.
- 3.03:02** Student grievant submits a written grievance to the Department of Student Success Services within ten days after informal resolution attempts have failed. The grievance must include the name, nature, date of the alleged violation, names of persons responsible (where known), and requested action. The Dean of Student Success Services determines which office receives the written grievance.
- 3.03:03** Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/Academic Administrator/Section 504, ADA Coordinator notifies respondent within ten days and asks the respondent to:
- a. Confirm or deny facts;
 - b. Indicate acceptance or rejection of student or applicant requested action;
 - c. Outline alternatives.
- 3.03:04** Within ten days, the respondent submits an answer to the Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/Academic Administrator/Section 504, ADA Coordinator.
- 3.03:05** The Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/Academic Administrator/Section 504, ADA Coordinator will review the written complaint and the respondent's answer and make a written reply to both the complainant and respondent for one of the following:
- Dismissal of the grievance based upon inadequate evidence;

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- Acceptance of the complainant's requested action (s);
- Referral of the grievance to a hearing

3.03:06 The Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/Academic Administrator/Section 504, ADA Coordinator may dismiss the grievance without a hearing. In that case, the grievant will be notified within ten days of the decision.

3.03:07 If the Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/Academic Administrator/Section 504, ADA Coordinator recommends referring the grievance to a hearing, the process will be as follows:

- Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/Academic Administrator/Section 504, ADA Coordinator will schedule a hearing with the College Grievance Hearing Panel within ten days of the decision.
- Within ten days after the hearing the, Grievance Hearing Panel Chairman will issue a written decision to the complaint and respondent.

3.03:08 If the complainant or respondent is not satisfied with the Grievance Hearing Panel's response, the complainant or respondent may request a hearing review with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS) Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The complainant or respondent has 30 days from the hearing decision to request a review of the case by the LCTCS. The Complainant or Respondent will send documents to:

Louisiana Community and Technical College System Office
265 S. Foster Road
Baton Rouge, LA. 70806
ATTN: Academic & Student Affairs Division

Once all documents are received, System Office staff will:

1. Review the records submitted to ensure that the College's published procedures provide due process and were carried out fairly and impartially.
2. In the event that System Office staff cannot determine whether the College's published procedures provide due process or whether or not they were carried out fairly and impartially based on the documents submitted, System Office staff may engage in any fact-finding reasonably required by the circumstances. This may include a request for either party to participate in a telephone conference meeting to set forth the facts.

3.04 Rights of the Grievant and Respondent

3.04:01 The grievant and respondent shall be informed of the due process rights as outlined below.

3.04:02 The grievant and respondent victim has the right to a closed hearing.

3.04:03 The grievant/respondent has the right to appear at the hearing alone or with an attorney, advisor, or friend. The attorney, advisor, or friend may advise the defendant or victim but may not address the committee, witnesses, or other parties.

3.04:04 The grievant/respondent has the right to know what documentary evidence will be offered against him/her.

3.04:05 The grievant/respondent has the right to know the identity of each witness who will testify against him/her.

3.04:06 The grievant/respondent and the Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director/academic administrator has the right to offer evidence.

3.04:07 The grievant/respondent has the right to argue on behalf of himself or herself.

3.03:08 Victims of cases involving violence and/or sexual offenses will be informed of the outcome of the and subsequent appeals.

3.05 General Provisions

3.05:01 Grievance records will remain confidential unless permission is given by the parties involved to release such information. Grievance records are destroyed at the end of the semester, in which the case is resolved.

3.05:02 LDCC will not tolerate any type of discipline or retaliation, direct or indirect, against any person who, in good faith, files a complaint or responds to questions regarding having witnessed a prohibited incident.

3.05:03 False charges are treated as serious offenses and may result in disciplinary action.

3.06 Complaints (General Complaints Other than Grade Appeals or Discrimination)

The purpose of this section is to provide students with a fair and efficient process to present and resolve complaints arising out of their academic and non-academic interactions with faculty, staff, and students. A complaint must be lodged with the proper authority within thirty (30) days from the date of the alleged violation. No student may appeal to the higher authority until he/she has exhausted all prior appeals.

3.06:01 Informal Procedures:

1. When feasible, the student should try to personally approach the faculty/staff member involved in an attempt to resolve the issue.
2. Student must request a review of the issue with the appropriate academic administrator/Dean of Student Success Services/ Campus Director. The appropriate faculty/staff will have ten days to respond to the student.
3. After a reasonable effort to resolve the issue informally, the student complaint may proceed by completing a student complaint form and moving to a more formal procedure.

3.06:02 Formal Procedures:

1. The student submits a written complaint form to the academic administrator/Dean of Student Success Services/Campus Director within ten days after the attempt at informal resolution has failed. The written complaint must include the student complainant's name, nature, and date of the alleged violation, names of persons responsible (where known), name, dates, and results of the unsuccessful informal procedures.
2. The student complaint may request a formal hearing from the Student Complaint Committee, a sub-committee of the Student Disciplinary Hearing Panel.
3. The Student Complaint Committee will convene within ten days to render a decision.
4. The decision of the Student Complaint Committee may be appealed to the Vice-Chancellor of Education and Student Services or Dean of Student Services, who renders the final decision.

SECTION FOUR – STUDENT'S RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Louisiana Delta Community College (LDCC) is a learning community designed to foster collaboration, open communication, mutual respect, and inclusiveness among students, faculty, and staff as they engage in the education process. As members of this community, all students are entitled to certain rights and privileges, which are protected. To protect the rights and privileges of all students, there are guidelines for

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conduct intended to facilitate the desired environment and educational goals of LDCC and its students. It is important that each student become familiar with the rights and responsibilities afforded to students enrolled at LDCC.

4.01 Specific Rights for Students

In addition to the fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed to all citizens, the College recognizes the following specific rights of students in the student/College relationship:

- 4.01:01** The right to participate in academic, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities and benefits functions of the College, free from all legal discrimination based on race, color, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, age, political belief, disability, marital status, or veteran status.
- 4.01:02** The right to receive an education, including intervention, when necessary, is sufficient to allow a successful transition into the next level of education and into the workforce.
- 4.01:03** The right to know the College's regulations, rules, and policies by which students are governed.
- 4.01:04** The right to a formal appeals procedure by which reconsideration of an action by the College through one of its employees, which adversely affects a student, may be requested.
- 4.01:05** The right to due process in disciplinary procedures in accordance with the rules and procedures prescribed in the College's *Code of Student Conduct*.
- 4.01:06** The right of substantive and procedural due process in all students' disciplinary procedures.
- 4.01:07** Through reasonable and lawful means, the right to advocate changes in College regulations, rules, and policies.
- 4.01:08** The right to reasonable participation in the formation of college policies.
- 4.01:09** The right to organize, join and participate in recognized campus organizations.
- 4.01:10** The right to use College facilities, subject to reasonable rules and regulations governing the time, place, and manner of such use.

4.02 Responsibilities of Students

Students at Louisiana Delta Community College have the following general responsibilities and obligations to the College:

- 4.02:01** To conduct themselves in a manner consistent with generally accepted standards of conduct embodied in federal, state, and local laws.
- 4.02:02** To conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to the creation and maintenance of an environment conducive to the broad educational mission of the College.
- 4.02:03** To support the academic integrity of the College.
- 4.02:04** To know and comply with regulations, rules, policies, and requirements established by the College.
- 4.02:05** To respect the rights and freedoms of others and to conduct themselves in such a way as not to violate the rights and freedoms of other members of the College community and its guests.
- 4.02:06** To use College property and facilities in accordance per College regulations and policies and to make every effort to use these facilities in a way that will not damage or impair their usefulness to other, current, and future students.
- 4.02:07** The responsibility to contribute to maintaining a safe, positive college environment.