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<b>Student Disciplinary Policy – Part 1 Institutional Policy Statement – 3:02:00:01</b>
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**Institution Policy Statement**

1. Students enrolled in postsecondary educational institutions are citizens of their civic communities as well as the academic community. As such they are expected to conduct themselves as law-abiding members of each community at all times. Admission to an institution of postsecondary education carries with it special privileges and imposes special responsibilities apart from those rights and duties enjoyed by non-students. In recognition of the special relationship that exists between Motlow State Community College (MSCC) and the academic community which it seeks to serve, the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) has authorized the President of the college to take such action as may be necessary to maintain campus conditions and preserve the integrity of the institution and its educational environment.
2. Pursuant to this authorization and in fulfillment of its duties to provide a secure and stimulating atmosphere in which individual and academic pursuits may flourish, MSCC has developed the following policies, which are intended to govern student conduct on the several campuses under its jurisdiction. In addition, students are subject to all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances. If a student's violation of such laws or ordinances also adversely affects the institution's pursuit of its educational objectives, the institutions may enforce their own regulations regardless of the status or outcome of any external proceedings instituted by civil or criminal authorities.
3. For the purpose of these regulations, a "student" shall mean any person who is admitted and/or registered for study at MSCC for any academic period. This shall include any period of time following admission and/or registration, but preceding the start of classes for any academic period. It will also include any period which follows the end of an academic period through the last day for registration for the succeeding academic period, and during any period while the student is under suspension from the institution. Finally, "student" shall also include any person subject to a period of suspension or removal from campus as a sanction which results from a finding of a violation of the regulations governing student conduct. Students are responsible for compliance with the Rules of Student Conduct and with similar institutional policies at all times.
4. Disciplinary action may be taken against a student for violation of the regulations which occur on institutionally owned, leased or otherwise controlled property, while participating in international or distance learning programs, and off campus, when the conduct impairs, interferes with, or obstructs any institutional activity of the mission, processes, and functions of the institution. MSCC may enforce its own or TBR regulations regardless of the status or outcome of any external proceedings instituted in any other forum, including any civil or criminal proceeding.

5. These policies, and related material incorporated herein by reference, are applicable to student organizations as well as individual students. Student organizations are subject to discipline for the conduct and actions of individual members of the organization while acting in their capacity as a member of, or while attending or participating in any activity of, the organization.
6. Confidentiality of Discipline Process: Subject to the exceptions provided pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), 20 U.S.C. 1232g and/or the Tennessee Open Records Act, T.C.A. §10-7-504(a)(4), a student's disciplinary files are considered "educational records" and are confidential within the meaning of those acts.

*This policy is promulgated pursuant to, and in compliance with, TBR Rule 0240-02-03-.01, Institution Policy Statement. To the extent that a conflict exists between this policy and TBR rule, policy and/or applicable law(s), the TBR rule, policy and/or law will control. History – Adopted by TBR: 12/8/11. Effective: 2/23/16.*