

Minnesota North College Student Conduct Policy

Part 1. Student Conduct Policy

The Minnesota North College Student Code of Conduct serves two purposes: the first purpose is to serve as a guide for student behavior; the second purpose is to outline the procedures to be followed, both by students and college officials, should violations of the Code occur. It is expected that all students will read this code and will be responsible for knowing and abiding by its content. Annually, and upon amendment, Minnesota North College shall notify students of the availability and location of the student code of conduct.

In the eyes of the College, two authorities guide a student's conduct while on campus or while participating in off-campus, college-sponsored activities. First, as a citizen of the larger community, each student is expected to abide by the rules, regulations, and policies of the College as well as local, state, and federal laws.

Part 2. Off Campus Conduct

Minnesota North College may hold students accountable for a violation of the behavioral proscriptions contained in their Student Codes of Conduct committed off campus when:

1. Hazing is involved; or
2. The violation is committed while participating in a college sanctioned or sponsored activity; or
3. The victim of the violation is a member of the college community; or
4. The violation constitutes a felony under state or federal law; or
5. The violation adversely affects the educational, research, or service functions of the college.

As an institution dedicated to teaching and learning, Minnesota North College has a vested interest in maintaining an environment in which students are free to pursue their academic interests and responsibilities. Conduct that unreasonably restricts such freedom and interferes with the College mission and vision is subject to regulation and/or sanction by the College which may include suspension or expulsion. Students must be afforded appropriate due process in the resolution of any alleged violation of the student code of conduct. The creation of such an environment is premised on the assumption that students have both rights and responsibilities. Therefore, a major function of the College is to guarantee student rights, yet to demand student responsibility.

Part 3. Appeals

Students found to be responsible for a conduct violation shall be provided an avenue of appeal within the institution. In addition, in cases involving sanctions of suspension for 10 days or longer, students shall be informed of their right to a contested case hearing under Minnesota State Statute 14.