

HAYWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	STUDENT SERVICES OVERVIEW OF STUDENT RIGHTS	Policy 5.3.1
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The following is an overview of basic student rights. For more specific information concerning these and other rights, students are directed to review the specific policy or procedure dealing with the issue of concern. The provisions and language contained in specific policies and procedures control over this Policy.

- A. Students are free to pursue their educational goals. The College shall provide appropriate opportunities for learning in the classroom and on the campus. Student performance will be evaluated solely on an academic basis and not on opinions or conduct in matters unrelated to academic standards.
- B. Students have the right to freedom of expression, inquiry and assembly without restraint or censorship, subject to reasonable and non-discriminatory rules and regulations regarding time, place and manner.
- C. Students have the right to inquire about and to propose improvements in policies, regulations and procedures affecting the welfare of students through established student government procedures, campus committees and College offices.
- D. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (“FERPA”) provides safeguards regarding the confidentiality of and access to student records and the College shall adhere to the FERPA laws and regulations. Students and former students have the right to review their official records and to request a grievance if they challenge the contents of these records. No records shall be made available to unauthorized personnel or groups outside the College without the written consent of the student involved or if a legal exception applies.
- E. No disciplinary sanctions, other than temporary removal from class or activity (only for duration of said activity) may be imposed upon any student without due process. Due process procedures are established to guarantee a student accused of a Student Code of Conduct violation the right of a hearing, a presentation of charges, evidence for charges, the right to present evidence, the right to have witnesses on one's behalf and to hear witnesses on behalf of the accuser(s), the right to counsel and the right to appeal.
- F. Students have the right to a voluntary medical withdrawal for their academic courses. When illness, injury or psychological/psychiatric conditions or disabilities occur while a student is enrolled that interfere with a student’s ability to participate in the College’s programs, a student or guardian may request a medical withdrawal from school. The Vice President of Student Services must approve all medical withdrawals.

- G. Students have the right to be free from discrimination, harassment and sexual violence while attending the College and accessing the College's programs and opportunities.

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