



STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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INTRODUCTION

The Aquinas students, staff, and faculty form a unique educational community dedicated to furthering the College's mission. We take pride in our community. In order to maximize each student's experience and educational potential, all Aquinas community members are expected to adhere to College policies. For students, this means understanding and accepting the Student Code of Conduct as the basis for nurturing our community.

The purpose of the Student Code of Conduct is to outline policies and procedures that protect students and to articulate minimum standards for appropriate behavior. As a member of the Aquinas College Community you have agreed to this Code; therefore, being an Aquinas student means accepting its policies and a general spirit of respect and cooperation. We believe that this Code encourages academic and interpersonal integrity. In addition to adhering to College policies and rules, students are expected to:

1. Show respect and sensitivity for others;
2. Support open communication to enhance our living/learning atmosphere;
3. Be an active and supportive community member including reporting possible policy violations you observe;
4. Respect the College's physical facilities and individual property;
5. Meet all financial obligations.

As a community, we value our students' safety and well-being; therefore, violations of this Code will result in referral to the [Student Conduct Process](#) as administered by the Dean of Students Office. For severe or repeat infractions, the College has the right to dismiss students. All local, state, and federal laws apply to students while on property owned or controlled by the College or when off campus; therefore, disciplinary action may be taken against individuals and/or organizations for misconduct and students may be legally prosecuted. The College reserves the right to involve the Grand Rapids Police Department in addressing and resolving matters under the Student Code of Conduct. Every student is responsible for knowing and abiding by the Aquinas College Student Code of Conduct. The College reserves the right to alter or add to this Code.

Students should be aware that the student conduct process is quite different from criminal and civil court proceedings. Procedures and rights in student conduct are conducted with fairness to all, but do not include the same protections of due process afforded by the courts. Due process, as defined within these procedures, assures written notice and a hearing before an objective decision-maker. No student will be found in violation of a College policy without information showing a *preponderance of the evidence*, meaning, that it is more likely than not that a policy violation occurred. Any sanctions will be proportionate to the severity of the violation and to the cumulative conduct history of the student.

This Code promotes students' academic success and personal development. Please take time to familiarize yourself with this Code, as it delineates your rights and responsibilities.

PERSONAL INTEGRITY

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8.0 Theft of Property

The theft of College, private, or public property and/or possession thereof is prohibited.

9.0 Destruction or Misuse of Property

Destruction, damage, misuse, and/or defacing of College property or equipment of any type or nature is prohibited.

10.0 Trademark

Unauthorized use (including misuse) of College or organizational names and images is prohibited.

11.0 Abuse of Conduct Process

Abuse or interference with, or failure to comply in, College processes including conduct and academic integrity hearings including, but not limited to:

- 11.1 Falsification, distortion, or misrepresentation of information;
- 11.2 Failure to provide, destroying or concealing information during an investigation of an alleged policy violation;
- 11.3 Attempting to discourage an individual's proper participation in, or use of, the campus conduct system;
- 11.4 Harassment (verbal or physical) and/or intimidation of a member of a campus conduct body prior to, during, and/or following a campus conduct proceeding;
- 11.5 Failure to comply with the sanction(s) imposed by the campus conduct system;
- 11.6 Influencing, or attempting to influence, another person to commit an abuse of the Conduct Process is prohibited.

12.0 Proximal Complicity

If a student enters an area where a violation of policy is occurring, or a violation is initiated in an area that they are in, the student should immediately leave and/or take measures to stop and/or report the behavior. Otherwise, by choosing to remain or failure to take action, the student assumes responsibility for all behavior and items in that room, regardless of their participation, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that the student had no knowledge of the incident.

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

We expect our students to honor and value

The individual who is interfering with academic or operational functions of the College, who refuses to identify themselves or to cease and desist, will also subject themselves to immediate suspension from the

SAFETY

Aquinas College holds students accountable for their behavior and holds all members of the College community to the same behavioral expectations. The behavior of individuals must conform to community standards of health, safety, and noninterference with the living and learning environment of others.

Students are not to exhibit behavior which harasses,

- 3.11 The manufacturing, sale, or unauthorized distribution of alcohol is prohibited.
- 3.12 The abuse of alcohol and high risk drinking activities are prohibited. High-risk activities include, but are not limited to: drinking large amounts of alcohol, consuming alcohol at an accelerated pace, participation in drinking games, use of beer bong and/or any activity that promotes irresponsible drinking, distribution or providing alcohol to minors. No open flame or level of alcohol content (punch bowl, jukebox, trash cans, etc). Equipment used in any of these activities (kegs, party balls, bubble kegs, beer pong tables, funnels, beer bong, etc.) will be confiscated and may not be returned.
- 3.13 Students may not violate any federal, state, or local law pertaining to alcohol (i.e. driving while under the influence of alcohol).
- 3.14 If anyone is found to be in violation of the alcohol policy, all alcohol will be confiscated and disposed of.
- 3.15 Public intoxication on College property or at College sponsored events is prohibited.
- 3.16 Flagrant or repeat violations are prohibited and could result in a student's dismissal from the residential community and/or university.

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4.4 The abuse or misuse (beyond the recommended dosage and/or frequency) of non-prescription medication.

Any drug-related incident or violation will require a required assessment and treatment plan, as a condition of remaining in good standing. Student's dismissal from the College will be considered for any violation.

In addition to College imposed sanctions, students and employees are subject to legal action under federal, state and local laws. The College sponsored activities. The College will prosecute the offending student(s) and/or employee(s) if necessary.

The College is not responsible for the actions of students on campus or off campus.

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on college property. This includes fireworks and ammunition, guns (including air, BB, paintball, facsimile weapons and pellet guns), or other weapons or dangerous objects such as tasers, arrows, axes, machetes, nunchucks, throwing stars, or knives (excluding kitchen knives when properly stored or utilized for their intended purpose) with a blade longer than three inches. Possession or use of any os

Director of Campus Safety. UAS operators are solely responsible for any injuries or damage of any type caused to property and/or people by the UAS. The UAS Operator will indemnify, defend and hold the College harmless for any costs or damages, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by the College in connection with the use of a UAS. The College will not be responsible for any damages of any kind caused by use of a UAS.

Any operator of a UAS must register the UAS with the FAA and other governmental authorities as required. The operator must also follow all pertinent federal, state and local laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the City of Grand Rapids and Kent County. Detailed information regarding federal regulations can be found on the Federal Aviation Administration website at: www.faa.gov/uas/.

13.0 Public Health Emergencies

The College may impose policies and procedures related to public health emergencies. The College will utilize guidance from the following sources:

qualify under the Good Samaritan Policy, these individuals or representatives from organizations must contact the police, Campus Safety or a

