

Section 19.10 Student Rights and Responsibilities

19.10.1 Purpose

To explain students' rights and responsibilities as a condition of attendance at John Tyler Community College.

19.10.2 Policy

The submission of an application for admission to John Tyler Community College represents a voluntary decision to participate in the programs and courses offered by the institution according to the policies, rules and regulations of the College and the State Board for Community Colleges. The College's approval of the application represents the extension of a privilege to join the JTCC community and to remain a part of it so long as the student meets required academic and behavioral standards. Each student is guaranteed the privilege of exercising his or her rights without fear of prejudice. **Conduct by any student that adversely affects the JTCC community's pursuit of its educational objectives or represents a threat to its students, faculty or staff will result in disciplinary action.** The student conduct code and the student disciplinary policies and procedures can be found in the JTCC Policy Manual, in the current JTCC Student Handbook (and on the JTCC web site, www.jtcc.edu). The dean of students is responsible for the administration of all student disciplinary procedures.

Student Rights

Each student is guaranteed the privilege of exercising his or her rights without fear of prejudice. Such rights include the following:

- Students are free to pursue their educational goals. Appropriate opportunities for learning in the classroom and on the campus are provided by the College through the curricula offered.
- Free inquiries, expressions, and assemblies are guaranteed to all students provided such actions do not interfere with the rights of others or the effective operation of the institution.
- Academic evaluation of student performance shall be neither arbitrary nor capricious.
- Each student will be informed at the beginning of each course as to how the instructor will arrive at the grade for the class. This should be in writing and included in the written outline or syllabus of the course. The student's final grade should be based on total performance for the semester.

Student Responsibilities

- To know and adhere to the regulations, policies and procedures of the institution addressing academics and student behavior.
- To respect the rights of others to freely express their views and opinions.
- To accept responsibility for the consequences of one's actions.
- To afford appropriate respect to faculty, staff and administrators in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.
- To practice academic integrity in all academic undertakings, avoiding all forms of academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism and furnishing false information.