Drake State Community and Technical College Campus Security Report 10/1/2016

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POLICY

It is the policy of the College to comply fully with the following Acts and Laws:

- Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013
- Published mandates of the Student Right-to-Know & Campus Security Act (Public Law 101-542)
- Higher Education Technical Amendments of 1991 (Public Law 102-26)
- Higher Education Amendments of 1992 (Public Law 102-325)

Note: Each operating unit of the College prepares and follows procedures to satisfy the stipulations of the above Acts and Laws. Working in partnership with the community, the College is committed to providing the highest quality of service to students, faculty, staff, and visitors by maintaining community peace, safety, and quality of life.

THE CAMPUS SECURITY ACT-LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Campus Security Act requires colleges and universities to:

- Publish an annual report every year by 1 October that contains three years of campus crime statistics and certain campus security policy statements.
- Disclose crime statistics for the Main Campus and public property immediately adjacent to the Main Campus, as well as facilities deemed Non-Campus. The statistics are gathered from Campus Security, local law enforcement, and other college officials who have “significant responsibility for student and campus activities.”
- Provide “emergency notification” procedures for significant emergencies or dangerous situations occurring and involving an immediate threat to the health or safety to students and employees.
- Provide “timely warning” notices of those crimes that represent a serious or continuing threat to students and employees.
- Disclose in a public crime log any crimes that have occurred on the campus or within the patrol jurisdiction of Campus Security.

The Director of Operations, Dean of Instructional and Student Services, Director of Financial Aid and the College Counselor are responsible for preparing this report by making updates based on applicable federal and state laws and policies. The Director of Operations also obtains crime statistics from reports compiled by Dynamic Security located on the Main Campus and Downtown Instructional Site, as well as the Huntsville Police

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Department (HPD) and the Madison County Police Department. The President’s Cabinet also provides feedback for the report.

We encourage members of the J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College community and prospective employees and students to use this report as a guide for safe practices on and off campus. It can be accessed by clicking on the “About Us” tab, followed by the CY 2015 Campus Security Report Link on the College’s website at http://www.drakestate.edu.” For a paper copy, the Director of Operations can be contacted at (256) 426-5047, or e-mailed at bruce.bulluck@drakestate.edu.

**CAMPUS, DOWNTOWN INSTRUCTIONAL SITE AND OTHER NON-CAMPUS LOCATIONS**

The Main Campus is located at 3421 Meridian Street North. The Downtown Instructional Site (Times Building) is located at 228 Holmes Avenue, and is classified as a Non-Campus. Security cameras are located at both locations to ensure the safety and security of the campus community. The Director of Operations is responsible for the safety and security at these locations, as well as verifying any emergencies.

Additionally, the following facilities are deemed Non-Campus, where Adult Education classes are taught:

- **Northwoods Training Center**
  1403 Yukon St., NW, Huntsville, AL 35816
  (Monday & Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and Tuesday and Thursday, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)

- **Oscar Mason Community Center**
  149 Mason Court
  Huntsville, AL 35805
  (Monday & Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.)

- **Salvation Army**
  305 Seminole Drive
  Huntsville, AL 35805
  (Monday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.) (Closed July 2016)

- **Wellstone Behavioral Health**
  4040 Memorial Parkway, SW
  Huntsville, AL 35802
  (Monday & Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.)

- **Huntsville Assistance Program**
  11588 Pulaski Pike
  Toney, AL 35773
  (Monday & Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) (Closed May 2016)
Huntsville Inner City Learning Center (HICLC)
2450 Braham Avenue
Huntsville, AL 35895
(Tuesday & Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Note: The College does not have any housing facilities located on campus, nor does it operate off-campus housing or off-campus student organization facilities.

CAMPUS AND DOWNTOWN INSTRUCTIONAL SITE MAPS

The following maps illustrate the Main Campus and Downtown Instructional Site. The location shaded in yellow is deemed public property in accordance with Department of Education guidelines. “Public Property” refers to thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks and parking facilities that are within the campus or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus.
INFORMATION ON SAFETY AND SECURITY

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College goes to great lengths to ensure the safety and security of its faculty, staff, students and visitors to the campus. To that end, the College has developed a Safety and Emergency Manual, outlining key safety items as well as emergency notification and evacuation procedures. Safety procedures are also outlined in the Student Handbook and on the College’s website. Additionally, emergency action procedures, emergency route maps, designated safe locations and assembly areas for each building on the Main Campus and Downtown Instructional Site, and an emergency contact list identifying individuals to report campus emergencies and Clery Act crimes are posted on bulletin boards and offices located throughout the Main Campus and Downtown Instructional Site. Furthermore, emergency action procedures are tested periodically using drills, and appropriate modifications are made as deemed necessary.

REPORTING OF EMERGENCIES OR CRIMINAL INCIDENTS

Armed Security Guards are located on the Main Campus and Downtown Instructional Site 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and can be contacted for any campus emergency. It is also the policy of the College that anyone (i.e. students, faculty, staff, visitors, and guests) who experiences or witnesses a major crime or life threatening medical emergency on the Main Campus or Downtown Instructional Site are strongly encouraged to immediately report the crime to HPD by dialing 911, and then contact a college official in the descending order:

1. Security:
   a. Main Campus Security – Building 600 (Located in the same building as the Student Center); (256) 683-2303.
   b. Times Building Security - 228 Holmes Avenue (Located in the basement on the Northeast side of the building); (256) 603-1496.
2. Director of Operations - Building 400, Room 404A; (256) 426-5047.
3. Dean of Instructional and Student Services - S.C. O’Neal Library, Room 223; (256) 701-3588.
4. Associate Dean of Instruction - S.C. O’Neal Library, Room 301; (256) 783-7685.

Incidents or emergencies that occur at any of the Adult Education facilities, except the Huntsville Assistance Program will contact HPD. The Madison County Police Department will be contacted for incidents that occur at the Huntsville Assistance Program facility. Prompt reporting will assure emergency notifications and timely warning notices and disclosure of crime statistics.

All other crimes will be reported to the Security Office. Security will respond and personally handle the situation or contact HPD for assistance, if necessary. Security will also contact the Director of Operations or the Dean of Instructional and Student Services. Emergency notifications will be made to immediately notify the campus community, upon
the confirmation of a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on the Main Campus or Downtown Instructional Site. Timely warnings will be issued for reporting crimes that represent serious or continuing threats to student and employees.

**CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING PROCEDURES**

Drake State is committed to providing access for victims or witnesses to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis, even if the information must be included in the institution’s crime statistics. Incidents will be reported to one of the following, without revealing the identity of the victim:

1. 9-1-1.
2. Huntsville Police Department (HPD); (256) 722-7100.
3. Madison County Police Department (MCPD); (256) 772-5689.
4. Security:
   a. Main Campus Security-Building 600; (256) 683-2303.
   b. Times Building Security-228 Holmes Ave; (256) 603-1496.
5. Crisis Services Center of North Alabama; (256) 716-1000.
6. Sexual Assault Response Team (SART); 1-800-691-8426.
7. Title IX Coordinator (Students); (256) 701-3588.
8. Title IX Coordinator (Staff); (256) 551-5214.

If you are the victim of a crime and do not want to pursue action within the College System or the criminal justice system, you may still want to consider making a confidential report. The Title IX Coordinator or a designee of campus security can file a report on the details of the incident without revealing your identity. The purpose of a confidential report is to comply with your wish to keep the matter confidential, while taking steps to ensure the future safety of yourself and others.

With such information, the College can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where there is a pattern of a crime with regard to a particular location, method or assailant and alert the campus community of potential dangers. Reports filed in this manner are counted and disclosed in the annual crimes statistics for the institution. Your identifying information will not be disclosed and you will not be asked, expected, or pressured to continue reporting to any other agencies.

The College will also protect the identity of persons who report having been victims or witnesses of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking to the fullest extent of the law.
CAMPUS NOTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 1965 as amended, the College has comprehensive communications procedures used to provide prompt emergency notifications and timely warnings and alerts of threats to the campus community using a variety of methods. Notifications by the College on the Main Campus will be made using the public address system and/or Drake Alert. The public address system can be operated from two different locations on the campus. There is no public address system at the Downtown Instructional Site, but one is not necessary due to its size. Drake Alert is also used for both locations to generate messages via telephone, cell phone, email and text messaging and is operated by the Information Technology (IT) office. Television monitors are also located in buildings at both locations and can be used to disseminate information, depending on the emergency. In order to receive campus-wide email announcements, students or employees must have a college e-mail account, which may be obtained from the IT office. The same office can add individuals to the Drake Alert system.

SECURITY SERVICES

The College has a contract with a security firm. Campus Security's responsibilities include parking and speed limit enforcement and ensuring exterior lighting is functional. They also conduct hourly security checks and ensure buildings and rooms are secure when classes are not in session. Individuals needing access during the hours when the school is closed or when classes are not in session will need to contact the Security Office (Main Campus; (256) 683-2303; Downtown Instructional Site; (256) 603-1496).

Security guards are armed, but they do not possess arrest powers. Criminal incidents requiring apprehension and subsequent arrest are referred to HPD. Even though the College does not have a Memorandum of Understanding with HPD, Drake enjoys a good relationship with HPD and once notified, they have responded in a timely manner. The Security Office also maintains crime logs and incident reports, and both will be made available upon request.

Regarding “unfounded crimes”, The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges and universities to collect and disclose crime statistics about the number of reported crimes that were investigated and determined to be unfounded. Previously, these incidents were not required to be reported. Since the Security Guards are not sworn officers and do not have arrest powers, the college contacts HPD to respond to crimes that occur at the Main Campus and Downtown Instructional Site. Additionally, according to the U.S. Department of Education, the very limited circumstance in which the College may remove reports of crimes that have been unfounded by law enforcement include incidents that were investigated and found to be false or baseless. The U.S. Department of Education further states crime reports can be properly determined to be false only if the evidence from a complete and thorough investigation establishes that the crime reported was not, in fact, completed or attempted in any manner or if the allegations reported did not meet the
elements of the offense or were improperly classified in the first place. A case cannot be designated unfounded if no investigation was conducted or the investigation was not completed, or merely because the investigation failed to prove that the crime occurred; this would be deemed an inconclusive or unsubstantiated investigation.

**CAMPUS ESCORT**

Campus Security is available to escort any person leaving the campus and is concerned for their security or safety to their vehicle by contacting the Security Office (Main Campus; (256) 683-2303; Downtown Instructional Site; (256) 603-1496.

**SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS**

The College is committed to ensuring facilities and grounds are safe for faculty, staff, students and visitors. Exterior lighting and landscaping are critical parts of that commitment. The Director of Operations conducts periodic inspections to ensure campus lighting is adequate and the landscape is appropriately controlled. Security also conducts routine checks of lighting and security inspections of offices, classrooms and buildings during rounds and reports the findings to the Director of Operations. Any person who has a concern about physical security should contact the Director of Operations at (256) 426-5047. Maintenance personnel are also available to respond to calls for service regarding unsafe facility conditions or personal safety and property protection.

**STUDENT FEEDBACK ON CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Student surveys are conducted on a regular basis. The College can also provide voluntary, confidential opportunities for students to provide information. The primary goal of these surveys is to identify areas of the campus that may present vulnerabilities to one’s safety, assess services rendered by Campus Security and to alert these vulnerabilities to the President’s Cabinet and the Director of Operations. Security, safety and other concerns that are addressed during the President’s Cabinet and Administrative Council meetings, or directly to the Director of Operations.
I.D. CARDS AND BADGES

To further ensure the security of faculty, staff, and students, the College issues I. D. badges to staff and faculty and I.D. cards to students. Additionally, there are signs posted throughout the campus directing visitors to the Business Office. Campus Security and employees of the College have the authority to ask persons for identification and to determine whether they have a legitimate need to be on the College premises before providing access to campus facilities.

CRIME PREVENTION EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

In order to promote campus safety, the College encourages students, faculty and staff to adhere to the following tips for preventing crime on campus:

- Do not leave valuables unattended at any time on campus. Keep laptops, backpacks, purses, IPODs etc. with you at all times.
- Always lock the doors of your vehicle.
- Avoid studying in secluded areas; try to find a location where you can still have privacy, but someone can see you.
- Wear your campus I.D. badge or have I.D. card in your possession while on the campus.
- Do not accept a ride from anyone you don’t know.
- Report any suspicious behavior to Campus Security immediately using the below numbers.
- As indicated above, Campus Security is available to escort anyone to their vehicle, if needed, at any time.
- Report crimes to Main Campus Security at (256) 683-2303, or Downtown Instructional Site Security at (256) 603-1496.

An officer from HPD is available to visit the campus periodically and hold seminars addressing crime prevention, as is the police chief from Oakwood College. Published reading material will also be on display for students regarding campus crime prevention throughout the campus and near the College Counselor’s office.

FIREARMS POLICY

Act 2013-283, commonly referred to as Alabama “Gun Law,” took effect on August 1, 2013. Alabama Community College System Policy 511.01: Firearms on Campus, prohibits firearms on campus or on any other facility operated by the Alabama Community College System. The College is in full compliance with Act 2013-283. Therefore, firearms are not allowed on the Main Campus or Downtown Instructional Site. Violators will be subject to criminal prosecution. The following are exceptions to this policy:
1. Law enforcement officials legally authorized to carry such weapons who are officially enrolled in classes or are acting in the performance of their duties; or
2. An instructional program in which firearms are required equipment.

**DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT**

In compliance with Section 22 of Public Law 101-226 entitled “Drug Free Schools and Campuses”, the College hereby gives notice of its policy to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requires Drake State to verify that a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education and Prevention Program (DAAPP) has been implemented. DAAPP prevents the unlawful possession, use, and distribution of drugs and alcohol on campus and at recognized events and activities. As part of the program, Drake State distributes DAAPP information to students and employees annually, as well as conducts a biennial review of the program.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION POLICY AND PROGRAM**

The Drake State DAAPP is coordinated and evaluated by a six-member committee including the Dean of Instructional and Student Services, Director of Operations, College Counselor, Human Resources Coordinator, a representative from Financial Aid and a representative from the New Horizons Recovery Center.

The DAAPP commences during the Fall Semester of every academic year and ends during the Summer Semester of that same academic year. The following lists the activities available to students and employees by semester:

**FALL SEMESTER**

During the fall semester, the DAAPP begins with an annual disclosure to students and employees. The disclosure is sent directly to students and employees in the form of a letter to individual email accounts. Both the student letter and the employee letter include a description of the DAAPP, location and institutional policies. The Dean of Instructional and Student Services sends the information directly to students via email and letters to employees via email.

The Annual Disclosure Letter and DAAPP include the following five areas:

- Standards of conduct prohibiting the possession, use and distribution of drugs and alcohol.
- Possible sanctions for violations of federal, state and local drug and alcohol laws, as well as sanctions for violations of institutional policies.
- Health risks associated with the use of drugs and alcohol.
- Information on counseling, rehabilitation and treatment programs.
A clear statement that the school will impose sanctions on students and employees who violate drug and alcohol laws, ordinances and/or institutional policies.

**SPRING SEMESTER**

During the spring semester, the Drake State DAAPP conducts its annual student and employee assessment. The purpose of the assessment is to determine students’ and employees’ level of knowledge of drug and alcohol information and resources that are available to them. The survey is sent in an electronic format and the results are gathered and evaluated by the DAAPP committee in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Research.

**SUMMER SEMESTER**

Recognizing the importance of a variety of learning styles, the Drake State DAAPP utilizes service-learning as a method of sharing drug and alcohol abuse education and prevention. The College Counselor and Office of Human Resources coordinates learning excursions to treatment facilities and/or campus visits by local preventative services (e.g. MADD, HPD/Blood Alcohol Testing, etc.) with the outcome of preventing the unlawful possession, use and distribution of drugs and alcohol on campus and at recognized events and activities.

**YEAR ROUND**

All new students and new employees receive information about the DAAPP during New Student Orientation and New Employee Orientation.

**BIENNIAL EVALUATION**

Every odd numbered year, the biennial evaluation is conducted by the DAAPP committee. The objectives of this review are to determine the effectiveness of the program and to ensure consistent enforcement of applicable laws, ordinances and institutional policies against violators.

The biennial review report and supporting documents are maintained by the Office of the Dean of Instructional and Student Services and are made available to the U.S. Department of Education upon request.

An abbreviated outline of the Drake State DAAPP program year is provided below.
Fall Semester

- DAAPP Release of Information (Student Letter) – before October 1st – Dean of Instructional and Student Services
- DAAPP Release of Information (Employee Letter) – Dean of Instructional and Student Services
- New Horizons Open Session (Students and Employees)

Spring Semester

- Annual (Knowledge and Resources) Survey (Employees and Students) – During Assessment Week
- New Horizons Open Session (Students and Employees)

Summer Semester

- Service-Learning Opportunity
- Biennial Program Evaluation (2015; 2017, 2019, etc.)

Year Round

- Announcement of DAAPP Program and Distribution of DAAPP Pamphlet (New Student Orientation and New Employee Orientation)
- Individual, Private Counseling Sessions (Available for Students and Employees)

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE ACTIONS FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS**

Listed below are the possible sanctions that can be imposed, if recommended, by the disciplinary committee for drug and alcohol violations. They include censure, expulsion, disciplinary probation, restitution, and suspension.
- **Censure** – A statement to the offender that he/she has violated College regulations and of the possibility of more stringent disciplinary actions in the event of future violations.

- **Disciplinary Probation** – Students placed on probation will be notified of such in writing and will also be notified of the terms and length of the probation. Probation may include restrictions upon the extracurricular activities of the student. Any conduct in violation of this Code while on probationary status may result in the imposition of further action.

- **Expulsion** – Termination of student status for a definite or indefinite period. The conditions of readmission, if any, shall be stated in writing to the student.

- **Restitution** – Reimbursement for damage or misappropriation.

- **Suspension** – Students who are suspended are deprived of student status and are separated from the College for a stated period of time. The suspension shall appear on the student’s disciplinary record.

The New Horizons Recovery Center provides on-campus programming once each semester. The sessions are open forum and all students and employees are invited to attend. The College encourages students to talk with the College Counselor for referrals regarding inpatient and outpatient treatment and/or local support groups. The College Counselor is also available to assist students with contacting the treatment facility, if necessary. Additionally, if students request assistance for a friend or relative, the College Counselor can provide suggestions on ways that the student can encourage the friend or relative to engage in treatment. Published materials regarding the various effects of substance abuse is available on display for students near the Counselor’s office. The Office of Human Resources is available to offer information and support to employees.

**REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS**

The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 requires institutions of higher education to issue a statement advising the campus community where information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. In the State of Alabama, this information is accessible at [http://dps.alabama.gov/Community/Default.aspx](http://dps.alabama.gov/Community/Default.aspx). The site was accessed by the Director of Operations on 20 September 2016 and was found to be operational.

**HATE CRIME REPORTING**

The College strives to foster a safe and healthy learning environment that embodies diversity and inclusion of all members of the college community. Hate crimes, also called bias crimes or bias-related crimes, are criminal activities motivated by the perpetrator's bias or attitude against an individual victim or group based on perceived or actual personal characteristics, such as their race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability. If you are a victim of or a witness to a hate/bias-related crime,
immediately report it to Campus Security at (256) 683-2303 at the Main Campus or (256) 603-1496 at the Downtown Instructional Site, or dial 911 if it is life threatening.

**Note:** There were no hate crimes reported during calendar year 2015.

**JEANNE CLERY ACT CRIME STATISTICS**

The Director of Operations, working in concert with Campus Security, HPD and the Madison County Police Department, collects the crime statistics and the Director of Financial Aid inputs the data in the U.S. Department of Education’s database. The Director of Operations periodically examines the data to ensure all reported crimes are recorded in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security and Campus Crime Statistics Act, the crime definitions outlined in the Federal Bureau of Investigator’s (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting Handbook and the FBI National Incident-Based Reporting System Handbook (sex offenses only). The Clery Act mandates the manner and format in which statistics are to be collected and published. Other crimes that aren’t reportable under this Act are maintained in the Security Office at the Main Campus.

**CRIMES REPORTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

The following are the crimes that are reportable to the U.S. Department of Education along with definitions:

**Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter** – The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

**Manslaughter by Negligence** - The killing of another person through gross negligence.

**Rape** – The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. This offense includes the rape of both males and females. The definition also includes the following:

- Instances in which the victim did not consent or was incapable of giving consent, regardless of the age of the victim.
- If the victim consented, the offender did not force or threaten the victim, and the victim was under the statutory age of consent, include the crime as statutory rape.

**Fondling** – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

**Incest** – Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.
Statutory Rape - Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent.

Robbery - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.

Aggravated Assault - An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

Burglary - The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

Motor Vehicle Theft - The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

Arson - Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

Domestic Violence - (See Definition on page 18).

Dating Violence - (See Definition on page 18).

Stalking - (See Definition on page 18).

Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, Etc. - The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons. This classification encompasses weapons offenses that are regulatory in nature. Included in this classification are the following: manufacture, sale or possession of deadly weapons; carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; using, manufacturing, etc. of silencers; furnishing deadly weapons to minors; aliens possessing deadly weapons; and attempts to commit any of the above.

Drug Abuse Violations - The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics - manufactured narcotics which can cause true addiction (Demerol, Methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (Barbiturates, Benzedrine).
**Liquor Law Violations** - The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness. Included in this classification are: the manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing, etc. of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; bootlegging; operating a still; furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; underage possession; using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; drinking on a train or public conveyance; and attempts to commit any of the above.
CRIME STATISTICS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS

REPORT OF CLERY CRIMINAL OFFENSES

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  - The female employee contacted HPD and filed a report.
  - HPD handled the situation without the need for arrest.

- The 2014 stalking incident occurred in October, and it involved the same female employee and former student from the 2013 incident. The former student approached the employee in the library building, made eye contact with her and immediately walked out of the facility and left the campus.
  - The female employee contacted HPD and filed a report.
  - The case was subsequently closed since it was a one-time incident.
- The 2015 weapons violation and subsequent arrest which occurred on Public Property in November happened along Meridian Street when HPD discovered that an individual failed to produce a permit for a concealed weapon during a traffic stop.

REPORT OF CLERY CRIMINAL OFFENSES

J.F. DRAKE STATE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
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Hate Crimes

Note: There were no hate crimes reported for the past three years at the Main Campus and Non-Campus locations.
VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN REAUTHORIZATION ACT (VAWA)

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, signed by President Obama in 2013 amended the Clery Act. In addition to incidents involving sexual assaults, it has also expanded reporting for crimes such as dating violence, domestic violence, rape, and stalking. The College prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking.

The following are definitions of these crimes:

**Dating Violence**—Violence committed by;
1. A person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and
2. Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the following factors:
   a. The length of the relationship.
   b. The type of relationship.
   c. The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

**Domestic Violence**—A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by;
1. A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim.
2. A person with whom the victim shares a child in common.
3. A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner.
4. A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.
5. Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

**Stalking**—Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to;
1. Fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others; or
2. Suffer substantial emotional distress.

The college is committed to safety and security, and complies with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Federal Clery Act, both helping to bolster response to and the prevention of violence. VAWA requires colleges and universities, both public and private, participating in federal student aid programs to increase transparency about the scope of sexual violence on campus, guarantee victims enhanced rights, provide for standards in institutional conduct proceedings and provide campus community-wide prevention educational programming. In compliance with VAWA and Clery, Drake State has processes in place to actively collect and share data on violent incidents, and the
College regularly offers sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking prevention workshops. For more information, contact the Director of Operations, Dean of Instructional and Student Services or the Counseling Office for details.

**DEFINITION OF CONSENT**

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College defines consent as a mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. Affirmative consent is a knowing, voluntary and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity. It also means that at the time of the sexual contact, words or conduct indicate freely given approval or agreement, without coercion, by both participants in the sexual contact. Silence or lack of resistance, in and of itself, does not demonstrate consent. The definition of consent does not vary based upon a participant's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Consent may be initially given, but can be subsequently withdrawn through clear communication at that time. If consent is withdrawn, all sexual activity must immediately cease. A verbal “no” (no matter how indecisive) or resistance (no matter how passive) constitutes the lack of consent.

An individual is unable to give consent if he or she is:

- Substantially physically or mentally impaired by alcohol or drugs (including so-called “date rape drugs”);
- Forced or threatened;
- Physically incapable of resisting assault, asleep, or unconscious

**ON-GOING PREVENTION AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES**

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College is committed to providing members of the campus community with the safest and most secure environment possible. To increase knowledge of the issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking and share information and resources to prevent interpersonal violence, promote safety and reduce perpetration, the College provides information on culturally relevant, inclusive prevention awareness programs to incoming students and new employees during New Student Orientation, and New Employee On-boarding. In addition, private counseling sessions are available to students and employees through local agencies. Policies regarding these programs are published on the College’s website, College Course Catalog, and the New Student Orientation Handbook. These policies not only reflect the College's high standard of conduct but also local, state, and federal laws. All campus community members and visitors of the College are required to obey these regulations.
The College’s safety program includes a number of professional, educational, and crime preventive services to further install a sense of awareness and personal responsibility in each individual to reduce criminal opportunities. In compliance with VAWA and Clery, Drake State regularly offers sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking prevention workshops. In the past, the college has sponsored an awareness lecture on “Sexual Assault Prevention.” The lecture was presented by professionals from Oakwood University Police Department: Lewis A. Eakins, Chief and Melvin C. Harris, Captain. The topics included rape, sexual assault, stalking, primary prevention, conference safety tips and defensive tactics. In addition, “540 Degrees Awareness, Tips and Ideas to Minimize Becoming a Victim” by Dennis Smithee, Alabama State Capitol Police, and Title IX handbooks addressing sexual harassment/sexual violence were also distributed to students and employees.

Drake State has on-going prevention and awareness campaigns which include a comprehensive set of year-round goals, activities, safety and security measures and/or information targeted to all faculty, staff and students with the purpose of reducing the likelihood of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Drake State has a Safety and Security Committee that routinely meets to coordinate and evaluate the on-going prevention and awareness campaign for students and employees.

The on-going prevention and awareness campaign for students and employees generally commences during the Fall Semester with an annual disclosure and the distribution of the Annual Security Report by October 1, handbook distribution, activities throughout the year, year-round orientation and a biennial evaluation.

ANNUAL DISCLOSURE LETTER

During the fall semester, the on-going prevention and awareness campaign for students and employees begins with an annual disclosure. The disclosure is sent directly to students and employees in the form of a letter from the Dean of Instructional and Student Services to individual email accounts. The letter notes that the College goes to great lengths to ensure the safety and security of its faculty, staff, students, and visitors to the campus. The letter also outlines that the College is required to publish and distribute an ASR by October 1 of each year and how paper copies of the ASR can be obtained. The College reinforces its commitment to safety and security by informing students, faculty and staff of its compliance with VAWA and Clery, by actively collecting and sharing data on violent incidents and regularly offering sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking prevention workshops.

HANDBOOK

As a method of campus climate change, the College invested in a handbook titled, “Title IX: Addressing Sexual Harassment/Sexual Violence” for students and employees. The
handbook is customized for the institution and offers an overview of the following topics: “Understanding Title IX; Notice of Non-Discrimination; Sexual Harassment; What to Expect from Student Advocates; and How Bystanders Can Intervene”. The handbook is directly distributed to faculty, staff and students.

ACTIVITIES

Crisis Services of North Alabama provides on-campus programming. Sessions for employees are typically incorporated into professional development and sessions for students are based on referrals. The College also encourages students to talk with the College Counselor regarding local support groups, and faculty and staff to speak with Human Resources for guidance. Additionally, if students or employees request assistance for a friend or relative, the College Counselor, Dean of Instructional and Student Services or Human Resources can provide suggestions on ways students and employees can encourage the friend or relative to find assistance. Published materials addressing sexual harassment/sexual violence, Title IX and VAWA are found throughout the Student Support Services Directorate, on tables near the President’s Office and are housed with the Dean of Instructional and Student Services.

YEAR-ROUND ORIENTATION

Some studies show that students are most vulnerable to attack during their freshman year and new employees may not be familiar with the VAWA guidelines. Therefore, all new students and new employees receive information about prevention and awareness during New Student Orientation and New Employee On-Boarding.

BIENNIAL EVALUATION

Every odd numbered year, a biennial evaluation is conducted by the DAAPP. The objectives of this review are to determine the effectiveness of the on-going prevention and awareness campaign.

The biennial review report and supporting documents are maintained by the Office of the Dean of Instructional and Student Services and are made available to the U.S. Department of Education upon request.

- Awareness Programs - Individual goals, activities and/or information targeted to faculty, staff and students with the purpose of developing knowledge of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking (e.g. Oakwood University Police Department visited the campus and provided a presentation to faculty on Sexual Assault Prevention).
- Bystander Intervention - Information, training, and strategies to provide bystanders with the resources they need to safely intervene and/or report
dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking (e.g. calling the campus or local counseling/crisis center for support and options).

- **On-going Prevention and Awareness Campaigns** - A comprehensive set of year-round goals, activities, safety and security measures and/or information targeted to all faculty, staff and students with the purpose of reducing the likelihood of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking (e.g. distribution of Drake State Title IX booklets to students is an example of a portion of its on-going prevention and awareness campaign).

- **Primary Prevention Programs** - A comprehensive set of year-round goals, activities, safety and security measures and/or information targeted to new faculty, staff and students with the purpose of reducing the likelihood of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking (e.g. the incorporation of VAWA in the New Student Orientation Handbook, the New Student Orientation Session, and in the ORI 101: Orientation to College Class. Human Resources providing a guide from the Alabama Department of Public Health titled “Sexual Violence: Prevention and Recovery” to employees).

- **Risk Reduction** - Safety and security measures to reduce the risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking (e.g. Human Resources providing a list of awareness tips to prevent becoming a victim developed by the Alabama State Capitol Police.)

The J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College Student Code of Conduct provides the standards of conduct by which students and organizations are expected to abide. Enrollment and affiliation with the College in no way relinquishes the right nor provides an escape of responsibilities of local, state, or federal laws and regulations.

The conduct of each student and organization is to conform with the standards of common decency, with respect being given to the rights and property of others. The Student Code of Conduct is applicable to conduct which occurs on the College premises or while participating in official College sanctioned activities. A student may be disciplined and found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct for the following:

“Harassment, intimidation, physical assault, dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking.”

Failure to comply with the authority of College officials acting within the capacity of their positions or any other activity or conduct not specifically stated herein which impairs or endangers any person or property of the College is considered to be in violation of the rules and regulations of the College.

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College is committed to assuring its employees and students work and learn in an environment free from discrimination and/or sexual harassment.
**Discrimination** means making a difference in treatment in any service, program, course or facility for Drake State on the basis of race, color, creed, gender (*including gender identity*), religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status, or parental status.

**Harassment** means the use of verbal or physical conduct which does the following:

1. Has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic or employment environment;

2. Has the purpose or effect of unreasonable interference with an individual’s academic or employment performance;

3. Otherwise adversely affects academic or employment progress. The term “harassment” encompasses “sexual harassment,” which means unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome physical contact of a sexual nature, unwelcome requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature (including, but not limited to, the deliberate repeated making of unsolicited gestures or comments, or the deliberate or repeated display of sexually graphic materials which are not necessary for educational purposes), when the following conditions exist:

   - Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s status as a student or employee;
   - Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for enrollment, rating, or grading of a student or employee;
   - Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual’s academic or work progress, or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic or work environment.
NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY STATEMENT

The following policy reflects J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College’s commitment to equal opportunities in education and employment:

“No person shall be denied employment, excluded from partaking in, denied the benefits of, or subjected to discrimination in any program, activity, or employment on the basis of gender, race, color, disability, religion, national origin, age or ethnic group.”

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College complies with nondiscriminatory regulations under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX Educational Amendment of 1972, which prohibits discrimination based on sex; Title IX, Section 106.8, which prohibits sexual harassment; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits violations of the rights of the disabled; Title VI, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin; and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, covering policies for public accommodations for disabled individuals.

Individuals or any class of individuals who believe that they have been subjected to discrimination prohibited by Titles VI, VII, IX or Section 504 may contact the College’s Title IX and Age Discrimination Act Coordinator, the Dean of Instructional and Student Services, at (256) 551-3114 or the Section 504 (ADA) and Title II Coordinator, the College Counselor, at (256) 551-1710.

HARASSMENT POLICY-STUDENTS

It is the policy of J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College to provide students an academic atmosphere free of harassment, including sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination. A common form of sexual harassment is the inappropriate introduction of sexual activities or comments into the workplace or learning environment. While sexual harassment may involve relationships among equals, it often involves relationships of unequal power, giving rise to elements of coercion centered on sexual activity for opportunities of benefit such as improved job or academic status. Each employee of the College is responsible for the enforcement of this policy and for setting an example with respect to conduct. The exploitation of institutional, academic, or supervisory authority to sexually harass students, faculty, or staff is a form of illegal sex-based discrimination. Violation of this policy is a violation of Title IX of the Education Rights Act of 1972 and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Further, violation of this policy can lead to suspension or termination of employment or student status, liability for J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College and civil or criminal liability for the harassing employee. Individuals or any class of individuals who believe that they have been subjected to discrimination prohibited by Titles VI, VII, IX or Section 504 may contact the college’s Title IX and Age Discrimination Act Coordinator at (256) 551-3114 (students) or the Section 504 (ADA) and Title II Coordinator at (256) 551-1710 (students). Faculty and staff should contact Human Resources.
Note: For these purposes, the term "harassment" includes, but is not necessarily limited to:

Slurs, jokes or other verbal, graphic or physical conduct relating to an individual's race, color, gender (or gender identity), religion, national origin, age, disability or any other protected class. Harassment also includes unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal, graphic or physical contact if perceived as such by the recipient.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND ENFORCEMENT THEREOF

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College is a public educational institution of the State of Alabama and, as such, prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking by any student, employee, or visitor. In the event of the confirmation of such prohibited activity by a student, employee or visitor, the College shall, within the scope of applicable Federal and State due process requirements, take such administrative or disciplinary action as is appropriate.

For a student, the disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to suspension or expulsion. For an employee, such administrative or disciplinary action may include, but shall not be limited to reprimand, suspension or termination of employment, or requirement that the employee participate in and/or successfully complete an appropriate rehabilitation program. Any visitor engaging in any act prohibited by this policy shall be called upon to immediately refrain from such behavior and/or leave the premises. If any employee, student or visitor engages in any behavior prohibited by this policy (which is also a violation of Federal, State, or local law or ordinance), that employee, student or visitor shall be subject to referral to law enforcement officials for arrest and prosecution.

Initial Steps to Resolve a Complaint

Any student enrolled at J. F. Drake State Community and Technical College who wishes to make a complaint about an academic matter as well as other types of complaints shall report that matter in writing to the Dean of Instruction and Student Support Services. If the complaint involves a specific occurrence, the complaint shall be made within ten (10) working days of the occurrence. If, after discussion between the student and the respective college official it is determined that the complaint can be resolved immediately, the college official will take action to resolve the complaint and will submit a report within ten (10) working days of the filing of the complaint to the President and other appropriate college officials, detailing both the complaint and its resolution.

Plan of Resolve

If the student’s complaint cannot be resolved immediately, then a plan of resolution must be prepared. The College official to whom the complaint was made shall submit a written
report to the President and other appropriate College official(s) detailing the complaint and the plan to resolve the complaint. The plan of resolution must be submitted within ten (10) days of meeting with the complainant.

**Due Process of Student Disciplinary Cases**

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College is committed to ensuring an environment for all employees and students, which is fair, humane, and respectful. The College assures each student that no action will be taken on grounds that are not supported by academic policies and procedures. Emphasis will be placed upon achieving an equitable resolution to problems rather than seeking to emphasize guilt or punishment. Students are guaranteed procedural due process in situations involving severe disciplinary problems.

**Procedure for Bringing Charges**

1. Any student, faculty member or administrator may file a charge in writing against a student for misconduct. The charge is to be filed with the Dean of Instructional and Student Services.

2. The complainant must file with the Dean of Instructional and Student Services within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of the alleged violation(s). Upon receipt of the charge, the Dean will provide the student with a written statement of the charges and determine the course of action regarding the accusations. During this stage, the accused may admit to the charge and waive the right to the Hearing Board, and disciplinary action will be determined by the Dean of Instructional and Student Services.

3. If disciplinary proceedings appear warranted, the Dean of Instructional and Student Services will set a date, time and place for the hearing and the accused will be informed by written notice at least two (2) days before the hearing. Anytime up until the day of the hearing, the accused may waive the right to a hearing, admit the charge and have the punishment be decided by the Dean of Instructional and Student Services. Under such circumstances, the accused will be informed of the disciplinary action within five (5) days.

4. Any student whose presence poses a possible danger to persons or property of the College or an on-going threat of disrupting the academic process may be removed from the campus immediately.

5. Written notification of the date, time and place of the hearing shall be sent to the student within five (5) days of a complaint being filed.
6. A Disciplinary Committee comprised of the Dean of Instructional and Student Services, faculty, staff and a student representative will be selected to hear each disciplinary case.

7. The Dean of Instructional and Student Services will notify the student(s) in writing of the results and findings of the Student Disciplinary Committee and the course of appeal to the President.

**Disciplinary Sanctions**

Upon the determination that a student(s) has violated any of the rules, regulations, or guidelines set forth in this Code, the following disciplinary sanctions may be imposed, either singularly or in combination by the appropriate College officials:

- **Censure** – A statement to the offender that he/she has violated College regulations and of the possibility of more stringent disciplinary actions in the event of future violations.

- **Disciplinary Probation** – Students placed on probation will be notified of such in writing and will also be notified of the terms and length of the probation. Probation may include restrictions upon the extracurricular activities of the student. Any conduct in violation of this Code while on probationary status may result in the imposition of further action.

- **Expulsion** – Termination of student status for a definite or indefinite period. The conditions of readmission, if any, shall be stated in writing to the student.

- **Restitution** – Reimbursement for damage or misappropriation.

- **Suspension** – Students who are suspended are deprived of student status and are separated from the College for a stated period of time. The suspension shall appear on the student’s disciplinary record.
PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Following an allegation of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, it may be necessary to take an interim measure to address safety issues before the process officially begins. In those instances, the college is prepared to provide the complainant with specific remedies in order to eliminate a hostile environment, and reduce/prevent the recurrence of an incident.

Those remedies are outlined in Drake State’s “Title IX: Addressing Sexual Harassment/Sexual Violence” handbooks for students and staff and include but are not limited to the following:

- Assurance of alternative class or working arrangements
- Suggestion of alternative housing arrangements
- Availability of counseling services
- Access to Sexual Assault and Response Team (SART) Advocates
- Availability of Medical Services
- Academic Support Services (e.g. Tutoring)
- Arrangement for course withdrawal (without penalty) or adverse changes to an academic record

Written Explanation of Rights

Drake State’s “Title IX: Addressing Sexual Harassment/Sexual Violence” handbooks for students and staff were designed to provide students, faculty and staff with access for information, whether the incident occurred on the campus or not. The handbook includes information on local, counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid and other services available for victims both within the institution and in the community. The handbook also includes the availability of changes to the academic, living, transportation and working situations, and whether or not the incident should be reported to law enforcement.

DUE PROCESS

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College is committed to ensuring an environment for all employees and students which is fair, humane and respectful. The College assures each student that no action will be taken on grounds that are not supported by policies and procedures. Emphasis will be placed upon achieving an equitable resolution to problems rather than seeking to emphasize guilt or punishment. Students are guaranteed procedural due process in situations involving alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking in the following six ways:
1. Officials conducting hearings are appropriately trained and in the case of situations involving alleged dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking;
   - A Disciplinary Committee comprised of the Dean of Instructional and Student Services, faculty, staff and a student representative will be selected to hear each disciplinary case. It is mandated that no person on the committee has a conflict of interest or bias for or against the accuser or accused.

2. The accuser and the accused have equal opportunities to have others present, including an advisor or their choice;

3. The accuser and the accused receive simultaneous notification in writing of the result of the proceeding and any available appeal procedures;
   - The current Drake State procedure is that upon receipt of the charge, the Dean of Instructional and Student Services will provide the student with a written statement of the charges.

4. The proceeding is completed in a reasonably prompt timeframe.
   - The current Drake State procedure is the complainant must file with the Dean of Instructional and Student Services within thirty (30) calendar days following the date of the alleged violation(s). The “Title IX: Addressing Sexual Harassment/Sexual Violence” handbooks for students and staff advise the entire process may take as long as sixty (60) days. While ten (10) days is listed as a goal for resolution, the sensitive nature of the incidents dictates the timeframe.

5. The accuser and the accused are given timely notice of meetings at which one or the other or both may be present.
   - If disciplinary proceedings appear warranted, the Dean of Instructional and Student Services will set a date, time and place for the hearing, and the accuser and accused will be informed by written notice at least two (2) days before the hearing.

6. The accuser, accused, and appropriate officials are given timely and equal access to information that will be used during informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings.
Grievance and Appeal

J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College recognizes that in order to efficiently and effectively carry out its mission, its students must feel confident that any valid complaint or grievance a student may make concerning the college will be promptly addressed by the appropriate authorities. Therefore, the following procedures for resolving such complaints and grievances have been adopted:

Grievance Procedures

If any student’s complaint is not or cannot be resolved at the first level of supervision as described in the paragraphs above, such an unresolved complaint shall be termed a “grievance.” A student who submits a complaint to the appropriate College official(s) and who is not satisfied with the plan of resolution shall have the right to file a grievance with the College official and shall include the following information:

- Date the original complaint was reported;
- Name of the person to whom the original complaint was reported;
- Detailed facts of the complaint;
- Proposed action to be taken by the receiving official to resolve the complaint; and
- Specific objection(s) to the proposed plan of resolve.

The grievance statement may also contain other information relevant to the grievance that the complainant wants considered. If the complainant fails to file notice of appeal by 4:30 p.m. on the 15th calendar day following having received the plan of resolution, the right to further appeal is forfeited.

Investigation Procedures

The Grievance Officer, either personally or with the assistance of other such persons as the President may designate, shall conduct a factual investigation of the grievance and shall research the applicable statute, regulations or policy, if any. The factual findings from the investigation by the Grievance Officer shall be stated in a written report. The report will be submitted to the complainant and to the party against whom the complaint was made, the “Respondent,” and shall be made a part of the hearing record, if a hearing is requested by the complainant.
Review by Alabama Community College System (ACCS)

In 2015, the Alabama Legislature vested oversight of the state’s public two-year institutions of higher education (known as the Alabama Community College System (ACCS)) with the Alabama Community College System Board of Trustees. The Alabama Legislature further directed the Board of Trustees to delegate to the System’s Chancellor the authority to act and make decisions concerning the management and operation of the community and technical colleges. The Chancellor is assisted in these duties by the staff of the System Office, formerly known as the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education. Consumer and student complaints that are not resolved at the institutional level are thus arbitrated at the state level by the ACCS System Office.

The ACCS is committed to respecting and supporting the work of its member institutions and to providing a quality educational experience for all students. The objective of the student complaint process is to ensure that the concerns and complaints of students are addressed fairly and are resolved promptly. The Alabama Community College System requires each institution to establish its own procedures to address student grievances and complaints. A student must exhaust his/her rights under the institution’s official complaint/grievance policy before advancing any complaint to the System Office of the Alabama Community College System. Students may file consumer/student complaints with the Alabama Community College System by following these procedures:

a) If, after exhausting all available institutional processes, a student’s complaint remains unresolved, the student may appeal to the Alabama Community College System using the System’s official Student Complaint Form, which is available online at the ACCS website (www.accs.cc). Students may submit completed complaint forms by printing the form, signing it, and then either (1) scanning it and e-mailing it to complaints@accs.edu or (2) mailing it to:

Alabama Community College System  
Attention: Office of the Vice Chancellor for Instructional and Student Services  
P.O. Box 302130  
Montgomery, AL 36130-2130

b) The Vice Chancellor for Instructional and Student Services or an appropriate administrator designated by the Vice Chancellor will investigate the complaint within thirty (30) days of receipt.

c) The institution which is the subject of complaint has thirty (30) days to provide a written response to questions and/or concerns raised during the investigation. Such response may or may not contain a resolution.
d) The Vice Chancellor or designated administrator will adjudicate the matter and write a report or letter to the institution and student detailing corrective action, if any is necessary, or stating that the school has no violation of policies.

e) If corrective action is needed the institution will have thirty (30) days to comply or develop a plan to comply with the corrective action.

f) The System Office will monitor the institution’s compliance to ensure the completion of any required corrective action.

**Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission (SACSCOC) Federal Requirement 4.5 Student Complaints Statement of Compliance**

In compliance with SACCOC accreditation Federal Requirement 4.5, Drake State recognizes that in order to efficiently and effectively carry out its mission, its students must feel confident that any valid complaint a student makes will be promptly addressed by the appropriate authorities. With its student-centered focus, Drake State is very sensitive to the fair and professional treatment of student issues, whether those issues involve complaints, academic issues or disciplinary matters.

The institution has adequate procedures for addressing written student complaints and is responsible for demonstrating that it follows those procedures when resolving student complaints. To date, having adequate procedures for addressing written student complaints, and demonstrating that Drake State follows those procedures when resolving student complaints, has not been challenged.

Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges directly at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033, Phone: (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of J.F. Drake State Community and Technical College

**ALABAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM HARRASSMENT POLICY**

**601.04: Harassment Policy for Employees**

1. The Alabama Community College System is committed to providing both employment and educational environments free of harassment in any form. Employees shall adhere to the highest ethical standards and professionalism and refrain from any form of harassment. Both employees and students shall strive to promote an environment that fosters personal integrity where the worth and dignity of each human being is respected. Any practice or behavior that constitutes harassment shall not be tolerated.

2. Harassment can be defined as but is not limited to:
- Disturbing conduct which is repetitive;
- Threatening conduct;
- Intimidating conduct;
- Inappropriate or offensive slurs, jokes, language, or other verbal, graphic, or other like conduct;
- Unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors;
- Assault;
- Repeated contact solicited during non-traditional business hours which may be perceived as harassment by recipient unless it is specifically associated with work related duties.

3. Employees and students who are found in violation of this policy shall be disciplined as deemed appropriate by the investigating authority.

4. Harassment of employees or students by non-employees is also a violation of this policy.

5. This policy encourages faculty, students, and employees who believe that they have been the victims of harassment to contact the grievance officer or other appropriate official at the institution within ten (10) days of when the alleged incident occurred. Any reprisals shall be reported immediately to the grievance officer or other appropriate official. Any employee or student who becomes aware of any harassment shall report the incident to the grievance officer. Failure to act, which includes initial investigation, shall be deemed in direct violation of this policy.

6. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination which is illegal under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for employees and under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 for students. Sexual harassment does not refer to occasional compliments; it refers to behavior of a sexual nature which interferes with the work or education of its victims and their co-workers or fellow students. Sexual harassment may involve the behavior of a person of either sex against a person of the opposite sex or the same sex, and occurs when such behavior constitutes unwelcome sexual advances, unwelcome requests for sexual favors, or other unwelcome verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, when perceived by the recipient that: Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment or educational opportunities; or submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment or academic decisions affecting that individual; or such conduct has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work or academic performance, or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or educational environment.
7. Sexual harassment can be verbal, visual, or physical. It can be overt, as in the suggestions that a person could get a higher grade or a raise by submission to sexual advances. The suggestion or advance need not be direct or explicit; it can be implied from the conduct, circumstances, and relationship of the individuals involved. Sexual harassment can also consist of persistent, unwanted attempts to change a professional or educational relationship to a personal one. Sexual harassment is distinguished from consenting or welcome sexual relationships by the introduction of the elements of coercion; threat; unwelcome sexual advances; unwelcome requests for sexual favors; other unwelcome sexually explicit or suggestively written, verbal, or visual material; or unwelcome physical conduct of a sexual nature. Examples of verbal or physical conduct prohibited within the definition of sexual harassment include, but are not limited to:

- Physical assault;
- Direct or implied threats that submission to or rejection of requests for sexual favors will affect a term, condition, or privilege of employment or a student's academic status;
- Direct propositions of a sexual nature;
- Subtle pressure for sexual activity;
- Repeated conduct intended to cause discomfort or humiliation, or both, that includes one or more of the following: (i) comments of a sexual nature; or (ii) sexually explicit statements, questions, jokes, or anecdotes;
- Repeated conduct that would cause discomfort and/or humiliate a reasonable person at whom the conduct was directed that includes one or more of the following:
  - Touching, patting, pinching, hugging, or brushing against another's body;
  - Commentary of a sexual nature about an individual's body or clothing; or
  - Remarks about sexual activity or speculations about previous sexual experience(s);
- Intimidating or demeaning comments to persons of a particular sex, whether sexual or not;
- Displaying objects or pictures which are sexual in nature that would create a hostile or offensive employment or educational environment, and serve no educational purpose related to the subject matter being addressed.

This policy shall be distributed, communicated and implemented in a manner which provides all interested parties the opportunity to be informed of this policy. A system-wide educational program shall be utilized to assist all members of the community to understand, prevent and combat harassment. Each community and technical college is required to provide annual training related to harassment, including sexual harassment.
620.01: Grievance Procedure – Title IX

Any employee who claims a grievance (or who is reporting an observed grievance) must file a written statement within a reasonable time from the date of the alleged incident.

Any employee must file the written statement with his/her direct supervisor, unless the direct supervisor is the alleged offender. In such cases, the employee must file the statement with the next supervisor in line. The supervisor (or other person receiving a written grievance) will notify the Title IX Coordinator, HR personnel, and/or President as appropriate.

The supervisor, or other person appointed to address the grievance, must review the written statement and conduct an investigation of the claims within 30 days or as otherwise agreed. The supervisor must then make a written report of findings/decision and provide to the employee within 45 days of receipt grievance. The employee must, within 10 calendar days of the written report, provide specific written objections to the report of findings/decision to the supervisor, which will be considered a request for appeal. Failure to timely provide the specific written objections is a waiver of the employee's right to appeal the supervisor's findings/decision.

All appeals will be sent to the President or his/her designee, and the President or his/her designee will convene a three person grievance committee to hear the appeal within 30 calendar days. The President or his/her designee will appoint one person to sit on the grievance committee, and the President will allow both the aggrieved and accused to select an employee of the College to sit on the grievance committee (excluding the President and his/her designee). Should the aggrieved or accused fail to select a member of the grievance committee in the time period required by the President or his/her designee or the selected employee does not agree to participate as a member of the grievance committee in the time required by the President or his/her designee, then the President or his/her designee will select the grievance committee member.

The grievance committee will hold a hearing and allow the aggrieved employee to present the grievance and the accused will have an opportunity to respond within forty five (45) days of the appeal. The grievance committee will also have access to the original grievance, report of the supervisor, and appeal notice by the employee. The grievance committee will provide its findings and decision following the hearing in a timely manner. Either party will have I zero (0) calendar days from receipt to file a written appeal to the grievance committee decision. If timely appealed, the President will issue a final decision based on the original grievance, report of the supervisor, appeal notice by the employee, and grievance committee decision.
NOTE: If the last day for filing notice of appeal falls on either Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday, aggrieved will have until 5:00 p.m. the first working day following the 10th calendar day to file.

**Proceeding** – The College’s course of action regarding all accusations. The proceeding is officially conducted by a disciplinary committee comprised of the Dean of Instructional and Student Services, faculty, staff and a student representative. The Dean of Instructional and Student Services provides written notification of the date, time, and place of the hearing within five (5) days of a complaint being filed. The accuser and the accused will be informed by written notice at least two (2) days before the hearing.

**Result** – The consequence or outcome of the proceeding including notification in writing of the findings of the Disciplinary Committee and the course of appeal. The College ensures compliance with these provisions does not constitute a violation of section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g), commonly known as the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).
EMERGENCY ACTION PROCEDURES

(Emergency Message #1--Weather Alert):

Tornado Warning:

1. When notified, all personnel should go to the assigned shelter areas.
   
   **Note:** Building shelter locations are indicated by a CD symbol on evacuation route diagram.

2. Sit on the floor in the assigned shelter and place your head between your legs and your hands overhead.

3. If caught outside, go to the nearest ravine and lie down flat with face down.

4. Await “All Clear Signal.”

(Emergency Message #2--Fire Alert):

1. Notify other occupants by shouting, “FIRE!”
   
   **Note:** Pull one of the fire pull handles if you are located in the library or Building 600.

2. Immediately evacuate the building by following the instructions on the evacuation route diagram and assist anyone with special needs.
   
   **Note:** If in the library, take the stairwell down to the first floor and exit out the main entrance or use one of the emergency exits illustrated on each map. DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR!!

3. Assemble at the walking track behind building 800.
   
   a. Instructors—Take roll and ensure all of your students are present, and that no one is left in the Building.
   
   b. Department Heads—ensure all of your people are accounted for.

4. Notify the fire department by dialing 911, followed by Security and let them know the building and room number of the emergency.
5. Re-enter the building only when instructed by an authorized official.

(Emergency Message #3--Lockdown):

1. If possible, lock all external doors to building to secure the area.
2. Lock interior classroom doors and remain in classrooms.
3. Move to an area in the classroom that is not visible from the outside.
4. Sit down on the floor away from any windows and remain there until the “ALL CLEAR” signal is given.

(Emergency Message #4--Suspicious Packages or Bomb Threat):

1. Follow evacuation procedures for fire drill with the exception of pulling the fire pull handle if you are located in the Library or building 600.
2. Scan classroom upon leaving and report any suspicious package.
3. Await “All Clear” Signal.

(Emergency Message #5--Shelter In-Place):

Note: Specific information will be provided, depending on the situation.
**College Definitions**

- **Affirmative Consent**: A knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity.

- **Aggravated Assault**: An unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.

- **Arson**: Any willful or malicious burning or attempt to burn, with or without intent to defraud a dwelling, house, public building, motor vehicle or aircraft, personal property of another, etc.

- **Awareness Programs**: Individual goals, activities and/or information targeted to faculty, staff and students with the purpose of developing knowledge of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

- **Burglary**: The unlawful entry of a structure to commit a felony or a theft.

- **Bystander Intervention**: Information, training, and strategies to provide bystanders with the resources they need to safely intervene and/or report dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

- **Censure**: A statement to the offender that he/she has violated College regulations and of the possibility of more stringent disciplinary actions in the event of future violations.

- **Consent**: A mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity.

- **Dating Violence**: Violence committed by: 1) A person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and 2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party’s statement and with consideration of the following factors:
  - The length of the relationship.
  - The type of relationship.
  - The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

- **Dating Violence**: Violence committed by: (1) A person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim; and (2) Where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on a consideration of the following factors: (a) The length of the relationship; (b) The type of relationship; and (c) The frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship.

- **Disciplinary Probation**: Students placed on probation will be notified of such in writing and will also be notified of the terms and length of the probation. Probation may include restrictions upon the extracurricular
activities of the student. Any conduct in violation of this Code while on probationary status may result in the imposition of further action.

- **Discrimination** - Making a difference in treatment in any service, program, course or facility for Drake State on the basis of race, color, creed, gender, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status or parental status.

- **Domestic Violence** - A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by; (1) A current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; (2) A person with whom the victim shares a child in common; (3) A person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; (4) A person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; and (5) Any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person’s acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

- **Drug Abuse Violations** - The violation of laws prohibiting the production, distribution and/or use of certain controlled substances and the equipment or devices utilized in their preparation and/or use. The unlawful cultivation, manufacture, distribution, sale, purchase, use, possession, transportation or importation of any controlled drug or narcotic substance. Arrests for violations of state and local laws, specifically those relating to the unlawful possession, sale, use, growing, manufacturing and making of narcotic drugs. The relevant substances include: opium or cocaine and their derivatives (morphine, heroin, codeine); marijuana; synthetic narcotics - manufactured narcotics which can cause true addiction (Demerol, Methadone); and dangerous non-narcotic drugs (Barbiturates, Benzedrine).

- **Expulsion** - Termination of student status for a definite or indefinite period. The conditions of readmission, if any, shall be stated in writing to the student.

- **Fondling** – The touching of the private body parts of another person for the purpose of sexual gratification, without the consent of the victim, including instances where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her age or because of his/her temporary or permanent mental incapacity.

- **Harassment** - The use of verbal or physical conduct which does the following: (1) Has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive academic or employment environment; (2) Has the purpose or effect of unreasonable interference with an individual’s academic or employment performance; and (3) Otherwise adversely affects academic or employment progress.

- **Hate Crimes** - (bias crimes or bias-related crimes)-Any criminal activities motivated by the perpetrator's bias or attitude against an individual victim or group based on perceived or actual personal characteristics, such as their race,
religion, ethnicity, national origin, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.

- **Incest** – Sexual intercourse between persons who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law.

- **Liquor Law Violations** - The violation of state or local laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession or use of alcoholic beverages, not including driving under the influence and drunkenness. Included in this classification are the following: (1) The manufacture, sale, transporting, furnishing, possessing, etc. of intoxicating liquor; maintaining unlawful drinking places; (2) Bootlegging; (3) Operating a still; (4) Furnishing liquor to a minor or intemperate person; (5) Underage possession; (6) Using a vehicle for illegal transportation of liquor; (7) Drinking on a train or public conveyance; and (8) Attempts to commit any of the above.

- **Motor Vehicle Theft** - The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle.

- **Murder and Non-Negligent Manslaughter** - The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.

- **Manslaughter by Negligence** - The killing of another person through gross negligence.

- **On-going Prevention and Awareness Campaigns**- A comprehensive set of year-round goals, activities, safety and security measures and/or information targeted to all faculty, staff and students with the purpose of reducing the likelihood of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

- **Primary Prevention Programs** - A comprehensive set of year-round goals, activities, safety and security measures and/or information targeted to new faculty, staff and students with the purpose of reducing the likelihood of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

- **Proceeding** - A course of action regarding all accusations.

- **Rape** – The penetration, no matter how slight, of the vagina or anus with any body part or object, or oral penetration by a sex organ of another person, without the consent of the victim. This offense includes the rape of both males and females.

- **Restitution** - Reimbursement for damage or misappropriation.

- **Result** - The consequence or outcome of a proceeding including notification in writing of the findings of the Disciplinary Committee and the course of appeal.

- **Risk Reduction** - Safety and security measures used to reduce the risk of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

- **Robbery** - The taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or by putting the victim in fear.
• **Sexual Assault** - The sexual exploitation, forcible penetration, or an act of sexual contact on the body of another person, male or female, without his or her consent.

• **Sexual Harassment** - Unwelcome sexual advances, physical contact of a sexual nature, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature (including, but not limited to, the deliberate repeated making of unsolicited gestures or comments, or the deliberate or repeated display of sexually graphic materials, which are not necessary for educational purposes), when the following conditions exist: (1) Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s status as a student or employee; (2) Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as a basis for enrollment, rating, or grading of a student or employee; and (3) Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual’s academic or work progress, or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive academic or work environment.

• **Stalking** - Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to: (1) Fear for the person’s safety or the safety of others; or (2) Suffer substantial emotional distress.

• **Statutory Rape** - Sexual intercourse with a person who is under the statutory age of consent

• **Suspension** - Students who are suspended are deprived of student status and are separated from the College for a stated period of time. The suspension shall appear on the student’s disciplinary record.

• **Weapons** - (Carrying, possessing, etc.) - The violation of laws or ordinances prohibiting the manufacture, sale, purchase, transportation, possession, concealment or use of firearms, cutting instruments, explosives, incendiary devices or other deadly weapons. This classification encompasses weapons offenses that are regulatory in nature. Included in this classification are the following: (1) Manufacture, sale, or possession of deadly weapons; (2) Carrying deadly weapons, concealed or openly; (3) Using, manufacturing, etc. of silencers; (4) Furnishing deadly weapons to minors; (5) Aliens possessing deadly weapons; and (6) Attempts to commit any of the above.
Resources

Alcoholics Anonymous .................................................................(256) 885-0323
Bradford Health Services – Huntsville Regional Office ......................(256) 895-3848
College Counselor ...........................................................................(256) 551-1710
Crestwood Medical Center – Behavioral Health ................................(256) 429-5480
Crestwood Medical Center ................................................................(256) 429-4000
Crisis Services Center of North Alabama .............................................(256) 716-1000
Associate Dean of Instruction ...........................................................(256) 783-7685
Director of Operations ......................................................................(256) 426-5047
Dean of Instructional and Student Services ...........................................(256) 701-3588
Emergency (24 hours) ...................................................................... 911
Huntsville Hospital .............................................................................(256) 265-1000
Huntsville Police Department (HPD) .......................................................(256) 722-7100
Madison County Police Department (MCPD) ......................................(256) 772-5689
Madison Hospital ...............................................................................(256) 265-2012
Main Campus Security .......................................................................(256) 683-2303
Narcotics Anonymous ........................................................................(800) 230-5109
New Horizon Recovery Center ............................................................(256) 532-4141
College President ...............................................................................(256) 551-3117
Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) .................................................(800) 691-8426
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services .....................................(800) 662-4357
Times Building Security .................................................................(256) 603-1496