

AQUINAS COLLEGE

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

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INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

PERSONAL INTEGRITY

We expect our students to value and display personal integrity in all aspects of their lives. Behavior that calls into question one's personal integrity may result in referral to the Student Conduct Process. Specifically, students should be aware of the below policies.

1.0 Academic Integrity

Academic dishonesty in any form is an extremely serious offense and the College has a strict policy regarding academic integrity that can be found in the [Aquinas College Academic Catalog](#).

2.0 Falsification of Information

Students are not to use or provide false documentation to the College or to officials of the College in any form, written or verbal. Students are not to knowingly, misrepresent, or falsify any College records, forms, procedures, or identification.

3.0 False Reporting of Emergencies

The intentional false report of a bomb, a fire, or other emergency in any College facility or property controlled by the College in any form – e.g. manual (pulling an alarm), verbal, written, or otherwise is prohibited. Severe sanctions under this Code shall be considered if this policy is violated including, but not limited to suspension or expulsion.

4.0 Unauthorized Access

Unauthorized access to any College building (i.e. keys, cards, etc.) or unauthorized possession, duplication or use of means of access to any College building or failing to report a lost College identification card or key in a timely manner is prohibited.

5.0 Unauthorized Entry

Misuse of access privileges to College premises or unauthorized entry to or use of buildings, including but not limited to, trespassing, propping or unauthorized use of alarmed doors for entry into or exit from a College building is prohibited.

6.0 Unauthorized Electronic or Digital Recording

Making, using, disclosing, or distributing a recording of a person in a location or situation in which that person has a reasonable expectation of privacy and is unaware of the recording or does not consent to it is prohibited. Such conduct includes, but is not limited to: unauthorized recording of personal conversations, phone calls, images including screenshots, meetings, or activities.

7.0 Unauthorized Alteration or Use of Emergency or Safety Equipment

The unauthorized alteration or misuse of any firefighting equipment, safety equipment or other emergency device(s) is prohibited.

8.0 Theft of Property

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

9.0 Destruction or Misuse of Property

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

10.0 Trademark

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

11.0 Abuse of Conduct Process

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

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

12.0 Proximal Complicity

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

COMMUNITY STANDARDS

We expect our students to honor and value their community. Disruptions to other students, faculty and/or staff will not be tolerated. Behavior that violates this value includes, but is not limited to:

- *Causing a community disturbance, alarm to others, or disrupting the peace, through behavior which includes yelling, cursing and/or using abusive or insulting language, or fighting.*
- *Participating in an on-campus or off-campus demonstration, riot or activity that disrupts the normal operations of Aquinas College and/or infringes on the opportunities of the members of the College community;*
- *Leading or inciting others to disrupt activities in the classroom or in any campus building or areas.*
- *Behavior causing disruption to the living or learning environment of others.*
- *Maintaining a healthy and clean community is the responsibility of all who live, work and study there. Therefore, students who improperly dispose of trash/recycling/composting will be referred to the Student Conduct Process.. This includes off-campus students that improperly dispose of waste in Aquinas College dumpsters.*
- *As a Catholic College, Aquinas College encourages its students to adhere to Christian moral teachings in their personal interactions.*

1.0 Excessive Noise

Disruption of study, sleep, work or any other appropriate activity through excessive noise is prohibited.

2.0 Disruptive Behavior

Disruption of study, sleep, work or any other appropriate activity through disorderly behavior or other activity which is inappropriate given the time and circumstances is prohibited.

3.0 Public Exposure

Includes deliberately and publicly exposing one's intimate body parts, public urination, defecation, and sexual acts in public.

4.0 Disruption of Academic or Operational Functions

Any person, who interferes with an academic, research, administrative, disciplinary, or operational function of the College will be asked to cease and desist. Failure to cease and desist will be subject to judicial action through the Student Conduct Process. Furthermore, if the person does not comply, the following actions will be taken:

- The individual who is interfering with the academic or operational functions of the College will be asked to identify themselves.
- If the individual refuses to identify themselves or to cease and desist, they will then subject themselves to arrest and will, after being identified by the police, be charged with appropriate civil law violations.

- The individual who is interfering with academic or operational functions of the College, who refuses to identify themselves or to cease and desist, will also subject themselves to immediate suspension from the College and be informed of the opportunity for an appeal hearing to be established at the earliest possible date.

5.0 Wheeled Devices

Skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, bicycles and similar wheeled devices are not to be used/ridden inside College buildings or residence halls. Additionally, skateboards and other wheeled items may not be ridden on railings, curbs, benches, or any such fixtures that may be damaged by these activities. Individuals may be liable for damage to College property.

6.0 Ineligible Pledging or Association

Pledging or associating with a student organization without having met eligibility requirements established by the College is prohibited.

7.0 Hazing

All acts of hazing, as defined by this policy, by any individual student, or sanctioned or promoted by any College registered student club/organization and/or athletic teams and any of its members or alumni, are prohibited. Students are entitled to be treated with consideration and respect.

A person or group commits the offense of hazing if the person or group intentionally, knowingly or recklessly, for the purpose of initiating, admitting or affiliating a minor or student into or with an organization, or for the purpose of continuing or enhancing a minor or student's membership or status in an organization, causes, coerces or forces a minor or student to do any of the items listed below:

- Violate Federal or State criminal law;
- Consume any food, liquid, alcoholic liquid, drug or other substance which subjects the minor or students to a risk of emotional or physical harm;
- Endure brutality of a physical nature, including whipping, beating, branding, calisthenics or exposure to the elements;
- Endure brutality of a mental nature, including activity adversely affecting the mental health or dignity of the individual, sleep deprivation, exclusion from social contact or conduct that could result in extreme embarrassment;
- Endure brutality of a sexual nature;
- Endure any other activity that creates a reasonable likelihood of bodily injury to the minor or student.

Any student or organization found to be involved in any hazing activity will be referred to the Student Conduct Process. A violation of this policy may exist irrespective of any alleged voluntary or consensual participation in the activity by the person(s) being abused.

Additionally, the State of Michigan has a hazing law which prohibits hazing (MCL 750.411t). The state law can be found at: <http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-750-411t>

8.0 Disregarding the Directive of a College Official

Students are not to disregard or fail to comply with a reasonable, lawful directive; (including a verbal or written request to show Identification), of a College official acting within the scope of their prescribed duties or the police or other law enforcement officers acting in the performance of their duties.

9.0 Personal Conduct While Not on College Property

The College may discipline a student for acts of personal misconduct or criminal acts that are not committed on College property if the acts arise from College activities that are being conducted off the College campus, or if the misconduct undermines the security of the College community or the integrity of the College or its educational process, or poses a serious threat to oneself or others. Aquinas College is committed to the promotion of a civil community both on campus and off campus.

Aquinas College regards off-campus activity, including but not limited to College-sponsored events, as an integral part of a student's academic, personal, and professional growth. Thus, the College recognizes the right of all students to expect that the College will subject individuals to the same responsibilities and disciplinary procedures when conduct:

- Adversely impacts the College's mission, or the tenets of this Code, such as altering academic transcripts, harassment of any kind, trafficking in term papers, use of a computer or other electronic device to obtain unauthorized access to information;
- Presents a clear danger to the personal safety of any person or the protection of any person's property, such as alcohol and drug offenses, arson, battery, fraud, hazing, participation in group violence, rape, sexual assault, stalking, or theft;
- Violates policies of an academic program and related facilities, including but not limited to an off-campus clinical, field, internship, or in-service experience, or an overseas study program.

10.0 State, Federal, & Municipal Laws

Any student(s) who engages in conduct that is chargeable under any provision of state, federal, or municipal law, regardless of whether the conduct occurs on property owned or controlled by the College, may be held accountable by the College. The College reserves the right to refer the student to the appropriate city, state or federal authorities for possible enforcement of civil or criminal consequences.

11.0 Other Policies

Violating other published College policies or rules is prohibited. See the Additional Policy section.

SAFETY

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

Students are not to exhibit behavior which harasses, violates the rights of, or threatens any person; harms, or causes to place in harm, any person or property of the person; or to conduct themselves in a lewd, indecent, obscene, or disorderly manner.

1.0 Harassment

Harassment is communication, whether spoken, written, physical, or pictorial, that could reasonably be understood as:

- Having the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment;
- Having the purpose or effect of interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or access to College activities and programs;
- Adversely affecting an individual's employment or educational opportunities or access to College activities and programs.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to, abusive or humiliating speech or conduct relative to protected classes. All students are prohibited from engaging in conduct which threatens, harasses, intimidates or in any other way retaliates against any person involved in a complaint or conduct hearing.

2.0 Retaliation

A student, group of students, or registered student organization shall not retaliate, or take adverse action, against any person or group. This includes, but is not limited to, students who file a complaint or grievance; request an administrative hearing; participate in an investigation or administrative hearing; or oppose unlawful or discriminatory acts, practices, or policies.

3.0 Alcohol

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 (DFSCA) and subsequent amendments, students of Aquinas College are informed that policies are in place which prohibit the possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on College property or as part of any College-sponsored activity unless event-specific permission is given for of-age students to consume alcohol responsibly. Students are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on College property or at College-sponsored activities.

Aquinas College affirms that illegal drug use is unlawful and harmful. The use of illegal drugs and abuse of alcohol by students could result in cognitive deficits, loss of productivity, and other health risks. These risks include an increased risk of accidents, which may result in death or permanent injury. Free, confidential counseling for alcohol and other drug abuse issues is available to students through College counseling services. Other resources may include assessment, individual counseling, educational

programs, materials, and referral and case management through community agencies, all of which might include a fee.

Students exhibiting signs of excessive alcohol consumption will be transported via Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at the student's expense for medical attention. Refusal to cooperate with EMS personnel may result in arrest by local police in order to ensure the student's health and safety and/or referral to the Student Conduct Process for disorderly conduct and/or failure to comply.

The following regulations describe College policy regarding the sale, service, distribution, and consumption of alcoholic beverages on College property or at College-sponsored events in accordance with federal, state and local laws:

- 3.1 The laws of the State of Michigan pertaining to the possession and use of alcoholic beverages will be followed. Therefore, students under the age of 21 (minors) are not permitted to possess, consume or transport alcohol anywhere on College property or at College-sponsored events.
- 3.2 Residential students 21 years of age or older may drink alcoholic beverages in residential rooms.
- 3.3 Students who are of legal drinking age (21 years or older) may not share or provide alcohol to any students, employees, or guests who are under 21 years of age (minors).
- 3.4 Alcohol may be stored in shared space within residential rooms by students who are of legal drinking age.
- 3.5 Students who are of legal drinking age may not consume, transport, or possess alcoholic beverages in open containers on College property unless permission is granted as specified at a specific event (i.e. Homecoming).
- 3.6 Students of legal drinking age are expected to behave responsibly when consuming alcohol. Any loud or disruptive behavior or disorderly conduct associated with alcohol consumption will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the violation of that specific policy.
- 3.7 There shall be no possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at any student activity, sporting event, or other student gathering on College owned or controlled property unless permission is granted by the Director of Campus Safety or the Dean of Students Office.
- 3.8 Alcohol containers, full or empty, are not allowed in the rooms of minors unless the room space is shared with a student of legal drinking age. Clear and distinct efforts must be made to identify that alcohol present in such rooms is owned and consumed by students 21 years of age or older.
- 3.9 The display of alcoholic beverage containers or commercial promotional material in windows or on the exterior of room doors is prohibited.
- 3.10 Students are prohibited from possessing mass quantities of alcohol on College property.

- 3.11 The manufacturing, sale, or unauthorized distribution of alcohol is prohibited.
- 3.12 The abuse of alcohol and high risk drinking activities are prohibited. High-risk drinking activities include, but are not limited to: drinking large amounts of alcohol, consuming alcohol at an accelerated pace, participation in drinking games, use of beer bong, and/or any activity that promotes irresponsible drinking, distribution or providing alcoholic mixtures with an unknown level of alcohol content (punch bowl, jungle juice, trash cans, etc). Equipment used in any of these activities (kegs, party balls, bubble kegs, beer pong tables, funnels, beer bong, etc.) will be confiscated and may not be returned.
- 3.13 Students may not violate any federal, state, or local law pertaining to alcohol (i.e. driving while under the influence of alcohol).
- 3.14 If anyone is found to be in violation of the alcohol policy, all alcohol will be confiscated and disposed of.
- 3.15 Public intoxication on College property or at College sponsored events is prohibited.
- 3.16 Flagrant or repeat violations are prohibited and could result in a student's dismissal from the residential community and/or the College.

Violations of the alcohol policy (and all other policy violations) are cumulative through a student's Aquinas College's educational career.

4.0 Illegal Drug

Aquinas College enforces drug policies consistent with federal, state and local statutes. The following regulations describe College policy in accordance with federal, state and local laws:

The term "drug" includes:

- controlled substances, as defined in 21 USC 802, which cannot be legally obtained
- legally obtainable controlled substances which were not legally obtained, including:
 - Prescribed drugs when prescription is no longer valid (e.g. use of medication after a course of treatment is completed);
 - Prescribed drugs used contrary to the prescription;
 - Prescribed drugs issued to another person.

Specifically,

- 4.1 The use, possession, manufacture, sale, and/or distribution of any illegal drug (or drugs) in any amount is prohibited regardless of location.
- 4.2 The use, possession, sale, and/or distribution of prescription drugs for which one does not have a legitimate prescription is prohibited.
- 4.3 The use or possession of drug paraphernalia is prohibited, including but not limited to any item or device associated or used in conjunction with illegal drug activity (e.g. bong, bowls, scales, etc.)

- 4.4 The abuse or misuse (beyond the recommended dosage and/or instructions of usage) of non-prescription medications is prohibited.

Any drug-related incident on campus may result in dismissal from the residential community and required assessment and treatment at a substance abuse treatment facility (at the student's expense) as a condition of remaining a student at Aquinas College. Flagrant and repeat violations may result in a student's dismissal from the College.

In addition to College imposed sanctions, students and employees are subject to all legal sanctions under federal, state and local law for any offenses involving illegal drugs on College property or at College sponsored activities. The College reserves the right to pursue criminal action against the offending student(s) and/or employees.

The College cannot deny the Grand Rapids Police Department or federal or state narcotic officers the right of access to the campus or entry to College buildings for the purpose of investigating the illegal use or sale of drugs.

5.0 Title IX

Aquinas College is committed to providing a workplace and educational environment, as well as other benefits, programs, and activities, that are free from sexual harassment and retaliation. The Title IX policy is intended to ensure compliance with federal and state civil rights laws and regulations, and to affirm the College's commitment to promoting the goals of fairness and equity in all aspects of the educational program or activity.

Aquinas College has developed internal policies and procedures that provide a prompt, fair, and impartial process for those involved in an allegation of Sexual Harassment or Retaliation. Aquinas values and upholds the equal dignity of all members of its community and strives to balance the rights of the parties in the grievance process during what is often a difficult time for all those involved. For the full policy: <https://www.aquinas.edu/sexual-assault-title-ix>

6.0 Harm to Persons

Intentionally or recklessly causing physical harm or endangering the health or safety of any person.

7.0 Threatening Behaviors

Threats and Intimidation are prohibited. Threats are written or verbal conduct that causes a reasonable expectation of injury to the health or safety of any person or damage to any property. Intimidation is defined as implied threats or acts that cause a reasonable fear of harm in another.

8.0 Bullying and Cyberbullying

Bullying and cyberbullying are repeated and/or severe aggressive behaviors that intimidate or intentionally harm or control another person physically or emotionally, and are not protected by freedom of expression.

9.0 Weapons

Students shall not keep, possess, display, use, or distribute any weapon anywhere on the college campus, including the storage of any item that falls within the category of a weapon in a vehicle parked

on college property. This includes fireworks and ammunition, guns (including air, BB, paintball, facsimile weapons and pellet guns), or other weapons or dangerous objects such as tasers, arrows, axes, machetes, nunchucks, throwing stars, or knives (excluding kitchen knives when properly stored or utilized for their intended purpose) with a blade longer than three inches. Possession or use of any of the above items, even if legally possessed, that harms, threatens, causes fear, or raises the concern of members of the College is strictly prohibited. Such items are subject to immediate confiscation. No students shall possess other weapons defined as illegal under Michigan law.

10.0 Self Defense

Responding to a physical attack with a counter physical act is not encouraged. Self-defense may be considered a conduct policy violation if the actions are not immediately followed by an attempt to remove oneself from the situation. In cases where both parties are claiming self-defense and an investigation lends no information to justify one claim over another, both students will be notified of the possible violation. Students are expected to make every attempt to create a nonviolent solution. Physical attack as a response to verbal harassment, defense of another person, or as a response to intimidating behavior is prohibited.

11.0 Environment

Fundamental to the protection of the individual is the maintenance of an environment that is physically safe and predictable. As members of a group, each individual has a responsibility to ensure that safety and/or security hazards are eliminated, fire equipment is not tampered with, and fire procedures are followed.

- 11.1 Creating or helping to create a safety or security hazard is prohibited. .
- 11.2 Littering in and around campus property is prohibited.
- 11.3 Tampering with fire equipment, and the use of such equipment for purposes other than the prevention or control of fire (Fire equipment includes, but is not limited to, smoke detectors, fire alarm mechanisms, extinguishers, fire hoses, and any other fire fighting devices) is prohibited.
- 11.4 Setting fires on College property is prohibited.
- 11.5 All occupants must evacuate a building after a fire alarm has been sounded.
- 11.6 Unless an emergency warrants it, it is prohibited to throw or drop anything out of a window from a campus building, enter or exit a campus building via a window, remove windows or window screens, sit on window sills, or go onto the roof of any campus building.

12.0 Drone/Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)

The personal, institutional or commercial use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is prohibited on campus unless pre approved in writing by the

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

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

13.0 Public Health Emergencies

The College may impose policies and procedures related to public health emergencies. The College will utilize guidance from federal, state, and local health agency experts to determine such policies and procedures.

14.0 Parental Notification

Aquinas College is concerned about students who improperly use alcohol and other drugs and the effects such use may have on their health, academic success, interpersonal relationships and, ultimately, their future.

The Aquinas College alcohol policy expressly forbids possession and/or consumption of alcohol by students, employees or guests who are under the minimum legal drinking age of 21 years. Possession of drug paraphernalia and the use, manufacture, sale, or distribution of illegal drugs, whether on or off campus, by any student is also prohibited. In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Dean of Students (or designee) reserves the right to notify the parents/guardians of students under 21 years of age, and the parents/guardians of dependent students, regardless of age, of any incident in which the student is found responsible for violating the College alcohol and drug policy.

15.0 Medical Amnesty

A student needing medical assistance during an alcohol or drug-related emergency will not face disciplinary action for the mere possession or use of alcohol and/or drugs if they contact the police, Campus Safety or a Housing & Residence Life Experience staff member for help. The student receiving medical assistance will be required to meet with a member of the counseling staff for an assessment within five (5) College business days of being released from the hospital or from when the event occurred if no hospitalization is necessary. As long as the student complies with all directives, they will not face disciplinary actions for the alcohol and/or drug violations. This policy refers to isolated incidents only. A non-disciplinary record of the incident will be kept on file. If repeated incidents occur, disciplinary action can be taken. In the event that the student fails to meet a counselor in the time allotted, or fails to complete the required directives, they will be referred to the Student Conduct Process..

16.0 Good Samaritan

The Good Samaritan Policy acknowledges that as members of this community, students have a responsibility to each other. We expect students to take active steps to protect the safety and well-being of our community. Therefore, student(s) or student organizations may directly seek medical amnesty for another person during an alcohol or drug related emergency. The Good Samaritan student will not face disciplinary action for the mere possession or use of alcohol or drugs provided that they remain with the individual until medical assistance arrives and the person can be assisted. In order to

qualify under the Good Samaritan Policy, these individuals or representatives from organizations must contact the police, Campus Safety or a Housing & Residence Life Experience staff member. They may also need to schedule an appointment with a Housing & Residence Life Experience professional staff member and adhere to specific non-disciplinary educational mandate(s).

The Good Samaritan and Medical Amnesty policies apply only to alcohol or drug related medical emergencies but do not apply to other prohibited conduct such as assault or property damage. If other prohibited conduct occurs, then a student will be held responsible for those violations. The use and/or abuse of alcohol or drugs will not be considered a mitigating circumstance for any other violation of the Student Code of Conduct. In cases where an individual fails to seek emergency medical assistance when it is clearly needed, disciplinary action may be taken against the individual/organization. The Good Samaritan and Medical Amnesty policies apply only to the College's response to a medical emergency. Criminal/police action may still occur separately from the Student Conduct Process.

Clery Act

The Clery Act is a federal mandate which requires that all current students and employees be provided with information on policies and procedures involving campus security, the reporting of criminal action or other emergencies, and the enforcement authority of security personnel. This information must also include descriptions of programs for students and employees about campus security and crime prevention, as well as statistics on the occurrence of specific crimes. Notification of the annual security report is made by the College's Director of Campus Safety and the full report is posted on the College's website. Hardcopies of the annual security report are available from the Campus Safety Office.

Information Regarding Marijuana On-Campus

Aquinas College receives federal funding for various uses, including student financial aid. As such, Aquinas must comply with federal law, including all current federal drug laws. Therefore, even though the State of Michigan has legalized limited amounts of marijuana for recreational use for some individuals, the possession, use, storage and cultivation of marijuana remains prohibited for all students under College policy.

Similarly, while the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act of 2008 (the "MMMA") permits qualified patients with specific medical conditions and their primary caregivers to use and possess marijuana, the MMMA conflicts with federal laws. Because the College receives federal funding and is subject to the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, the use, possession, storage or cultivation of marijuana by anyone while on Aquinas College property, regardless of whether they are a licensed/registered patient or caregiver under the MMMA, is a violation of this Policy and, therefore, a violation of the Aquinas College Student Code of Conduct.

Students who violate College policy prohibiting the use or possession of illegal drugs on campus will continue to be subject to disciplinary action.

For more information about legal sanctions within state and federal law pertaining to alcohol and other drugs, please review this [RESOURCE DOCUMENT](#).

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE POLICIES

[Academic Integrity](https://www.aquinas.edu/academics/academic-integrity/index.html)

<https://www.aquinas.edu/academics/academic-integrity/index.html>

[Copyright Infringement and File Sharing](https://www.aquinas.edu/_files/AquinasCollegecopyrightpolicy%20-%20Shellie%20Jeffries.pdf)

https://www.aquinas.edu/_files/AquinasCollegecopyrightpolicy%20-%20Shellie%20Jeffries.pdf

[Excessive Idling Policy](https://www.aquinas.edu/_files/idling_policy.pdf)

https://www.aquinas.edu/_files/idling_policy.pdf

[Housing & Residence Life Experience Information & Regulations](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZAQgvqgWkgjFvHlZr29DNztmytcA_wwZ/view)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZAQgvqgWkgjFvHlZr29DNztmytcA_wwZ/view

[Information Technology Use](https://www.aquinas.edu/_files/aup.pdf)

https://www.aquinas.edu/_files/aup.pdf

[Minors on Campus Policy](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vhug2Up2ZSSOENsD7vwTNXgqq3A3rRFJ/view)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vhug2Up2ZSSOENsD7vwTNXgqq3A3rRFJ/view>

[Nondiscrimination Policy](https://www.aquinas.edu/mission-vision/index.html)

<https://www.aquinas.edu/mission-vision/index.html>

[Registered Student Organization Manual](https://www.aquinas.edu/offices/student-affairs/registered-student-organizations-rsos/index.html)

<https://www.aquinas.edu/offices/student-affairs/registered-student-organizations-rsos/index.html>

[Service and Emotional Support Animal Resources](https://www.aquinas.edu/offices/accessibility-services/index.html)

<https://www.aquinas.edu/offices/accessibility-services/index.html>

[Student Athlete Handbook](https://aqsaints.com/documents/2022/6/17/Student_Athlete_Handbook_22.23__2_.pdf)

https://aqsaints.com/documents/2022/6/17/Student_Athlete_Handbook_22.23__2_.pdf

[Student Grievance Procedures](https://www.aquinas.edu/offices/student-affairs/grievance-procedures.html)

<https://www.aquinas.edu/offices/student-affairs/grievance-procedures.html>

[Title IX Policy](https://www.aquinas.edu/offices/student-affairs/title-ix/index.html)

<https://www.aquinas.edu/offices/student-affairs/title-ix/index.html>

[Tobacco-Free Policy](https://www.aquinas.edu/_files/tobacco_free_policy.pdf)

https://www.aquinas.edu/_files/tobacco_free_policy.pdf