Student Code of Conduct

Georgia Piedmont Technical College exists to educate its students; to advance, preserve, and disseminate knowledge; and to advance the public interest and the welfare of society as a whole. In order to provide an environment conducive to learning, the institution has established regulations and obligations to govern conduct. As members of the academic community, students are subject to all established behavior standards. Postsecondary students, as adults, are expected to exercise mature and responsible self-discipline, to behave with courtesy and integrity, and to maintain appropriate conduct standards. Any student, acting individually or in concert with others, who violates any part of the student conduct code, shall be subject to disciplinary procedures including dismissal from a class session by the instructor or suspension or expulsion by the authorized administrator. Such misconduct shall include the commission of, or the attempt to commit, any of the following offenses:

- Academic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating and/or plagiarism are the unauthorized use or close imitation of another's work without permission and/or acknowledgement.

- Forgery, alteration, or misuse of college documents or records.

- Falsifying information with the intent to deceive.

- Physically abusing or intentionally inflicting severe emotional distress upon another person on campus (including sexual harassment as defined by State policy).

- Theft or malicious destruction, damage, unauthorized possession, or misuse of college property or the private property of another member of the academic community whether occurring on or off campus.

- Engaging in activity that disrupts the educational process of the institution or infringes upon the privacy, rights, or privileges of another person on campus.

- Verbal or physical abuse of or insubordination toward any student, faculty member, administrator, or employee of the college.

- Participation in any form of gambling while on college property.

- Unauthorized entry into any portion of college facilities or campus which has been reserved, restricted in use, or placed off limits, as well as unauthorized presence in college facilities after closing hours, or unauthorized possession or use of a key to college facilities.

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- Possession, use, or distribution on campus of any narcotic, dangerous or unlawful drug, or alcoholic beverage as defined by laws of the United States or the State of Georgia.

- Lewd, indecent, and obscene behavior or expression.

- Violation of any federal, state, or local law.

- Intentional misuse of any fire alarm or fire-fighting equipment at the college.

- Use of tobacco in any form is prohibited within any of the college buildings or vehicles. Smoking will be allowed on campus in privately owned vehicles and in designated areas. The use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited on the college campus, except within privately owned vehicles.

- Disorderly conduct, including rioting, inciting to riot, assembling to riot, raiding, inciting to raid, or assembling to raid properties of the college.

- Failure to make proper identification when requested to do so by any properly identified instructor, administrator, or staff person in the performance of his/her duties.

- Loitering in the hallways or classrooms/labs when classes are in session.

- Operation of student organizations not approved by the college administration and Board of Directors.

- Failure to follow established program or departmental regulations.

I, _____, have been given a copy, read and understand the Student Code of Conduct and the policies and rules located in the Georgia Piedmont Technical College Student Catalog. I will abide by the standards and regulations set forth by Georgia Piedmont Technical College. If I violate any part of the Student Code of Conduct, I understand that disciplinary procedures will be followed, including possible dismissal from a class session by the instructor or suspension or expulsion by the authorized administrator.

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Print Student Name   Student Signature   Date