

## **STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each individual is considered a responsible adult and is expected to maintain standards of conduct appropriate to membership in the college community. Emphasis is placed upon standards of student conduct rather than on limits or restrictions of students. Guidelines and regulations governing student conduct usually are developed by representatives of the students, faculty, student development staff and administration. The College refrains from imposing a rigid code of discipline, but reserves the right to take disciplinary action compatible with its own best interests when such action is clearly necessary.

Failure to meet standards of conduct acceptable to the College may result in disciplinary probation or dismissal, depending upon the nature of the offense. Unless otherwise specified, a disciplinary probation period is for the duration of one semester. A student who is dismissed must reapply to the College. Readmission is not assured.

The Virginia Community College System guarantees to each student the privilege of exercising his rights of citizenship under the Constitution of the United States without fear of prejudice. Special care is taken to ensure due process and to spell out defined routes of appeal when the student feels his rights have been violated.

Basically, students of Tidewater Community College are expected to conduct themselves with civility, both within and beyond the College. The chancellor is authorized by the State Board for Community Colleges to impose such penalty as he may deem appropriate, including expulsion from the College. This authority has been delegated by the chancellor to the administration of each community college, subject to review by the chancellor or his delegated representative. When the penalty for misconduct is suspension or dismissal, the student may appeal the decision to the president of the College.

Any student found guilty of participating in or inciting a riot or an unauthorized or disorderly assembly is subject to suspension or dismissal. See the *Student Handbook* for additional information.