



College of Education Code of Ethics

The College of Education Code of Ethics has been established to apply to all undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in any course in the College of Education. Violation of any part of the College of Education Code of Ethics may result in delay of progression in the program, completion of the program, or removal from the program.

A. COE students must demonstrate professional behavior when representing the College of Education of Florida Gulf Coast University in any activity on campus or in the community.

1. Professional behavior is also defined by the general and/or specific codes of ethics and professional conduct in:
 - a. The Professional Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in the State of Florida. This document may be accessed at the following URL – <http://www.fldoe.org/edstandards/pdfs/ethics.pdf> .
 - b. Codes of Ethics/Professional Conduct promulgated by the various specialties represented among College of Education programs. (See program materials for specific expectations.)
2. COE students at all stages of their professional preparation in the College of Education represent the College of Education and Florida Gulf Coast University and must comply with all policies, statutes, rules, and regulations established by state and local agencies as well as that of Florida Gulf Coast University and the College of Education. The COE student shall also comply with all rules and regulations of the local school/institution/agency for any field assignment or class assignment.
3. The COE student shall recognize and respect diversities.
4. The COE student shall contribute to a safe physical and emotional learning environment.

B. COE students must demonstrate personal conduct consistent with professional behavior.

1. The COE student shall demonstrate appropriate behavior in class or in field assignments.

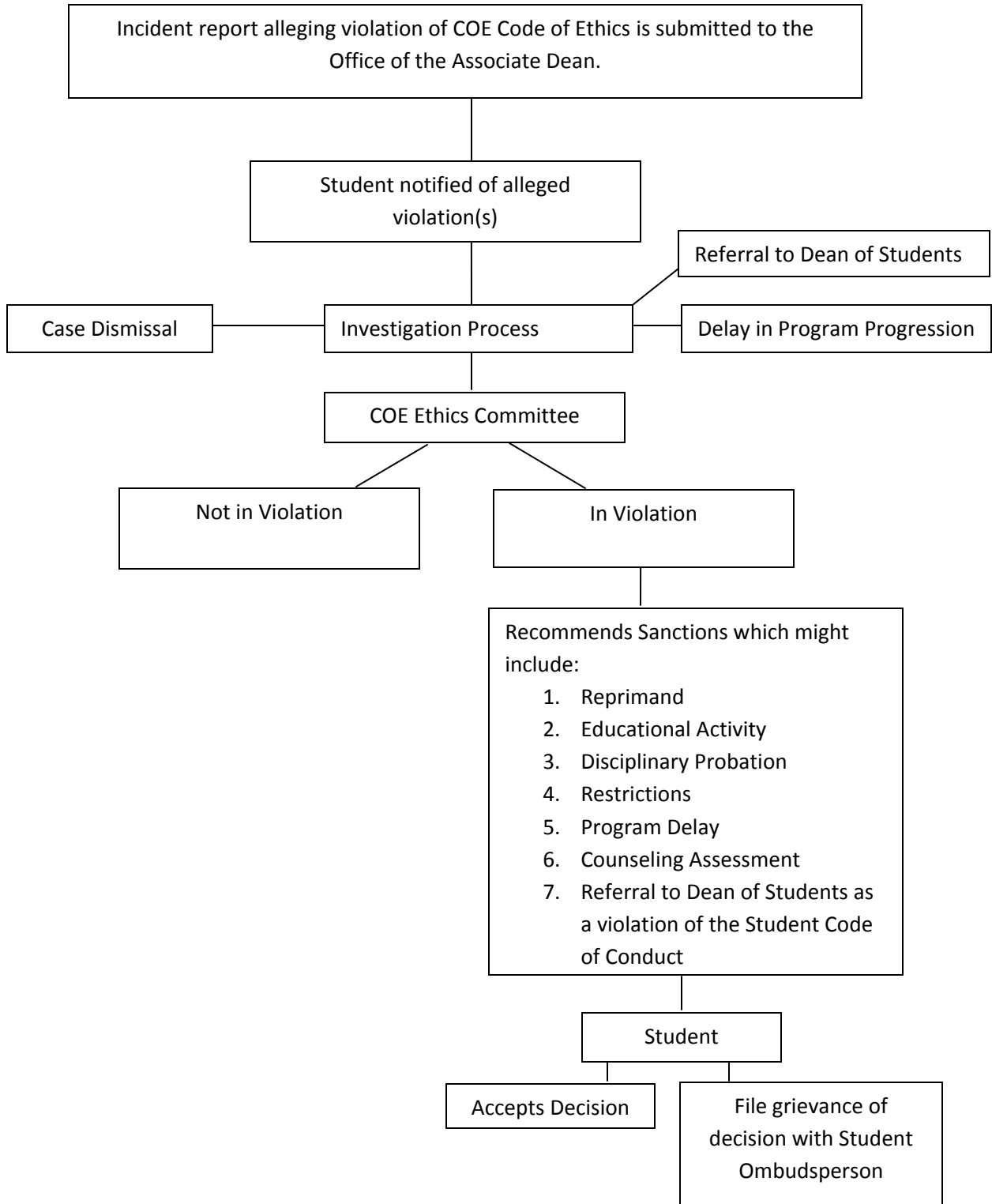
2. The COE student shall be consistent in punctuality and attendance. Failure to keep appointments and absenteeism or tardiness in class or field assignments is unacceptable. COE students must notify instructors and/or field supervisors of any impending absence.
3. The COE student shall maintain a professional appearance in all field assignments and abide by the specific facility's dress code. The COE student must comply with all dress standards and policies expected of a school's professional staff. Unprofessional appearance may include, but is not limited to the following: body piercing, tattooing, offensive language on clothes, the wearing of jeans, revealing attire, sweat pants, tank tops, and inappropriate shoes.
4. The COE student shall develop and adhere to appropriate professional relationships. Developing a friendship that conflicts with professional roles while in a field assignment or developing a romantic and/or sexual relationship with a current student, instructor, staff member or supervisor is unacceptable.
5. The COE student shall not attend class or field assignments under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

C. COE students must demonstrate professional respect for all students, supervisors, and faculty as well as the education profession.

1. The COE student shall treat cooperating teachers, university supervisors, students, staff, colleagues, faculty and others with respect. Respect may be manifested in many ways including both verbal and non-verbal communications. Negative or disruptive comments, usurping authority in class, physical intimidation, inappropriately aggressive behavior or comments will not be tolerated. Similarly, activities such as text messaging during class, sleeping during class, doing other work in class, talking while someone else is talking, mumbling comments to others, and consistent refusal to participate in class discussions are unacceptable.
2. The COE student shall not make judgments and/or remarks based on stereotypes and other biases related to race, culture, gender, social class, sexual orientation, religion, disability or ability level.
3. The COE student shall exhibit professional responsibility for completion of all assignments in course and field work within the specified time frame.

4. The COE student shall exhibit a positive attitude toward the education profession and his/her content area. The COE student shall participate professionally in group work and equitably share responsibility for project completion. Unprofessional attitude shown through negative remarks, poorly prepared lessons unprofessional appearance or low expectations for self and students is unacceptable.

College of Education Code of Ethics Process



Procedures

1. Charges of violation(s) of the COE Code of Ethics are delivered to the Associate Dean. Reports of violation brought by COE faculty, supervisors or cooperating teachers/personnel must be made in writing within five working days of the alleged violation.
2. Upon review of the information to determine if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the allegations of the complaint are true, the Associate Dean may:
 - Dismiss the charge based on insufficient information to proceed;
 - Invoke a delay in progression in the program;
 - Proceed to student notification and Pre-Hearing Information Session;
 - Refer the complaint to the Dean of Students.
3. The student will be given written notice of the alleged violation within twenty-four hours of its receipt in the Office of the Associate Dean.
4. The COE Ethics Committee will meet as soon as possible to hear findings of the investigation. The COE Ethics Committee will be composed of the appropriate Associate Dean and two faculty members appointed by the Associate Dean. The COE Ethics Committee determines responsibility of a violation of the COE Code of Ethics and recommends sanctions. The student will be notified of the decision of the COE Ethics Committee within two days of the COE Ethics Committee meeting.
5. The Student may accept the decision of the COE Code of Ethics Committee and sign a Statement of Understanding that details the decision and recommended sanctions.
6. If the student does not accept the decision of the COE Code of Ethics Committee, he/she may file a grievance with the University Ombudsperson.

I have carefully read the College of Education Code of Ethics. I understand this document and agree to abide by the policies stated therein.

Student Name: (Please Print) _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____