

Student Conduct, Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

University students are citizens of the state, local, and national governments and of the academic community, and are therefore, expected to conduct themselves as law-abiding members of each community at all times. Admission to an institution of higher education carries with it special privileges and imposes special responsibilities apart from those rights and duties enjoyed by non-students. In recognition of the special relationship that exists between the institution and the academic community which it seeks to serve, the ETSU Board of Trustees has authorized the president of the university to take such action as may be necessary to maintain campus conditions and preserve the integrity of the institution and its educational environment.

Pursuant to this authorization, the ETSU Board of Trustees has developed regulations which are intended to govern student conduct on the campus. In addition, students are subject to all national, state, and local laws and ordinances. If a student's violation of such laws or ordinances also adversely affects the institution's pursuit of its educational objectives, the institution may enforce its own regulations regardless of any proceedings instituted by other authorities. Conversely, violation of any section of the ETSU Board of Trustees regulations or university rules may subject a student to disciplinary measure taken by the institution whether or not such conduct is simultaneously a violation of state, local or national laws. A complete statement on institutional student disciplinary rules and procedures can be found in the student handbook located on the ETSU website.