

# Kentucky Wesleyan College

## Policy & Procedure Manual

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### **Students' Rights & Responsibilities**

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### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1. The following statement of students' rights and responsibilities is intended to reflect the philosophical base upon which the College Student Code of Conduct is built. This philosophy acknowledges the existence of both rights and responsibilities, which is inherent to an individual not only as a student at Kentucky Wesleyan College but also as a citizen of this country. The following list is not intended to be complete or exclusive. Additional student rights and responsibilities are associated with [disability support services](#) and [financial aid programs](#).

### **2. Scope**

- 2.1. This policy applies to all Kentucky Wesleyan students, staff, and faculty.

### **3. Policy**

#### 3.1. Students' Rights

- 3.1.1. Students are able to freely examine and exchange diverse ideas in an orderly manner inside and outside of the classroom.
- 3.1.2. Each student shall have the right to participate in all areas and activities of the College, free from any form of discrimination, including harassment, on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, religion, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, or veteran status in accordance with applicable federal and state laws.
- 3.1.3. Students have the right to inquire about and to propose improvements in policies, regulations, and procedures affecting the welfare of students through established student government procedures, campus committees, and College offices.

- 3.1.4. A student has the right to personal privacy consistent with college policies, procedures, and applicable laws.
- 3.1.5. Each student subject to disciplinary action arising from violations of the current College Student Code of Conduct shall be assured a fundamentally fair process, as described in the Student Code of Conduct (See Student Handbook).
- 3.1.6. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ([FERPA](#)) of 1974 provides safeguards regarding the confidentiality of and access to student records. Students and former students have the right to review their official records and to request a hearing if they challenge the contents of these records. No person shall have access to, nor shall Kentucky Wesleyan disclose, any personally identifiable information from a student's education record, without the written consent of the student, except as permitted by law.

### 3.2. Students' Responsibilities

- 3.2.1. A student has the responsibility to respect the right and property of others, including other students, the faculty, and College officials.
  - 3.2.2. A student has the responsibility to be fully acquainted with the published College Student Code of Conduct and to comply with it, as well as federal, state, and local laws.
  - 3.2.3. A student has the responsibility to recognize that student actions reflect upon the individuals involved and upon the entire College community.
  - 3.2.4. A student has the responsibility to maintain a level of behavior which is consistent in supporting the learning environment of the institution and to recognize the College's obligation to provide an environment for learning.
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