

**LAKE-SUMTER STATE COLLEGE  
BOARD RULE**

**TITLE:** Student Rights and Responsibilities

**NUMBER:** 4.16

**AUTHORITY:** Public Law 90-575  
Florida Statutes 877.13; 893;  
1000.05; 1001.64 (7-8) and (24); 1006.61, 62, 63.

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Lake-Sumter State College is committed to fostering a learning environment that is conducive to academic inquiry, a productive campus life, and encourages thoughtful study and discourse without fear or intimidation. The District Board ensures this is achieved through the following mandates:

- I. The District Board ensures that students have the following rights:
  - a. Students have the right to access appropriate college facilities and resources as necessary to enhance their academic learning experience.
  - b. Students have the right to communicate ideas in written and oral form without disruption to the regular operations of the institution and in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations.
  - c. Students have the right to think critically and effectively communicate their opinions and views in any course of study and are protected against prejudicial or capricious academic evaluation.
  - d. Students have the right to participate in programs, services, and activities in a supportive, learning centered environment to enhance their academic, social, and personal development.
  - e. Students have the right to participate in and be represented on appropriate college committees in accordance with the shared governance system of the institution.
  - f. Students have the right to access academic and administrative policies and procedures for addressing and resolving student complaints, grievances and appeals through LSSC Administrative Procedure.
  - g. Students have the right to view their official records as defined by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

- II. Students enrolled at Lake-Sumter State College are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible manner that will reflect credit to the College, the community, and themselves. Each student, by registering, assumes the responsibility for becoming familiar with and abiding by the general rules of conduct outlined in LSSC Administrative Procedure 4-15 and made available to all students on the college website and in the LSSC Catalog and Student Handbook.
- III. The President may designate the function of student discipline and the development and bi-annual review of the Student Code of Conduct to the Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs and to the Dean of Students, who adjudicates student disciplinary issues as outlined in LSSC Administrative Procedure.
- IV. Students may seek appellate review of conduct-related administrative decisions using the informal complaints and grievance process or the formal grievance process per the Student Administrative Appeal Committee as outlined in LSSC Administrative Procedure 4-14.