

# RULES OF STUDENT CONDUCT

- Rio Hondo College is a public institution dedicated to providing an opportunity for higher education to all who can benefit from that opportunity.
- Rio Hondo guarantees that students shall have the right to learn. Violence or threats of violence which deny that right to anyone will not be tolerated. Neither will the college tolerate such obvious violations as disobedience, dishonesty, falsification of college records or unauthorized use of entry to college property.
- All applicable state laws relating to student conduct on a community college campus will be enforced by the college. These laws and penalties are provided in the Education Code which is available in the College Library. It is strongly recommended that students familiarize themselves with these laws. (Education Code: 76020, 76030, 76031, 76032, 76033, 76034, 76035, 76036, 76037).
- The penalties for violation of these regulations include reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension or expulsion. Appropriate penalties will be determined in each case pursuant to Board Policy 4200, Student Code of Conduct.
- Rio Hondo students are a part of the college community in which ideas will be explored in a mature spirit of understanding and mutual respect. Only in this mature spirit can the college meet its obligations to those it serves.
- There has been an increase in the concern over sexual assaults on campuses throughout the nation. Concurrent Assembly Resolution 46 and AB 3098 are responses to this concern. These legislative efforts are directed at ensuring that institutions of higher education provide treatment and information of referrals to victims (student, faculty or staff) of sexual assault on campus, develop clear policies regarding sexual assaults, and encourage the establishment of prevention programs. Rio Hondo College is committed to providing all students and employees a safe, crime free environment in which to learn and work. The College will endeavor to make the campus a safe place by providing security and escort services, adequate lighting, and by maintaining the grounds. It is the policy of this College to try to prevent such assaults on campus through education, disciplinary policies, and prevention programs.
- In an effort to establish procedures for discipline, policies regarding acceptable behavior, suspension and expulsion will be made available to the general student body. Victims of sexual assault will be informed of various options available to them through the college and criminal justice system.

The College will commit itself to providing supportive services to victims of campus sexual assault. Procedures for offering such services and for referrals to community resources have been developed. The College will keep the student body and staff/faculty aware of any sexual assaults which occur on campus, keeping the privacy of the victims a priority.