

SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**SUBJECT:** Class Misconduct**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2000; Revised August 22, 2013, Revised April 25, 2023**Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to bring to the attention of students, faculty, and others regulations regarding misconduct by students of Southwest Tennessee Community College (“Southwest” or “the College”) during instructional time.

Policy

Southwest policy [3:02:00:01/8](#), Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions, provides: 1) what behavior constitutes misconduct during class; 2) the authority to issue sanctions; 3) what sanctions are deemed appropriate; 4) and other related information. Tennessee Board of Regent’s (TBR) policy [3:02.00.01](#) is the basis for the Southwest policy.

Both the Southwest and TBR policies are detailed and provide a wealth of information. Because conduct during instructional time is of the utmost importance and can result in substantial sanctions such as expulsion, this policy is presented to iterate the prohibition on misconduct during instructional time.

Instructional time includes, but is not limited to:

- In-person classes on campus taught in classrooms, laboratories, gymnasiums, or other areas of the campus.
- In-person learning during class trips.
- Synchronous virtual classes taught on TEAMS or by other electronic means.
- Asynchronous classes, which may have message boards, group emails, or other means of communication.

Instructors are responsible for controlling the behavior of students in their classrooms and for maintaining academic integrity. They are authorized to order the temporary removal or exclusion from the classroom of any student engaged in disruptive conduct or conduct that violates the College’s rules and policies. Extended or permanent exclusion may be approved through appropriate means established in Southwest policy [3:02:00:01/8](#), Student Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions.

Disruptive conduct includes, but is not limited to, a student’s intentional or reckless:

- Interference with normal classroom procedure;
- Disruption of the instructor or classmates’ presentations; or
- Interference with students’ rights to pursue course work.

Instructors shall report disruptive conduct to the Director of Student Development and to the instructor’s Chairperson. The Director of Student Development will meet with the instructor and chairperson to determine the appropriate action before the next class period.

