



ROCKY MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

**RMC Student Code of Conduct**

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Rocky Mountain College students strive to be thinking, caring, compassionate and engaged members of the College and broader community. As such, RMC Students, having made a choice to join the community, strive to improve themselves, affirm others and actively involve themselves in enhancing the community. These ideals require that RMC Students establish high expectations for ourselves and for others, and that we clearly define those expectations.

RMC Students...

- take responsibility for their own learning and personal development.
- challenge each other to develop intellectually and ethically.
- practice academic and personal integrity.
- consider and seek to understand different ideas and points of view.
- conduct themselves with dignity and civility in our interactions with one another.
- care about others' welfare and seek to be responsive to their needs.
- strive to keep one another safe from physical and emotional harm.
- respect the dignity and worth of all persons and celebrate differences in their many forms.
- reject bigotry without compromise.
- respect the rights and property of others.
- accept responsibility for their actions, bear the consequences of those actions and learn from them.

Rocky Mountain College is a community of scholars in which the ideals of freedom of inquiry, freedom of thought, freedom of expression, and freedom of the individual are sustained. However, the exercise and preservation of these freedoms and rights require a respect for the rights of all in the community to enjoy them to the same extent. It is clear that in a community of learning, willful disruption of the educational process, destruction of property, and interference with the orderly process of the College cannot be tolerated. Students enrolling in the College assume an obligation to conduct themselves, both on campus and in the broader community, in a manner compatible with the College's mission as well as the expectations outlined above.

### Prohibited Conduct

1. Acts of Dishonesty (also, refer to RMC academic integrity policy, [www.rocky.edu/academics/tab/academic forms & policies](http://www.rocky.edu/academics/tab/academic_forms_&_policies)).
  - a. Cheating, plagiarism or other breaches of academic integrity, such as fabrication, facilitating or aiding academic dishonesty; theft of instructional materials or tests; unauthorized access to or manipulation of laboratory equipment or experiments; alteration of grades or files; misuse of research data in reporting results; use of personal relationships to gain grades or favors, or otherwise attempting to obtain grades or credit through fraudulent means.
  - b. Knowingly furnishing false information to any College official, faculty member or office.
  - c. Forgery, alteration or misuse of College documents, records, instruments of identification, computer programs or accounts.

2. Harassment (also, refer to [RMC Harassment policy](#)). Sexual or discriminatory harassment of any student, faculty member, staff member or administrator, on or off campus, is prohibited and will not be tolerated.
3. Assault and Sexual Misconduct
  - a. Physical assault, which includes but is not limited to: physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature or physical interference with a person which prevents the person from conducting his/her customary or usual affairs, puts the person in fear for his/her physical safety, or causes the person to suffer actual physical injury.
  - b. Sexual intercourse without consent, sexual assault or any other non-consensual conduct of a sexual nature (refer to [RMC Sexual Misconduct Policy](#))
4. Alcohol and Drug Offenses (also, refer to [RMC Alcohol policy](#))
  - a. Use, possession, manufacture, distribution or sale of narcotics or other drugs, except as expressly permitted by law.
  - b. Use, possession or distribution of intoxicants, including alcohol, in the buildings or on the grounds of Rocky Mountain College except as expressly permitted by law or College policy.
5. Firearms, Explosives and Weapons Offenses
  - a. Illegal or unauthorized possession or use of firearms, explosives, weapons or dangerous chemicals on College property, including:
    - i. discharging of firearms on campus;
    - ii. possessing firearms or ammunition on campus;
    - iii. possessing dangerous chemicals on campus, except as authorized by law and College policy.
6. Illegal and Disruptive Conduct
  - a. Violation of federal, state or local law or College policies, rules or regulations.
  - b. Acting to impair, interfere with or obstruct orderly conduct, processes and function of the College, including:
    - i. violence or threat of violence against self or any member or guest to the College community;
    - ii. interference with the freedom of movement of any member or guest of the College;
    - iii. interference with the rights of others to enter, use or leave any College facility, service or activity;
    - iv. obstruction or disruption of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary procedures or other College activities, or of other authorized activities on College premises;
    - v. failure to comply with directions of law enforcement officers and College officials acting in the performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to those persons when requested;
    - vi. trespassing or unauthorized entry into College buildings or property.
7. Theft/misuse of Property
  - a. Theft, attempted theft, unauthorized possession, use, or removal of College property or the property of any member of the College community.
  - b. Defacing, tampering, damaging or destroying such property.
  - c. Unauthorized presence in or use of College grounds, facilities, or property.
  - d. Theft or other abuse of computer facilities, capabilities and/or computer time, including but not limited to:

- i. unauthorized entry into a file, to use, read, or change the contents, or for any other purpose;
    - ii. unauthorized transfer of a file;
    - iii. unauthorized use of another individual's identification or password;
    - iv. use of computing facilities to send harassing or abusive messages;
    - v. use of computing facilities to interfere with the work of another student, faculty member or College official;
    - vi. use of computing facilities to interfere with the normal operation of the computing system.
  - e. Theft of telephone services or other auxiliary services, including food services, health club, etc.
8. Behaviors which are detrimental to the welfare of the College community.

Violations of the Student Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to: counseling, community service, monetary fine, probation, eviction, suspension, and expulsion. It should also be noted individual responsibility for conduct extends beyond campus properties. The College does not function apart from civil law agencies and as such, students are expected to assume personal responsibility as it relates to local, state, and federal laws.