

**BRIDGEVALLEY COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**POLICY D-1  
STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Section 1. General**

Scope: This policy concerns student rights and responsibilities regarding behavior, actions, and academic performance while a student at BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BridgeValley).

Application: All BridgeValley employees (faculty, staff, etc.) and students.

Effective Date: July 8, 2022

**Section 2. Guidelines**

The BridgeValley Board of Governors (Board) delegates to the President of BridgeValley the responsibility to establish an operational policy compliant with federal and state law, and consistent with Board directives listed below:

- Freedom of expression, assembly, and association shall be protected, and others are expected to recognize and respect these freedoms.
- Students shall be extended a right to privacy to the extent allowed by law and appropriate for BridgeValley to accomplish the mission of the college.
- Students shall not be exempt from discipline or prosecution for violation of laws or the disruption of BridgeValley activities, programs, meetings, or operations.
- Hazing of students shall not be tolerated.
- Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying on the basis of religion, race, gender, political affiliation, disability, or age shall be prohibited.
- A system of disciplinary action proceedings shall be maintained and made available to faculty, staff, and students. Disciplinary and expulsion hearings shall allow the student to present a defense to counter allegations of misconduct.
- The Board of Governors may grant an appeal to disciplinary hearing decisions as appropriate.
- The President shall provide a summary report of student expulsion hearings at the next Board meeting after the hearing has been completed, regardless of the outcome.
- Student's work shall be graded or evaluated solely upon the performance in the course as measured against an academic standard. The student shall not be evaluated prejudicially, capriciously, or arbitrarily.