

**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).

Authority: West Virginia Code § 18B-1-6, 18B-1-7

Effective Date: October 1, 2022

**Section 2. Guidelines**

2.1. The BridgeValley Board of Governors (Board) delegates to the President the responsibility to establish a student code of conduct as a part of the student handbook compliant with federal and state law, that includes Board directives listed below:

- 2.1.1. Students will have freedom of expression, assembly, and association.
- 2.1.2. Students shall be extended a right to privacy to the extent allowed by law while allowing BridgeValley to accomplish the mission of the college.
- 2.1.3. Students shall not be exempt from discipline or prosecution for violation of laws or the disruption of BridgeValley activities, programs, meetings, or operations.
- 2.1.4. Hazing of students shall not be tolerated.
- 2.1.5. Discrimination, harassment, intimidation, or bullying on the basis of religion, race, gender, political affiliation, disability, or age shall be prohibited.
- 2.1.6. A system of student disciplinary action proceedings shall be maintained and made available to faculty, staff, and students. Disciplinary and expulsion hearings shall allow the due process accorded by applicable state and federal law, including an appropriate appeal process.
- 2.1.7. The President shall provide a summary report of student expulsion hearings at the Board meeting after the hearing has been completed, regardless of the outcome.
- 2.1.8. Student 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.