

**WAC 132I-126-020 General policies.** (1) Highline College is an agency of the state of Washington and adheres to all local, state, and federal laws. The college is obligated to demonstrate respect for the laws by cooperating in their enforcement.

(2) Highline College cannot and will not establish regulations which would abridge constitutional rights.

(3) Proper procedures are established to maintain conditions conducive to the effective performance of the function of the college, to protect students from unfair imposition of penalties and to assure due process. Highline College is granted the right by law to adopt rules deemed necessary to govern its operations.

(4) If these rules are broken, the college has the right and the obligation to take action that is in the best interest of the college and that is commensurate with the constitutional rights of the individual.

(5) Highline College reserves the right to impose the provisions of this chapter and provide further sanctions before or after law enforcement agencies, courts or other agencies have imposed penalties or otherwise disposed of a case. College proceedings are not subject to challenge on the ground that criminal or civil charges involving the same incident have been dismissed or reduced or in which the defendant has been found not guilty or not liable. In addition, the college reserves the right to refer incidents to the appropriate civilian authorities or law enforcement agencies.

(6) The associated students of Highline College have the right to participate in the formulation and review of all policies pertaining to student rights and responsibilities and its enforcement as described in the student code of conduct.

(7) Rules of conduct and procedures of enforcement shall be made available to all students via the internet.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 34.05 RCW and RCW 28B.50.140(13); 20 U.S.C. § 1092(f); Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. § 1681 et seq. WSR 21-14-003, § 132I-126-020, filed 6/23/21, effective 7/24/21.]