

WAC 132E-122-360 Summary suspension—Purpose and proceeding.

(1) Summary suspension is exclusion from classes or other privileges, services and activities. A student shall be summarily suspended if the chief student affairs officer or designee has cause to believe that the student:

(a) Has violated any provision of this chapter; and/or

(b) Presents an imminent danger either to themselves, other persons on the campus, or to the educational process.

(2) Summary suspension is appropriate only where subsection (1)(b) of this section can be shown, either alone or in conjunction with subsection (1)(a) of this section. The chief student affairs officer or designee shall enter an order served by certified and regular mail at the student's last known address, or shall be personally served on the student.

(3) The procedures for a summary suspension hearing shall be considered an emergency adjudicative proceeding and shall be conducted as soon as possible and, if feasible, within five business days. It is the student's responsibility to schedule the hearing. The chief student affairs officer or designee may, upon the request of the student, schedule the hearing at a time later than five business days. The chief student affairs officer or designee shall preside over the meeting. The student may appear alone or with another to advise and assist them as they appear before the appropriate college official(s). Any person who accompanies the student may provide support or guidance to the student, but may not speak, represent, or advocate for the student before the college official. An accommodation of a spokesperson (a person who would address the college official(s)) may be approved if a person's disability warrants such an accommodation. Other circumstances regarding a request by the student for the use of a spokesperson would be considered by the chief student affairs officer or designee. The chief student affairs officer or designee shall, at the summary suspension proceeding, determine whether there is probable cause to believe that continued suspension is necessary and/or whether other disciplinary action is appropriate.

(4) The chief student affairs officer or designee may continue to enforce the suspension of the student from the college and/or may impose other disciplinary action if, after the summary suspension hearing, the chief student affairs officer or designee finds that the student against whom the specific violations are alleged has in fact committed one or more of said violations and:

(a) Summary suspension is necessary for the safety of the student, other campus community members, or to restore order to the campus; and

(b) The violation(s) by the student are grounds for disciplinary action per the provisions of this code.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140. WSR 18-01-119, § 132E-122-360, filed 12/19/17, effective 1/19/18.]