

WSR 23-07-003  
EXPEDITED RULES  
GREEN RIVER COLLEGE

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Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 132J-126-230  
Summary suspension.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Green River College is making a clerical change to update the intention of the rule. No anticipated effects on this proposal.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: Clerical change to make the rule more clear. Essentially fixing a typo replacing "conduct review officer" with "student conduct officer" in subsection (5).

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 34.05.353.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 34.05.320.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Green River College, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Shawn Percell, Student Affairs 206, 253-887-5404; Implementation: George Frasier, ZC111B, 253-833-9111 ext. 3338; and Enforcement: Deb Casey, Student Affairs 206, 253-833-9111 ext. 3328.

Agency Comments or Recommendations, if any, as to Statutory Language, Implementation, Enforcement, and Fiscal Matters: Clearing up confusion in subsection (5) to read the way the code was intended.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person.

Corrects typographical errors, makes address or name changes, or clarifies language of a rule without changing its effect.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: Clarifying a typographical error as described in this notice.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Shawn Percell, Green River College, Student Affairs, 12401 S.E. 320th Street, Auburn, WA 98092, phone 253-887-5404, email conduct@greenriver.edu, AND RECEIVED BY May 22, 2023.

March 1, 2023

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Director of Judicial Affairs and Compliance

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-24-129, filed 12/3/14, effective 1/3/15)

**WAC 132J-126-230 Summary suspension.** (1) Summary suspension is a temporary exclusion from specified college premises or denial of access to all activities or privileges for which a respondent might otherwise be eligible, while an investigation and/or formal disciplinary procedures are pending.

(2) The student conduct officer may impose a summary suspension if there is probable cause to believe that the respondent:

- (a) Has violated any provision of the code of conduct; and
- (b) Presents an immediate danger to the health, safety, or welfare of members of the college community; or
- (c) Poses an ongoing threat of disruption of, or interference with, the operations of the college.

(3) Notice. Any respondent who has been summarily suspended shall be served with oral or written notice of the summary suspension. If oral notice is given, a written notification shall be served on the respondent within two business days of the oral notice.

(4) The written notification shall be entitled "Notice of Summary Suspension" and shall include:

(a) The reasons for imposing the summary suspension, including a description of the conduct giving rise to the summary suspension and reference to the provisions of the student conduct code or the law allegedly violated;

(b) The date, time, and location when the respondent must appear before the conduct review officer for a hearing on the summary suspension; and

(c) The conditions, if any, under which the respondent may physically access the campus or communicate with members of the campus community. If the respondent has been trespassed from the campus, a notice against trespass shall be included that warns the student that his or her privilege to enter into or remain on college premises has been withdrawn, that the respondent shall be considered trespassing and subject to arrest for criminal trespass if the respondent enters the college campus other than to meet with the student conduct officer or conduct review officer, or to attend a disciplinary hearing.

(5) An officer designated by the president, who shall be someone other than the student conduct (~~(review)~~) officer, shall conduct a hearing on the summary suspension as soon as practicable after imposition of the summary suspension. The hearing will be conducted as a brief adjudicative proceeding.

(a) During the summary suspension hearing, the issue before the reviewing officer is whether there is probable cause to believe that the summary suspension should be continued pending the conclusion of disciplinary proceedings and/or whether the summary suspension should be less restrictive in scope.

(b) The respondent shall be afforded an opportunity to explain why summary suspension should not be continued while disciplinary proceedings are pending or why the summary suspension should be less restrictive in scope.

(c) If the student fails to appear at the designated hearing time, the conduct review officer may order that the summary suspension remain in place pending the conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings.

(d) As soon as practicable following the hearing, the conduct review officer shall issue a written decision which shall include a

brief explanation for any decision continuing and/or modifying the summary suspension and notice of any right to appeal.

(e) To the extent permissible under applicable law, the conduct review officer shall provide a copy of the decision to all persons or offices who may be bound or protected by it.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.50.140(13) and P.L. 113-4. WSR 14-24-129, § 132J-126-230, filed 12/3/14, effective 1/3/15.]