

Noteworthy Clarifications/Changes/Additions for 2019-2020 to  
*The Duke Community Standard in Practice: A Guide for Undergraduates*

- **Language has been made gender-inclusive throughout the *Guide*.**
- **Removed references to fraternities and sororities as “Greek” organizations.**
- **Academic Dishonesty** – Added examples of documents on which falsifying information is prohibited.
- **Alcohol Policy**
  - Clarified that cans brought to a “Bring Your Own Beverage” event may not exceed 12 ounces each and may not exceed 5% Alcohol By Volume.
  - Added that students may not bring alcoholic beverages into campus recreation and athletic facilities unless otherwise authorized.
- **Computing and Electronic Communications** – Duke’s Office of Information Technology has updated the text of the Policy (no significant changes).
- **Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia** – Clarified that the Health and Safety Intervention policy (“amnesty”) may be applicable in situations where a person calls for medical assistance when a student’s health and/or safety may be in jeopardy due to drug use.
- **DukeCard** – Text of policy has been updated; note that a mobile DukeCard credential is not a suitable substitute for having one’s DukeCard. Neither the DukeCard nor the mobile DukeCard credential may be used by another person.
- **Harassment** – Updated to reflect the university’s Policy on Prohibited Discrimination, Harassment, and Related Misconduct. Clarified the length of typical time frames for resolving a report of harassment.
- **Retaliation** – A new policy on Retaliation has been added:

“Retaliation by individual students, groups of students, or student organizations is prohibited. Retaliation is an adverse action or threat of adverse action taken against an individual for reporting behavior that may be prohibited by law or policy or participating in an investigation or resolution process related to an allegation of misconduct. Retaliation must be sufficiently severe or pervasive to create a work or academic environment that a reasonable person would consider intimidating, hostile, or abusive and that adversely affects the targeted individual’s/group’s educational, work, or living environment.

*[Wording adopted from Tufts University Student Code of Conduct.]*

- **Scooters** – A new policy on Scooters has been added:
  - “Electric scooters are motor vehicles and drivers utilizing them must operate them in a safe manner. For the full and latest Duke policy on scooters, visit [parking.duke.edu/scooters](http://parking.duke.edu/scooters).”
  
- **Student Sexual Misconduct Policy**
  - Information on “Support Services and Options for the Respondent” has been added.
  - Clarified that the disciplinary process is available as an option from the date of a respondent’s application to Duke until the date of the respondent’s degree conferral.
  - Clarified time frames for which a report of sexual misconduct is typically resolved.
  - Clarified the types of information the Office of Student Conduct, the investigator, and/or the hearing panel may deem relevant.
  - Added that no party or witness may record their interviews with the investigator.
  - Updated the time frame (48 hours from the time of notification of the hearing panelists) within which a party may challenge the participation of a panelist; time frame also applies to a challenge of the members of an appellate panel.
  
- **Resolution of Student Conflict and Alleged Violations of University Policy**
  - Clarified the types of information the Office of Student Conduct, the investigator, and/or the hearing panel may deem relevant.
  - Updated the time frame (48 hours from the time of notification of the hearing panelists) within which a party may challenge the participation of a panelist; time frame also applies to a challenge of the members of an appellate panel.
  
- **Appendix H – Decorations, Holidays, and Theme Parties** – Duke’s Occupational and Environmental Safety Office – Fire and Life Safety has updated the policy.
  - Clarified expectations for decorative materials and how to affix them.
  - Updated information on holiday decorations, lights, and trees.
  - Added information on prohibited components for parties including fog machines, animals, and still/flowing water.