



***WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY***

# Student Rights and Responsibilities

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# Meet Our Team



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# Student Rights & Responsibilities (not Office of Student Conduct)

- Focuses on the student not the conduct
  - People are more than their incident of concern
- Balance
  - Rights (owed to student by WMU)
  - Responsibilities (owed to WMU/community/themselves by student)
- More than just conduct/adjudication

# What does Student Rights and Responsibilities do?

- Just like everyone else in Student Affairs, we are an office that supports **learning**!
- Our mission is to enhance student learning and personal development by creating an educationally purposeful, disciplined and caring community.
- We help to create a **civil, ethical, and responsible** environment for WMU students.
- Maintain expectations that help students succeed!

# Role of Parent/Family

- Support/Guidance/Perspective
- We need waiver to discuss specifics related to your student
- We can discuss general policy/process information
- Students can have support person of their choice with them during student conduct process

# Read and Respond

- Important to read emails, open letter, and respond
- Rescheduling is possible
- Decisions will be made without you if you don't engage

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 8, 2025 8:58 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Official Correspondence from WMU- Immediate Action Required [REDACTED]

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Your letter will appear in PDF format and should be printed or saved for your records. It will remain accessible through the Maxient portal or install the free Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you continue to experience difficulty accessing your letter or wish to contact

Pick up your letter

# Rights and Options

- Right to a hearing before a decision is made about alleged policy violation/sanction
- More than one way to resolve concern with WMU
  - Student Conduct Hearing: focused on due process rights
  - Restorative Process: focused on repairing harm
  - ADAPT: focused on wellbeing
  - Educational Letters: focused on safety

# Common Concerns

- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Unapproved Appliances/Candles
- Academic Misconduct (cheating, fabrication, plagiarism)
- Failure to comply
- Unauthorized use/destruction/defacing of property
- More in Student Code & Community Living Expectations



Please let  
us know if  
you have  
questions.



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