

Visitor and Guest Rules for Conduct

San Juan College is not only dedicated to providing a positive and safe educational setting which promotes the advancement of knowledge and learning. This is encouraged through the development of responsible, personal, and social conduct by students. By their presence on the San Juan College campus, visitors and guests voluntarily assume the same obligations as students for performance and behavior relevant to the College's lawful process and functions.

All visitors and guests at San Juan College are expected to conduct themselves as responsible citizens on the campus and in the community when involved in any college related activities. Misconduct and inappropriate behavior will subject the visitor or guest to appropriate action in order to protect students, faculty, and staff as well as the public in order to assure that the College fulfills its mission to the community. All visitors and guests are expected to obey all rules regarding College policies and procedures as well as all civil and criminal statutes of the State of New Mexico and the United States. They may be penalized by the College for violating its standards of conduct as well as face possible civil or criminal actions by state or federal authorities for the same act. These Rules supersede any Conduct Rules adopted by any individual Department, Program or School.

Violations of college policy and rules, local, state and federal laws will not be tolerated and penalty procedures will be implemented for but not excluded to:

1. Failure to make satisfactory settlement with the college for any and all debts.
2. Forgery, counterfeiting, alteration or misuse of any college record, document or identification card.
3. The use, possession, or consumption of alcohol; the unlawful possession, use, distribution or sale of any narcotic, controlled substance, dangerous drug or drug paraphernalia; or to intentionally use, smell, sniff, consume or inhale the liquid, fumes, or vapors from a glue, mouthwash, an aerosol spray project or other chemical substance, for the purpose of causing a condition of or inducing symptoms of intoxication, elation, euphoria, dizziness, excitement, irrational behavior, exhilaration, stupefaction or dulling of the senses or for the purpose of in any manner changing, distorting, or disturbing the audio, visual or mental process while on campus premises, lab sites and/or during any San Juan College sponsored or related event. Reports of a visitor or guest suspected of possession or use of alcohol, drugs, or the aforementioned objects, will be brought to the Vice President for Student Services office by San Juan College Public Safety Office. This office will determine the penalty action to be taken:
4. Participating in illegal gambling activities on college owned or controlled property or at a function identified with the college.
5. Possession, storage or use of any knife, firearms, incendiary or explosive device on campus including any device which is lawful but could inflict harm (all devices will become the possession of Public Safety).
6. False reporting of the presence of a bomb, firearm, incendiary or explosive device on campus.
7. Theft of, or unwarranted damage to, college property or property of any member of the college community or campus visitor.
8. Engaging in violent, abusive, indecent, profane, boisterous, unreasonably loud or similar disorderly conduct which infringes upon the privacy rights or privileges of others, or causes interference with members of the college in the performance of their normal duties and activities, or disturbs the peace or the orderly process of education on campus.
9. Obstructing or restraining the lawful movement of another or causing campus disorder by obstructing or restraining another's lawful participation in authorized activities and events. This includes, without limitation, regular and special curricular activities and co-curricular activities.
10. Actual or threatened physical injury to any person on college owned or controlled property, or at a college sponsored or supervised function, or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of a person.
11. Engaging in acts that constitute sexual harassment or engaging in other discriminatory acts based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, disability, age, sexual preference, or veterans' status.
12. Riding bicycles, skateboards or rollerblading on campus stairs, sidewalks or inside campus buildings.
13. Loitering or willful refusal or failure to leave college property upon request.
14. Engaging in any other reckless or unlawful act or course of conduct.
15. Misrepresenting yourself or an organization to be an agent of the college.
16. Violation of college traffic rules and regulations.
17. Parking or driving in undesignated areas.
18. Violating any State of New Mexico Mandate or Codes of Conduct that are applicable to San Juan College Visitors or Guests.

“First offense of the conduct rules may result in temporary or permanent suspension of rights to have access to San Juan College campus or activities.”

Procedure for Misconduct

When an alleged infraction of College policies, procedures, rules, or regulations is brought to the attention of the Vice President for Student Services, an appropriate investigation shall occur. The visitor or guest involved will be given the opportunity to submit a response to the claimed infraction to the Vice President for Student Services or his/her designee. Following the investigation, the Vice President will make an administrative decision on the case. If warranted, the Vice President for Student Services will determine the appropriate penalty for action. When, in the opinion of the Vice President of Student Services or his/her designee, the situation is of an emergency nature which threatens the health and safety of the San Juan College community, the College may take appropriate action to immediately remove the visitor(s) or guest(s) from the College premises without an investigation preceding the action.