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The Code of Conduct

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The Code of Conduct at Penn State is a list of ethical rules that Penn State has created to govern student behavior based upon values that Penn State holds to be important. The goal of the Code of Conduct is to create a community based upon these following values:

- personal and academic integrity;
- respect for the dignity of all persons and a willingness to learn from the differences in people, ideas, and opinions;
- respect for the rights, property and safety of others; and
- concern for others and their feelings and their need for conditions that support an environment where they can work, grow and succeed at Penn State.

The Code of Conduct is far-reaching. The moment that a student accepts their offer to be a student at Penn State, they pledge to uphold the Code of Conduct. What most students don't know is that the Code of Conduct governs student behavior, regardless of location and for as long as the student is a Penn State student. So if a student is going to Panama City for Spring Break, or going to California to do an internship for the Summer, students still pledge to uphold the Code.

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I think it is important to note that sometimes student's values/thoughts conflict with the Penn State Code of Conduct. It is important to remind students that Penn State's Code of Conduct comes from Penn State's Values and it is not our job to teach students what they value or what is important to them, however we must remind them that they want to/choose to be a part of this community and thus Penn State holds them accountable to the Code of Conduct. If a student doesn't agree with the Code and choose to violate the Code, that is not necessary a bad thing, they just need to know that there will be consequences for it.

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