Community Responsibility and the Spartan Code
Overview of Presentation

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What you think of UT?
What some students think of UT?
Why Did Your Student Choose UT?

- Programs offered
- Location
- Weather
- Student to professor ratio
What does it mean to be a Spartan?

SPARTAN CODE

As a member of The University of Tampa Spartan community, I agree and pledge that I will...

... promote and practice academic and personal honesty.

... commit to actions that benefit the community, as well as engage in activities that better others.

... discourage intolerance and acknowledge that diversity in our community shapes our learning and development.

... conduct myself in a manner that makes me worthy of the trust of others.

... recognize the ideas and contributions of all persons, allowing for an environment of sharing and learning.

... accept full responsibility and be held accountable for all of my decisions and actions.
Know the Policies

• Why?

• I expect your student to know the policies [www.ut.edu/studentconduct.edu](http://www.ut.edu/studentconduct.edu)

• We need to work together in helping your student understand the policies.
What reasons WE meet with students?
What happens to students?

- AOD Assessment: 16%
- Parental Notification: 15%
- Fine: 16%
- Letter of Apology: 2%
- Campus Service Hours: 11%
- Pending Termination Res: 13%
- Pending Suspension: 5%
- Restricted Access: 4%
- Policy Review Paper: 9%
- Suspension: 1%
- Termination of Residency: 5%
- Anger Management Workshop: 3%
ZERO Tolerance for DRUGS

Termination of Residency or Suspension/Expulsion

- Selling
- Possession
- Distribution
How will this affect the student and the family?

• What will happen if your students lose their housing?
  – Where will they sleep?
  – What support does the student have?

• What will happen if your student is suspended?

• What will happen if your student is arrested?
FERPA

“…Federal Law enacted in 1974 which affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records…”

http://www.ut.edu/registrar/ferpa/
AUTHORIZATION TO DISCLOSE EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the University will not disclose information from the education records of a student unless the University has on file written consent of the student. Please sign below and return the form to the Registrar’s Office if you consent for the University to release to your educational records to another individual. Note: unless you specify otherwise, this consent will remain in effect during your entire enrollment at UT.

Name: (printed) _________________________________________

Signature: ________________________________

Date: ___________________________ UT ID# ___________________________

Name of individual(s) to whom your academic records may be released:

_________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________

• Federal Law
• Requires schools receiving federal funds to do the following:
  • Publish an Annual Report with statistics and security policy statements
  • Access to Timely Information “timely warnings)
  • Disclose Information (about crime around campus)
You are still the largest influence on your students!

- Talk to your student about what you expect from them.
- Be forward with students about the policies. This will help the students develop realistic expectation about their behavior on campus.
- Keep open communication with your student and the school!
More you can discuss…

- Students are in control of their experiences
- Involvement in campus activities is key to a successful collegiate experience
- Students are held accountable for their behavior in a “fair” but firm manner
- Most importantly, we ALL want to support the student to be successful!
What can your student do to protect him/herself?

• Encourage the student to tell the RA

• Report it to a professional staff member (Campus Safety, Residence Life, Office of Student Conduct)

• Silent Witness Form
  
  http://www.ut.edu/silentwitness/
Things that are not true about Conduct

- We are out to get students in trouble!
- Housing is using Conduct to move students out of Howard Johnson on to campus.
- Conduct does care about students.
- You can set up a meeting before your incident review to go over the report with the Office of Student Conduct.
- It is a legal process in which attorneys are welcome to participate.
Truths about Conduct

- With so many reports things will not happen as quickly as students and you would like.
- Student Conduct is confusing…
- You or your student may not like the outcome.
- The conduct process is confidential (FERPA)
- The student conduct process is an internal educational process
QUESTIONS?

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