

**CLOVER PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE
POLICY**

CHAPTER	SECTION	TITLE	HISTORY		
			4	13	STUDENT CONCERN
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POLICY

It is the policy of Clover Park Technical College to provide students with an opportunity to resolve any alleged violation of college academic policy, procedure or regulation, or to resolve any alleged case of inequitable treatment. The college encourages informal resolution of disputes whenever possible, and also maintains fair and equitable procedures for formally expressing and resolving concerns. Student rights are protected in the concern process and the college must ensure that a student will not suffer repercussions because they chose to file a concern/appeal in good faith.

This policy protects enumerated rights outlined in WAC 495-121-040 guaranteed to each student within the limitations of statutory law and college policy which are deemed necessary to achieve the educational goals of the college:

These academic freedoms include:

1. Students are guaranteed the rights of free inquiry, expression, and assembly upon and within college facilities that are generally open and available to the public.
2. Students are free to pursue appropriate educational objectives from among the college's curricula, programs, and services, subject to the limitations of RCW 28B.50.090 (3)(b).
3. Students shall be protected from academic evaluation which is arbitrary, prejudiced, or capricious, but are responsible for meeting the standards of academic performance established by each of their instructors.
4. Students have the right to a learning environment which is free from unlawful discrimination, inappropriate and disrespectful conduct, and any and all harassment, including sexual harassment.

Types of concerns excluded from this section:

1. A student may not use the provisions of this section as the basis for filing a complaint based upon the outcome of disciplinary proceedings described in the Code of Student Conduct.
2. Federal and state laws, rules and regulations, in addition to policies, regulations and procedures adopted by the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) or the Board of Trustees for Clover Park Technical College shall not be grievable matters. Students shall use chapter 495C-300 and 495C-310 WAC for grievances pertaining to sexual discrimination or equal opportunity discrimination based upon disability.
3. Employment and personnel decisions. College personnel actions are considered confidential. Results may not be made available for review.

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