STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

NWIC students have particular rights that are considered important for achieving educational goals. Likewise, students have certain responsibilities pertaining to conduct as students. These rights and responsibilities are as follows:

**Right of Academic Freedom**

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.

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 sexual harassment.

**Right to Due Process**

1. The rights of students to be secure in their persons, quarters, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures is guaranteed.

2. No disciplinary sanction may be imposed on any student without notice to the accused of the nature of the charges.

3. A student accused of violating the student Code of Conduct is entitled, upon request, to procedural due process as set forth in this section.

**Responsibilities**

Students’ responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

1. Familiarity with and adherence to the Student Handbook.

2. Contribution to an atmosphere conducive to learning.

3. Respect for the diversity of all people and the rights of others in the NWIC community.

4. Honest reporting of financial needs and capacities when seeking financial aid. All students have the responsibility to meet their financial obligations, including payment of tuition.

5. Honest reporting of illegal activities or violations of college policies to appropriate staff.

6. Informing NWIC of current address and telephone number.

7. Checking NWIC email and on-campus mailboxes for NWIC related mail.

8. Cooperation with school administration during the investigation of a policy violation.

9. Students seeking Financial Aid must annually read and adhere to all policies set forth in the Financial Aid Handbook.