



Controlling Campus behavior –Redefining Student code of ethics in Colleges

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Keywords: Student code of ethics is a much debated campus issue, as the educational institutions find it difficult to manage students in the present scenario. Students come from different cultural & ethnic backgrounds, & there are innumerable reports of their factional hatred & ill will. A college is a sacred center of knowledge sharing & learning. It should be devoid of all types of bad behavior. Students have to be regulated before they enter college for studies hence college these days are adopting student code of ethics as a regulatory support for their conduct in campus. It is essential to promote professional behavior among students. It is needed to provide an effective learning environment. It addresses the student behavior. It involves not only students but also all faculty staff & other workers of educational institutions. All of them are subject to a variety of university policies & regulations.

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Introduction: The aim of education was to train children in diverse aptitudes which were helpful in concrete requirement of life besides making him a good human being. Education was nothing but enlightenment. The conceptualization of value based education which the present educationists are debating was a manifested thought during Vedic period. The aim of their education system was that a child could distinguish between right and wrong, virtue and sin and could encompass a perceptive mind. It should be able to bring out the worthiness of individuals so that it could make an ideal and harmonious society. (Report On The Education For Values In Schools - A frame work – Department of Educational Psychology New Delhi 2011). The

education system so devised by them was spread over until the age of 48 years, starting virtually from the birth of a child. (Chenicheri Sid Nair, Len Webster, Patricie Mertova, (Ed) –Leadership & Management of Equality In higher Education 2013).

This system aimed at not only pronouncement of the aptitude, capacity and ability of the student from a very young age, but also imparting social, moral and spiritual values, apart from knowledge of divine nature and the supreme reality called as god. (Report On The Education For Values In Schools - A frame work – Department of Educational Psychology New Delhi 2011).

The student code of ethics in campus stimulates a feeling of academic integrity.

✓ A sense of equity & fairness
✓ Appropriate use of college facilities

✓ Good academic conduct
✓ Non discrimination
✓ Non harassment



- ✓ Personal honor
- ✓ Professional integrity
- ✓ Respect for others
- ✓ Responsibility
- ✓ Upholding principles

Student code of conduct is required because student always show misbehavior inside campus. Their mind set in colleges differ entirely because they think college life is a liberated life, hence they should not be chained with superfluous principles. A student code of conduct needs understanding the mind set of students. This is important as mindset can help explain why students break themselves off into groups, identifying themselves as various faction such as front benchers, back benchers, slow learners, fast learners, . If students are pushed to change their view of themselves and their own basic qualities, every one of them can learn how to become a good student.

1. **Abusing & hate speech** – students are often found with abusing & hate speech targeted against classmates or faculty inside classroom as well as inside campus. Some times their abusive language is so indecent that even hearing to them is considered malicious.
2. **Alcohol practices** - Student are found with wrong habits of alcohol
3. **Discriminative behavior** – student often report discrimination in the name of caste, creed, sex, locality & gender

Aims of student code of ethics- The student code of ethics in campus should be aimed at

4. **Use of Drugs**. - Using drugs for self-practicing & inducing friends to become addicts.
5. **Harassing fellow classmates** - Harassing fellow classmate's roommates, hostel mates, etc.
6. **Harmful weapons** -Harmful weapons -preserving such as pistols, guns, daggers, knives, etc
7. **Misuse of college resources** - Misuse of college resources such as library books, sports equipments, lab equipments, campus cafeteria, campus garden etc. Harming college learning assets such as computers, network sources green boards, college walls, desks, classrooms, notice boards, etc.
8. **Ragging** – harassing juniors to do malicious things, ragging inside the class, or inside the campus, or ragging the staff of the college
9. **Violation of law** – through not adhering to college regulations, students violate of institutional laws. Not fearing parental / faculty interfering, students engage in violating college code, violating dress code, violating exam code, engaging in strikes, mass bunking classes, vulgar dressing, misbehaving etc. Parking vehicles in wrong side, not completing project in time, absenteeism, late coming, making sound inside classroom, operating mobile devices, Theft, stealing college property, friend's money, articles, books, etc. Sexual misconduct & transgression with women students etc are considered as violation of college ethics.

1. Giving or receiving any unauthorized aid on exams / assignments /project work .
2. Giving or receiving any unauthorized aid on an assignment or



exam, including working in groups on any assignment that has been designated as individual by the professor

3. Misrepresenting the originality of one's work (plagiarism), particularly through failing to footnote the contributions of another, except as permitted by the instructor (Sudhanshu Bhushan -Restructuring Higher Education in India, Rawat Publications, 2011).

4. Running away with exam answer book let, mishandling question paper, mishandling internal assignment blue books

5. Accessing, removing, or destroying any information, materials, or other property from another student's or student organization's premises, locker, computer files, or mail folder without prior permission;

6. Accessing or removing without prior permission, or hiding or destroying any corporate records, files, job postings, or academic materials from the library, the career planning office, or any other administrative office;

7. Divulging proprietary or confidentially provided information obtained for class assignments (Kenneth strike & Pamela Mores -Ethics & college student life 2012).

8. Utilizing for commercial gain any material, systems, websites, or software provided to or by SEAS specifically and restrictively for educational purposes without prior permission of the provider. Instructor. (Kenneth strike & Pamela Mores -Ethics & college student life 2012).

Benefits of code of ethics

1. **Shift in viewpoint** -The student code of ethics in campus stimulates the

students that they should be humble enough to accept that there are things about themselves and their daily practices can be improved through a shift in viewpoint.

2. **Constructive critique** -The student code of ethics in campus stimulates the students to become a part of core team that value constructive critique instead of negative criticism. Because students especially the girls are vulnerable to negative criticism easily. They fall prey to condemnation & denigration & their academic outcomes are affected.

3. **Treating setbacks** -The student code of ethics in campus stimulates the students to treat setbacks as formative struggles within the learning process instead of summative failures.

4. **Restrictive role awareness** -The student code of ethics in campus stimulates the students to realize the restrictive role that timelines can play in reaching high standards

5. **Foundational philosophies of student life** -The student code of ethics in campus stimulates the students to understand the issues using foundational philosophies of student life

6. **Create flexible friendship group** -The student code of ethics in campus stimulates the students to create flexible friendship group that supports them at all times. peer students groups will be given awareness about drug practices, copying, plagiarism, doping, misconduct, bad behavior, etc through friendship groups

Challenges to student code of ethics -

The primary challenge about the application of code of conduct is that the colleges should update the student code



of ethics from time to time. Members of the college institution should embrace fundamental principles to ensure a campus environment conducive to peaceful and productive living and study for students. These principles should include five values, honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Members of the community who adopt these principles will seldom have need of the Student Code of Conduct (the Code). When members of the University community fail to observe these principles, the Code is used to affirm these values through adjudication of allegations involving violations of these values. Allegations made against individual students or student groups/organizations include reference to the general principle that is at risk as well as the specific conduct alleged to be a violation of the Code. It should reflect general academic integrity of the college. The code should be formulated to secure & protect the interests of the college not of any on individual student but the entire institution.

Conclusion: Thus student code of ethics in campus can act as a regulatory for students. With the rising internet technology it has become essential to promote professional behavior among students along with their entry into college campus. It is needed to provide an effective learning environment & addressing the student behavior. Institutions should involve not only students but also all faculty/ staff & other workers of educational institutions as a part of code of ethics. This promotes academic integrity as all of them are subject to a universal ethics policies &

regulations. Educational institutions should reflect general academic integrity of the college & stress should be given to formulate a universal code of ethics for students to secure & protect the interests of the college not of any on individual student but the entire institution.

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