Students are prohibited from engaging in any activity that violates local, state, or federal law; that results in or threatens injury, damage, or loss to students, staff, or to the school's property or structures; or that hinders the orderly operation of the school. Any changes and additions to local, state, or federal law automatically will become part of this Code of Conduct. Changes to school policy may be enacted at any time, and, in such cases, students will be informed by public announcement. Prohibited activities include the following:

- Arson
- Breaking and entering or criminal trespassing
- Conviction for any felony
- Extortion or aggravated harassment
- Fraud, including theft, forgery, fraudulent use of computer access, misrepresentation of self, or misuse of identification cards, credit cards, or long distance access cards or codes.
- Gambling or illegal gaming
- Possession, use, or distribution of illegal substances, weapons, or other dangerous materials such as ammunition, fireworks, or explosives
- Sexual battery, including date rape, molestation, forced sexual activity, and/or coercive sexual advances
- Tampering with fire safety equipment, including false activation of smoke detectors, fire alarms, and emergency exit doors
- Theft, including receipt of stolen property

If a student is involved in such activity, it is not necessary for him/her to be charged formally or to be convicted before the school can take disciplinary action.

- ***Violations of the above policies generally are considered INFRACTIONS LEADING TO EXPULSION.***

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Students are prohibited from possessing or using the following items in the residence halls or on school property:

a. Appliances containing exposed heating elements such as toasters, toaster ovens, etc.
b. Bulky exercise equipment, including weight benches or weights (other than dumbbells weighing less than 25 lbs.)
c. Candles, incense, matches, lighters, fuels, chemicals, or other flammable materials
d. Cinder blocks, stilts, or other materials used to prop up furniture
e. Flashing lights, sirens, megaphones, or other devices which may be mistaken for official police or fire safety equipment
f. Light fixtures utilizing halogen bulbs
g. Microwave ovens
h. Pets of any kind
i. Refrigerators larger than four feet in height or 4.9 cubic feet or which use more than 120 volts or 2.4 amps of power
j. Space heaters

This list is not inclusive, and the school reserves the right to prohibit other items which inhibit the

school's function or which present a threat to the health and safety of the community. Prohibited items will be confiscated and returned only to parents/guardians for removal from school property.

Possession of the following items may result in EXPULSION from school.

a. Fireworks or other explosive devices

b. Firearms, ammunition, or other weapons, including, but not limited to, knives with blades 2 inches in length or longer (other than tableware), box cutters, swords, chukka sticks, martial arts equipment*, or other objects which are considered weapons or which may be mistaken for weapons (such as realistic toy guns). Students are not permitted to display or brandish any item in such a manner as to suggest that it can or will be used as a weapon.

*Martial arts equipment may be stored in the residence hall office for use in classes and practice but may not be left in student rooms, lockers, or automobiles.

- ***Possession of prohibited items generally is considered a MAJOR INFRACTION.***
- ***Generally, possession of fireworks, explosives, firearms, or other weapons is considered an INFRACTION RESULTING IN EXPULSION.***