

**LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY MANUAL
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VI.D.12 Civil Rights Complaints

VI.D.12.01 Policy

The College provides equal treatment and educational opportunities to all persons without regard to race, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, ethnic or national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other protected status. Any student experiencing discriminatory treatment or civil rights violations, aside from Sexual Violence or Title IX Harassment addressed in Section IX (Sexual Misconduct), may submit a civil rights complaint under this section.

Nothing in this policy section limits a Campus Peace Officer from inquiring into the immigration status of a person under lawful detention or arrest.

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VI.D.12.02 Reporting and Processing Civil Rights Complaints

Students experiencing a civil rights violation should complain to the applicable Chief Student Services Officer or President as soon as possible. Depending on the nature of the complaint and the respondent to the complaint, the receiving College official or a designee may (a) investigate the complaint and take any appropriate corrective or disciplinary action at the applicable college campus as approved by the President or (b) forward the complaint to the appropriate College official. The College shall publish procedures for Reporting and Processing Civil Rights Complaints.

VI.D.12.03 Potential Disciplinary Actions

If the investigation reveals an employee committed a civil rights violation, action will be taken under this policy's Section IV. If the investigation reveals a student committed a civil rights violation, action will be taken under this policy's Section VI.F.1.

VI.D.12.04 Prohibition on Retaliation

The College's policy prohibits any College employee from retaliating against a student for submitting a student's civil rights complaint. The College's policy forbids retaliating against any person who submitted a civil rights complaint. The College's policy also forbids retaliating against anyone who helps investigate such a complaint. A complaint's actual or perceived truth does not excuse retaliatory conduct. Any person who observes retaliation should promptly notify the applicable Chief Student Services Officer or President.

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