

INDIAN HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Student Bill of Rights

All students who have experienced sexual and/or gender-based violence have the right to:

- An advocate (Crisis Intervention Services (1-800-270-1620) and Crisis Center and Women's Shelter (1-800-464-8340): both offer free and confidential services, and will be there for you in meetings with college administration, law enforcement, medical personnel, and in court proceedings);
- To have any allegations of sexual and/or gender-based violence treated seriously: the right to be treated with dignity;
- To be free from any pressure from anyone to:
 - Report crimes if you do not wish to do so;
 - Report crime as lesser offences that you perceive the crime to be;
 - Refrain from reporting crimes;
 - Refrain from reporting crimes to avoid unwanted personal publicity;
- To be notified of existing campus and community based medical, counseling, mental health, and student services for victims of sexual and/or gender-based violence whether or not the crime is formally reported to campus authorities or law enforcement, including but not limited to:
 - To require campus personnel to take reasonable and necessary actions to prevent further unwanted contact of victims by their alleged assailants;
 - To be notified of the options for and provided assistance in changing academic and living situation if such changes are reasonably available;
- To be informed of and assisted in exercising:
 - Any rights to confidential or anonymous testing for sexually transmitted diseases, human immunodeficiency virus, and/or pregnancy;
 - Any rights that may be provided by law to compel and disclose the results of testing of sexual and/or gender-based violence suspects for communicable diseases
- To make a report to local law enforcement and/or state police
- To participate in a process that is fair, impartial, and provides adequate notice and a meaningful opportunity to be heard;
- Be free from any suggestion that the reporting individual is at fault when these crimes and violations are committed, or should have acted in a different manner to avoid such crimes and violations;
- Describe the incident to as few institution representatives as practicable and not be required to unnecessarily repeat a description of the incident
- Be protected from retaliation by the institution, any student, the accused and/or the respondent, and/or their friends, family, and acquaintances within the jurisdiction of the institution;
- Exercise civil rights and practice of religion without interference by the investigative, criminal justice or judicial or conduct process of the institution.