

Policy and Procedure Manual 2025

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Section 1: Introduction

The Policy and Procedure manual is for all employees, students, contractors, volunteers, trainers, interns, and Board members of The Millard College (also referred to throughout the document as College, the College, or TMC). The Policy and Procedure Manual is a guide to all parties affiliated with The Millard College to instruct participants in matters of governance, operational function, conduct, and business applications.

Employees, students, and Board members are to adhere to the policies set forth in this manual as well as the Employee handbook, student handbook and Board Manual. The Policies in this manual are in keeping with the mission, values, goals and objectives of The Millard College.

1.1 Policy Manual

It is the policy of The Millard College to maintain a manual of written approved guidelines and standards that describe how the service delivery process is defined, organized and carried out. The policy and procedure manual will provide written standards that will be an organized, indexed system of policies and procedures which will be based on and ensure compliance with the licensure standards for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and accreditation commissions, and will meet all federal requirements.

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1.2 Institutional Integrity

It is the policy that The Millard College will be fully committed to operating with the highest level of integrity. The Millard College will be honest, truthful, and ethical in all functions, communications, and interactions. All matters concerning The Millard College shall be carried out with the highest level of quality and with excellence.

The Millard College will maintain institutional integrity with its publications, web page, responsibilities, interactions, and communications with, but not limited to the Board of Regents, staff, faculty, students, stakeholders, state and federal agencies, accreditation commissions, and the community at large.

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1.3 Fraud and Abuse

It is the policy of The Millard College that Faculty, staff, Board members or representatives of the College shall not knowingly engage in any form of fraud, abuse, practice, or procedure that is designed to deceive students or to falsify any type of information to students or the general public.

Section 2: Mission and Objectives

2.1 Mission

We provide world-class education with comprehensive support for people to live their God-given

destiny.

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2.2 Objectives

1. Increase the development and offering of programs of instruction based on labor market

data regarding regional and national needs.

Improve student achievement, enhance the assessment of student learning and utilize

evidence to strengthen programs.

3. The Millard College will maintain institutional licensing through the state of Kentucky, and

obtain national accreditation through a CHEA-approved accreditation agency by 2023.

4. Develop and provide leadership and training for organizations dedicated to addiction and

recovery.

5. Develop and implement a comprehensive system of support programs for student

success dedicated to helping students succeed by providing extensive assistance in the areas of academic and career assistance.

6. Offer programs which integrate a Christian worldview consistent with the statement of

faith.

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Section 3: Faith Statement

3.1 Faith Statement Policy

The Millard College shall have an official Faith Statement that has been approved by the Board of Trustees. The Faith Statement will accurately define the College's theological distinctive and

shall be published on official College materials.

The Faith Statement shall be reviewed at least annually within the College's assessment plan.

Changes or alterations to the Faith Statement must be approved by the Board of Regents. In the event that the Faith Statement is changed or altered the College shall notify the

Accreditation Agency/Institution of the new Board approved Faith Statement.

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3.2 Statement of Faith

The Millard College Statement of Faith is rooted in the historic Christian faith as summarized,

but not entirely limited to, the following beliefs:

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, inerrant, only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection,

in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of the lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is

absolutely essential.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whose indwelling, the Christian is

enabled to live a Godly life.

We believe in the spiritual formation of believers by discipleship.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the

resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

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Section 4: Operational Authority

4.1 Operational Policy

The Millard College shall conduct all operations under the guidelines, standards, and requirements of all state, local, and federal institutions as it applies to higher education and general business practices. The Millard College will be licensed by the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education and follow the standards of its accreditation commission.

Section 5: Organizational Structure

5.1 Organizational Chart Policy

The Millard College shall have an Organizational Chart that includes direct lines of supervision reaching from the Board of Regents down to the Department Directors and their departments and offices.

The Board of Regents shall regularly review and approve updated organizational charts and Board approved organizational charts shall be posted on the College's website.

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5.2 Board of Regents

The Millard College shall have a Board of Regents that consists of no less than five active voting members. The Board has oversight in matters of policy and operation and shall exist without conflicts of interest. The Board shall have one member as the Chairman of the Board.

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5.3 The College Chief Executive Officer

The Board is responsible for appointing the College's Chief Executive Officer, approving the CEO's job description and shall evaluate the College's CEO at least annually. The CEO shall not be the chair of the Board or chair of any Board sub-committees. The CEO is responsible for administratively carrying out the functions and duties of all policies approved by the Board of Regents.

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5.4 Conflict of Interest

The Board shall not have more than one paid employee of Millard College who serves as a Board member.

The members of the Board should avoid conflicts of interest between personal interests and the interests of The Millard College. Generally, a conflict of interest exists when a person is in a position both to influence a decision and to benefit from that decision. The members of the Board have a wide range of professional and personal associations, and may have interests in other entities. In order to assure The Millard College's many constituents, including donors, governments, faculty, students, and staff of the integrity of The Millard College and of its Board, Board members should avoid situations in which such associations or interests pose an actual, potential, or apparent conflict of interest or impair the reputation of The Millard College.

Employees of the institution who also serve on the Board of Regents will recuse themselves from voting on their own compensation.

Board approved on: March 4, 2024

5.5 Board Functions and Duties

The Board is responsible for the financial stability of the College and shall approve the budget annually. The Board shall evaluate its effectiveness at least annually and shall meet in person, or via video conference, at least twice annually. The Board shall document the results, decisions and approvals of College matters in official Board minutes. The Board shall approve the College's Faith Statement, Mission, Objectives, Publications and policies before releasing the documents to the general public. The Board shall approve all institutional changes for the Millard College. The Board shall approve the Board manual that outlines the Board's composition, criteria for membership, member selection process, orientation of new Board members, and Board duties and functions.

Board approved on: March 4, 2024

5.6 Orientation of Board Members

Each newly elected Board member shall attend a Board orientation that includes an overview/tour of The Millard College, an overview of the Board's role, duties and functions, instruction on avoidance of conflicts of interest, and manual. Orientation shall be led by the Chairperson of the Board or a current Board member.

Section 6: Publications

6.1 Publications Policy

All publications from the Millard College shall be approved by the Board of Regents before being released and made available to the general public. The Millard College shall have minimum publications: The Policy and Procedure Manual, College Catalog, Faculty/Employee Handbook, Student Handbook and Board of Regents manual.

Policies and information that are to be available to the general public shall include, at minimum, the Academic calendar, grading policy, refund policy, admission policy, program requirements, tuition policy, and fees.

This information shall be available on the College web page and catalog.

The Millard College may produce publications for advertising purposes, student recruitment, and marketing purposes so long as the publications are clear, consistent, accurate, and current.

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6.2 Intellectual Property

In the course of research, scholarship, education, and other activities, The Millard College faculty, staff, and students may create patentable inventions, copyrightable works, and other forms of intellectual property that merit legal protection and have financial as well as scientific and scholarly value. The Millard College seeks purposeful translation of such intellectual property to societal good whenever possible.

The Millard College is committed to timely assessment of legal protection and potential societal benefit of College intellectual property. The purpose of this policy is to define the rights and responsibilities of The Millard College and its faculty, staff, and students with respect to ownership and administration of intellectual property.

Intellectual property refers to all forms of technology and expression whose ownership is subject to legal protection in the United States and/or internationally, including but not limited to patents, copyrights, mask works, trademarks and service marks, tangible research property, and rights in data and other proprietary information. Patentable discoveries and inventions may include any new and useful process, machine, article of manufacture, or composition of matter.

Copyrightable works include written and graphic works, computer software, and photographic, video, and audio works. A mask work is a visual representation of a semiconductor chip. A trade or service mark is a word, name, symbol, or device used by an organization to identify its goods or services. Tangible research property includes matter such as biological materials, prototype devices, and engineering designs. Protectable data includes the recorded factual material as well as supporting materials such as experimental protocols and code written for statistical

analyses commonly accepted in the scientific community as necessary to validate research findings.

Intellectual property created by faculty or staff, or by students working on The Millard College research or other College projects, is owned by The Millard College if it is created either: (a) within the scope of The Millard College employment, including work under College grants and contracts with third parties; or (b) with significant use of The Millard College Resources.

If the intellectual property is created outside the scope of The Millard College's employment and without any significant use of The Millard College Resources, the individual will own the intellectual property.

Section 7: Academic and Education Programs

7.1 Distance Learning

The Millard College provides education services through distance learning. Distance learning is education that uses one or more technologies to support and deliver instruction to the student while the student and instructor are separated.

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7.2 Delivery Format

Online classes are offered in both synchronous and asynchronous formats where the student and instructor will communicate through discussion boards, the Populi system, email, telephone conversations, and virtually.

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7.3 Verification of Student Identification

Before being officially admitted to The Millard College students shall submit an application for admission, produce a proper form of identification and High School, GED and or College transcripts. Once students are accepted into The Millard College, that student will be given secure login credentials and passwords to access the student's email, Populi learning system, Library resources, and any other College systems. Students are not to share their login credentials or passwords with any other person.

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7.4 Transfer of Credits

The Millard College generally awards transfer of credits earned at institutions of higher education that are accredited by an accreditation organization and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. In order to be considered for transfer of credits, the student must inform the Millard College office of admissions of the request to transfer credits and submit official college transcripts from the institution in which the credits were earned.

The Millard College will consider the following variables for transfer of credit:

- The courses directly align with the specific subject matter.
- The educational quality of the learning experience.
- The comparability of the nature and content of the learning experience.
- The appropriateness of applicability of the learning experience in light of the student goals.

Once the transfer of credit request has been made and official transcripts are received. The Office of Admissions shall refer the request to The Millard College Registrar's Office for consideration and approval. The Registrar's office will notify the student of the credit decisions.

College Credit for Life Experience

The Millard College offers students the opportunity to earn college credits for relevant life experiences, professional work, and other non-traditional learning experiences that align with the academic programs we offer. This policy acknowledges the value of experiential learning and provides a pathway for adult learners and professionals to advance their academic progress efficiently.

Eligibility:

Students seeking to earn college credit for life experience must meet the following criteria:

- 1. Be admitted to The Millard College and enrolled in a degree or certificate program.
- 2. Demonstrate relevant life experience, professional training, or military service that is directly applicable to their academic program.
- 3. Submit a portfolio or other evidence of life experience for evaluation by the relevant academic department.

Process for Applying for Life Experience Credit:

1. Initial Consultation:

 Students interested in life experience credit must schedule an appointment with their academic advisor. During this meeting, the advisor will assess the student's experiences and determine if they are likely to align with course outcomes.

2. Portfolio Submission:

- Students will be required to compile a portfolio demonstrating the knowledge, skills, and competencies gained through their experiences. The portfolio may include:
 - A personal statement reflecting on relevant experiences.
 - Documentation such as certifications, professional licenses, work samples, letters of recommendation, or other evidence of learning.
 - A resume or CV that outlines professional work experience.
 - A detailed explanation of how the experiences align with specific courses or program outcomes at Millard College.

3. Assessment and Review:

- The portfolio will be reviewed by faculty members from the relevant academic department. Additional methods, such as interviews or proficiency exams, may be required to assess the depth and breadth of the student's knowledge.
- Faculty will determine how many credits can be awarded based on the level and relevance of the experience to the course objectives.

4. Credit Award:

- Students may earn up to a maximum of 30 credits through life experience. The number of credits awarded will vary based on the portfolio's evaluation.
- Credits earned through life experience cannot exceed more than 25% of the total credits required for the student's certificate of degree program.
- Life experience credits are awarded on a pass/fail basis and do not factor into the student's GPA.

5. Fees:

A non-refundable assessment fee of \$25.00 will be required for portfolio review.

Limitations:

- Life experience credit cannot be awarded for courses that require hands-on practice or clinical experiences.
- Credits will only be awarded for experiences that align with the curriculum of Millard College.
- Life experience credits cannot be transferred to other institutions.

Appeals Process:

If a student believes their portfolio was not fairly evaluated, they may appeal the decision by submitting a written request to the Associate Vice President of Academic Administration for a second review within 30 days of the initial decision.

Credit Transfer and Life Experience Evaluation Fee

The Millard College (TMC) charges a non-refundable Credit Transfer and Life Experience Evaluation Fee for the review and processing of academic transcripts or life experience documentation submitted for credit transfer consideration.

Fee Structure: Credit and Life Experience Evaluation Fee: \$30.00 per credit.

The fee must be paid at the time of submission of transcripts or life experience documentation. Payments can be made through the TMC student portal, by mail, or in person at the Office of Admissions.

The fee covers the administrative cost of the evaluation and is non-refundable, regardless of whether credits are accepted.

Credits will only be awarded if they meet the academic and accreditation standards of TMC.

For more information, students should contact the Office of Admissions or refer to the *Credit Transfer and College Credit for Life Experience* sections.

The Millard College Dual Credit Policy

1. Purpose

The Millard College Dual Credit Policy is designed to provide high school students with the opportunity to earn college credits while completing their high school education. This policy outlines the eligibility criteria, application process, and guidelines for students, parents, and high schools to ensure a successful and equitable dual credit program.

2. Eligibility Criteria

To participate in the dual credit program at The Millard College, students must meet the following criteria:

- Be currently enrolled in a participating high school.
- Be a junior or senior, or receive special approval from their high school administration and The Millard College.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent.
- Obtain written permission from a parent or guardian and high school counselor or principal.

3. Application Process

Students interested in enrolling in dual credit courses must follow these steps:

- 1. **Consultation:** Meet with their high school counselor to discuss eligibility and course options.
- 2. **Application:** Complete The Millard College dual credit application form, available on the college website or through the high school counselor's office.
- 3. **Transcripts:** Submit an official high school transcript.
- 4. **Recommendation:** Provide a recommendation letter from a high school counselor or teacher.
- 5. **Approval:** Obtain signed permission from a parent or guardian.
- 6. **Registration:** Register for approved courses through The Millard College's enrollment services.

4. Course Availability and Selection

- Dual credit courses are offered in various subjects, including but not limited to English, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.
- Course availability may vary each semester based on demand and instructor availability.
- Students are advised to choose courses that align with their academic goals and future college plans.

5. Tuition and Fees

Dual credit students may be eligible for reduced tuition rates.

- Students are responsible for any associated costs, including textbooks, materials, and lab fees.
- Financial assistance may be available for eligible students through The Millard College or external scholarships.

6. Academic Standards and Expectations

- Dual-credit students are held to the same academic standards as traditional college students.
- Students must adhere to The Millard College's academic integrity policies and code of conduct.
- Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress (a minimum GPA of 2.0 in college courses) may result in probation or removal from the dual credit program.

7. Credit Transferability

- Credits earned through the dual credit program are typically transferable to other colleges and universities. However, transfer policies vary by institution.
- Students are encouraged to consult with prospective colleges to confirm the transferability of dual credits.

8. Support Services

- Dual credit students have access to The Millard College's academic support services, including tutoring, advising, and library resources.
- High school counselors and college advisors are available to assist students with course selection, academic planning, and any challenges that arise during the program.

9. Program Evaluation

- The Millard College will regularly evaluate the dual credit program to ensure it meets the needs of students and maintains high academic standards.
- Feedback from students, parents, high school administrators, and college faculty will be used to make continuous improvements to the program.

10. Compliance and Amendments

- This policy complies with state and federal regulations governing dual credit programs.
- The Millard College reserves the right to amend this policy as needed to ensure compliance and program effectiveness.

7.5 Credit hours, Cost, and program length

Credit Hours

The Millard College uses a combination of online instruction (synchronous and asynchronous). assignments, discussion boards, practica, and internships to deliver its blended course content. Each credit hour is awarded based on the equivalence of 1 hour of instruction plus 2 hours of

outside work per week for 15 weeks.

Program Length

The Millard College offers three-credit-hour courses in both four-week and eight-week formats. Courses typically begin on Monday of the first week and conclude on Sunday of the fourth or eighth week, depending on the format. The academic calendar for both course durations is

published annually.

Courses numbered 100-199 are introductory, first-year courses with no prerequisites, designed for a four-week format. Courses numbered 200-299 are second-year courses that typically require 100-level prerequisites. Advanced undergraduate courses are numbered 400-499, while

graduate-level courses are numbered 500 and above.

Most certificates can be completed in as little as 21 weeks. However, some certificates include additional hands-on components that may extend the completion time. Refer to the academic

offerings for specific certificate details.

Cost and fees

Each class will have a \$40.00 technology fee and a \$85.00 Literature fee.

The cost of one credit hour is \$335.00

Some certificates at TMC require students to obtain additional certifications beyond the required courses to graduate. These external certifications are not included in tuition and the costs are

the student's responsibility. For additional information, see the Academic Programs section of

the Catalog.

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7.6 For Late Written Work

Required notes, papers, or projects are due at the time appointed by the instructor. When it is not possible to submit such work on time, the student should consult the instructor.

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7.7 Scholastic Dishonesty

All scholastic dishonesty is unacceptable. Scholastic dishonesty includes cheating on exams, turning in reports and term papers as one's own when they are not, lying, stealing exams and other work, allowing other students to copy one's work in order to meet a grade requirement for a course, misappropriation of artificial intelligence, and plagiarism. Plagiarism is defined as passing off as one's own the ideas of another. Copying or summarizing another's ideas in a written or oral report must be correctly attributed to the source. Any of these aforementioned offenses warrant academic discipline. First offenders are subject to the discipline of the individual instructor and are reported to the Vice President of Academic Administration. Offenses may be subject to review by the Student Success Committee and may be subject to severe penalties. Disciplinary measures may include: re-doing the work, automatic failure of the course, probation, suspension, and/or expulsion.

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7.8 Examinations

All students are required to take their exams at the time they are scheduled, unless previously excused by the instructor. Tests from which a student has been excused by the instructor must be taken before the week of final exams. When an instructor requires that a student make up a test or quiz which was missed due to an absence allowed by school policy, it should be made up within a period of no longer than three weekdays following return to campus or school activity. If a final examination needs rescheduled, the student should contact the instructor.

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7.9 Academic Advising

Academic Advising

At TMC, each student will be assigned an academic advisor before or within the first two days of orientation. Academic advisors support students in planning a program aligned with their abilities and interests, monitoring progress toward educational and career goals, and providing guidance as needed.

Responsibilities of Academic Advisors:

- 1. Assistance and Planning: Help students understand program requirements and procedures.
- 2. Regular Availability: Maintain consistent office hours and respond to student emails by the next business day to schedule appointments.
- 3. Student Support: Address academic progress concerns and provide course registration guidance.
- 4. Timely Communication: Meet with students as requested and ensure follow-up on any academic matters.

If an advisor does not respond promptly, students may forward their requests to the Registrar's Office for resolution.

Student Responsibilities in the Advising Process:

Students are ultimately responsible for knowing and adhering to the requirements, policies, and procedures governing their progress. The following list outlines key responsibilities:

- 1. Policy Awareness: Read and follow the Academic Catalog and Student Handbook to comply with all policies and requirements.
- 2. Preparation: Review potential course options before meeting with advisors.
- 3. Timely Communication: Contact advisors promptly for registration advice and other necessary appointments.
- 4. Knowledge of Requirements: Understand and follow all College requirements for obtaining a certificate.
- 5. Class Registration: Enroll in courses based on advisor recommendations.
- 6. Form Submission: Obtain, complete, and submit required forms for course changes, graduation, and related matters by the Registrar's Office deadlines.
- 7. Academic Progress: Notify advisors immediately regarding academic progress in classes or toward certificate completion.
- 8. Active Engagement: Take responsibility for their overall College experience.

Requesting a Change of Advisor:

Students may request a different academic advisor at any time and for any reason by emailing the Registrar's Office. The request will be processed within five (5) business days, and both the student and new advisor will be notified. The new advisor will arrange a meeting with the student to discuss academic matters and concerns within five (5) business days of the change.

Questions or Concerns:

For any questions regarding academic advising, students should contact the Registrar's Office, which will forward inquiries to the appropriate academic advisor for follow-up.

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Policy 7.10 Certificate Awarding

It is the policy of The Millard College that at least 25% of credit hours must be completed at The Millard College in order to be awarded a certificate. Students may be granted credit for courses or credit hours completed at other approved higher education institutions as referenced in the Transfer of Credit policy.

Section 8: Employee, Faculty, and Staff

8.1 Orientation of New Staff

All newly appointed/hired staff shall attend New Hire Orientation. The Orientation shall include but not be limited to:

- 1. Reviewing, signing and understanding the job description.
- 2. Meeting with immediate supervisor and reviewing employee work schedule
- 3. Reviewing the Employee/Faculty Handbook
- 4. Completing any employment and Human Resources documents
- 5. Tour and overview of The Millard College
- 6. Meeting with Department Directors and staff of other applicable departments
- 7. Introduction of the College's email system, Populi system and Library.
- 8. Receiving an official College identification badge

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8.2 Faculty/Employee Handbook

It is the policy that all faculty members and employees receive a copy of the Faculty Handbook upon hire to The Millard College. All faculty and employees are to read the handbook and comply and adhere to all requirements, policies, and guidelines as set forth in the faculty/employee handbook.

Section 9: Student Services

9.1 Student Handbook

Each student of The Millard College shall have access to the College's Student Handbook in a paper or digital medium.

The Student Handbook is designed to provide the student with information they will need to make their time at The Millard College as productive as possible. The College's policies, standards, rules and regulations concerning all aspects of College life are described in these pages. The student is expected to read the handbook carefully because it will serve as the standard for quality experiences at The Millard College. Students should feel free to ask for clarification if they do not understand any of their responsibilities as a member of The Millard College community. During Orientation, the student will be required to sign a statement verifying they have read this handbook and will adhere to the policies, procedures, rules, and regulations of the College as described on these pages.

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9.2 Alcohol, Drugs and Narcotics

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (Public Law 101-226) clearly states that no institution of higher education shall be eligible to receive funds or any other form of financial assistance under any Federal program, including participation in any federally funded or guaranteed student loan program, unless it certifies to the Secretary of Education that it has adopted and has implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. As required by Federal Law, you are hereby notified by The Millard College that it is the policy of The Millard College to prohibit the use, sale, dispensing, possession, or manufacture of illegal drugs and narcotics or alcoholic beverages on campus, or as any part of its activities. The College will not accept for enrollment any students or knowingly hire for employment any persons who are currently alcohol or drug abusers.

The Millard College is responsible for compiling and ensuring the distribution and receipt of the College's policies, sanctions, and resources regarding alcohol and other drug use to all students on a yearly basis.

Board approved on: March 4, 2024

9.3 Collections

Students are not permitted to solicit funds for any cause either privately or publicly without approval from the President.

9.4 Computer Network Usage

Any student using College resources on College property to engage in tasteless or inappropriate activity on the Internet will be dismissed from the computer lab and all computer privileges will be revoked. All students who use the College's computer network system, whether on College-owned or personally owned computers, must adhere to these guidelines.

Board approved on: March 4, 2024

9.5 False Information

Knowingly furnishing false information to a College official or member of any hearing board acting in performance of their duties, or failure to provide College personnel with complete information upon request, may result in disciplinary sanctions.

Board approved on: March 4, 2024

9.6 Property Issues

Unauthorized entry into or use of College property, including facilities, equipment, and/or resources as well as any act of misuse, vandalism, malicious or unwarranted damage or destruction, defacing, or disfiguring property belonging to the College including, but not limited to, furniture, fire alarms, fire equipment, elevators, telephones, institutional keys, library materials, and/or safety devices may result in immediate disciplinary sanctions ranging from restitution for damages to dismissal.

Board approved on: March 4, 2024

9.7 Publications by the Student

No student or students shall publish any papers or other publications bearing the name of The Millard College, or purporting to issue from it, without obtaining permission from the Vice President of Academic Administration.

Board approved on: March 4, 2024

9.8 Social Media Policy

Social Media communication has become very important to colleges and student bodies. While this is a great way to stay in touch around the world there is a need for responsible use of these public communication tools. Much damage can be done when thoughtless or reckless use is made in these public forums. The Millard College students are asked to follow guidelines in the use of any and all social media.

1. Refrain from posting negative or hurtful comments about others.

- 2. Follow College standards when posting pictures, videos, or other communications for others to see. Profanity, nudity or vulgar, hurtful, or derogatory comments should never be posted for others to see.
- Negative and hurtful comments about the College, employees or other students should not be posted.

When these guidelines are not followed the following steps may be taken by College administrators:

- 1. The offending student will be contacted and will be asked to remove any and all hurtful or negative comments.
- 2. If the student agrees and postings are removed there will be guidance to lead to more positive use of social media.
- If students refuse to remove offensive postings there will be action taken to correct the situation. These actions may include but are not limited to social media probation, or suspension.
- 4. If students are discovered to have posted offensive items for a second time, after being advised concerning their first posting, actions will be taken which could lead to suspension or expulsion of the offending student.

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9.9 Written Complaint Policy

In the interest of protecting all students, the College provides an Informal Procedure and a Formal Process to address student complaints as expeditiously as possible.

The Informal Procedure Process encourages students to initially take their concerns, both academic and non-academic, to the faculty member, staff person, or administrative office with whom they have a concern before filing a formal written complaint.

The Formal Process is suggested if satisfaction is not achieved, or if the complaint involves harassment or discrimination. Written Complaint/Incident Form is available under the Current Students section of the TMC website. Students are encouraged to describe the complaint and submit supporting documents.

Once the form has been completed and submitted to the Chairman of the Student Success Committee, the Committee will investigate the student's concern by interviewing the student and the relevant personnel against whom the complaint is filed, or who have administrative responsibility for the area against which a complaint is filed. Committee members may be recused in cases involving conflict of interest. The immediate supervisor of the Chairman will chair the committee if the Chairman is ineligible to participate.

If the complaint is not satisfactorily resolved, the student may request in writing that the concern be elevated to the Director of Admissions for non-academic complaints. Academic appeals will be elevated to the Vice President of Academic Administration (or their designee) for consideration. The request should describe why the resolution is unsatisfactory. After reviewing the report from the Student Success Committee, the student, the Student Success Committee, and the President will be notified of the decision.

All written complaints are filed in the office of the Director of Admissions.

If, after following the school's grievance policy, the student finds that the problem has not been resolved, the student may contact the following agencies:

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Location: 100 Airport Road, Second Floor, Frankfort, 40601, KY

Email: mailto:cpe.news@ky.gov

https://cpe.ky.gov/campuses/complaintform

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9.10 Disciplinary Appeals Policy

If a student believes that they have been treated unfairly in a disciplinary (non-academic) process, they will have the opportunity to appeal any part of that process. The appeal process is outlined below:

- 1. The Appeal Form can be accessed from the Current Students section on TMC webpage. The student must be able to present evidence and/or witnesses that would warrant an investigation of any disciplinary action in dispute. The appeal must be submitted within 10 days of notification of the disciplinary action or the right to appeal will be forfeited. Once the form has been completed and submitted to the Student Success Committee Chair, the chairperson will decide from the information provided whether the case warrants formal presentation before the entire committee.
- 2. If the appeal is deemed legitimate by the Student Success Committee Chair, the chair will, within 3 working days of receiving the submitted appeal, schedule a formal hearing before the entire committee. The appeal hearing should be held within 5 working days of the submitted appeal.
- 3. The Student Success Committee shall consist of faculty/staff members appointed by the President (or their designee).
- 4. After hearing the appeal, the committee may overturn, uphold, reduce, or expand the earlier disciplinary ruling. The student will receive a verbal explanation of the committee's decision at the conclusion of the formal hearing. The student will receive written notice of the committee's decision within two working days.

The grievant may submit the grievance or appeal to The Millard College's licensing board, the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education.

To file a complaint with the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education, a complaint shall be in writing and shall be filed on Form PE-24, Form to File a Complaint, accompanied, if applicable, by Form PE-25, Authorization for Release of Student Records. The form may be mailed to the following address: The 300 Building, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601. The forms can be found on the website at www.kcpe.kv.gov.

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9.11 Readmission After Expulsion

If a student has been expelled/dismissed from The Millard College, the student must submit a new admissions application. The admissions office may consult with the Student Success Committee in making a decision for readmittance. Other factors in the readmittance decision shall include whether the student has satisfactorily completed all financial obligations to The Millard College and whether the student will be placed on any form of academic probation.

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9.12 Attendance Policy

Regular and punctual class attendance is required for students to gain the greatest value from their educational experience. Therefore, students are expected to attend and participate in all class sessions for which they are registered. When students are unable to attend, they are expected to communicate with the instructor through The Millard College email domain. TMC believes that students are responsible for their attendance. Students shall adhere to any attendance requirements as stated on the class syllabus.

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9.13 Emergency Absence Procedure

Students forced to miss class(es) for any reason and particularly for emergencies (death in family, accident, etc.) should notify the class instructor directly through the official College email.

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9.14 Academic Appeals Procedure

A student may at times substantively disagree with decisions made by professors. Substantive disagreements may relate to any aspect of the course, such as course requirements, the grading scale, teaching methods, grading procedures, etc. If such a disagreement occurs, the student should follow the following procedures:

- 1. Meet with the professor to discuss the issue in a pre-arranged, scheduled meeting.

 Unplanned meetings before or after class or in the hallway are often not effective in dealing with such issues. In most cases, discussing the issue with the professor resolves the situation.
- 2. If the issue is not resolved, and if the student feels the issue warrants further consideration, the student may file a formal written complaint to the instructor. The instructor will respond in writing, within one work week (5 days), to the student's written appeal.
- 3. If the student and instructor are unable to come to a resolution, the student may forward the written appeal, along with the instructor's written response, to the Student Success Committee. The Student Success Committee will attempt to resolve the issue.
- 4. If the resolution is still not achieved, the student may file a written appeal to the Associate Vice President of Academic Administration. The appeal must be submitted within 10 days of the incident in question. This written appeal should include the responses of the course instructor and the Student Success Committee. The Associate Vice President of Academic Administration will render a written recommendation to the student and instructor in question, and to the Vice President of Academic Administration. Appeals will normally be considered and responded to within two business days of the receipt of the appeal. Appeal forms and further instructions are available under the Current Students section of the TMC website.

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9.15 Disabilities

The Millard College shall respond to requests for information about accommodation and to requests for accommodations as follows:

- 1. Student requests for information: The Student Services Office shall provide information about the availability of support services to the student.
- Student requests for accommodation and self-discloses disability: TMC shall inform the student of procedures and specify the need for current documentation that is less than three years old.
- Student provides documentation of disability: TMC shall evaluate documentation, determine the adequacy of documentation, and identify any additional documentation needed.
- 4. TMC determines that documentation supports requested, or alternative effective, accommodation: Accommodation activity shall be initiated.
- Student provides permission to notify faculty of the need for reasonable accommodations: Accommodation request is signed by the student and disseminated to specified faculty.

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9.16 Non-Discrimination Policy

The Millard College is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination based on race, color, religion or creed, national origin or ancestry, sex (including gender, pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity), age, physical or mental disability, or veteran status in admissions, educational programs or activities, and employment. The final responsibility for ensuring equal opportunity rests with the President and the Board of Regents.

The Director of Admissions is responsible for implementing this policy in student-related matters.

Non-discrimination complaints by an employee should be addressed to the employee's supervisor or the Human Resources Department. All Complaints regarding discrimination shall be resolved through the following procedure:

Complaint Procedures:

Complaints of discrimination are handled as follows:

1. Filing a Complaint:

 Complaints must be submitted in writing and include the name and address of the complainant, along with a description of the alleged violation.

2. Investigation Process:

- If appropriate, an investigation will follow the filing of a complaint.
- If the complaint involves the President, the Board of Regents will appoint an independent investigator.
- The investigation will be thorough yet informal. Both the complainant and the individual against whom the complaint is made will have the opportunity to provide relevant evidence, either orally or in writing.

3. Resolution and Reporting:

- Within 30 calendar days of the complaint's filing, the investigator will issue a
 written report detailing the findings and resolution. A copy of this report will be
 provided to the complainant.
- Complaint records will be maintained confidentially by the Director of Admissions.

4. Appeals:

- If dissatisfied with the resolution, the complainant may file an appeal to the President or the Board of Regents (if the complaint involves the President) within 10 days of receiving the resolution.
- The appeal decision will be reviewed, and a written response will be provided within 10 days.

Employee Complaints:

Non-discrimination complaints from employees should be directed to their supervisor or the Human Resources Department.

Student Complaints:

Non-discrimination complaints from students should be directed to the Director of Admission.

The Millard College is dedicated to addressing all complaints promptly and maintaining a safe, inclusive environment for all.

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9.17 Distance Education Privacy Policy

The Millard College (TMC) is committed to protecting the privacy of all students, including those enrolled in all distance learning programs.

- 1. To protect the privacy of all students, including distance learning students, TMC complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974, as published in all pertinent publications of TMC.
- 2. At the time of initial registration, all TMC students are issued a unique ten-digit student identification number. This student ID becomes the unique identifier for the student throughout his/her academic career at TMC. The student ID differs from the student's social security number, which is never used for academic activity, either online or in-person.
- 3. Also at the time of registration, students receive a TMC email address with a password that is encouraged to be changed by the student. All correspondence from TMC is communicated through this email address.
- 4. Students who enroll in distance learning courses at TMC access the learning environment through a learning management system (LMS). A learning management system is a set of software tools that provides an online environment for course interactions. Currently, TMC uses a software called Populi.
 - Secure login and password: Faculty and students access the LMS using a
 personal login and password. Upon initial login, all users are required to change
 their password for an added level of security.
 - In the LMS, faculty are restricted to accessing information within the courses that they teach and students are restricted to faculty-published information in the courses in which they are enrolled.
 - In the secure environment of the LMS, faculty members may post course
 materials, assignments and exams, and discussion forums for their courses, and
 where students may participate in forum discussions, upload assignments, and
 take quizzes and exams. The privacy of individual students' assignments and
 grades is maintained within the course management system.

Section 10: Finance, Business, Admissions, and Registrar

10.1 Admissions Policy

Prospective students and applicants shall have access to The Millard College application for admission via the College website/homepage. Applicants may apply for admission at any time during the academic calendar year. Applications will be reviewed for eligibility by the Admissions office.

PROCEDURE

The admission process for students is as follows:

- 1. Prospective students complete the application on The Millard College website.
- 2. Application is received by the Admissions Office.
- 3. The Admissions Office will review the application and ensure that the application is complete and that the applying student has submitted a valid photo Identification, signed Social Security card, and High School/GED transcripts.
- 4. Once the Admissions Office has verified that the applicant has submitted all required documents and the student is eligible for their selected program of study, the Admissions Office will notify the Registrar's office that the student meets all requirements for acceptance.
- 5. The Admissions Office will notify the applicant in writing by letter and/or email that they have been accepted into The Millard College. The Admissions Office will inform the student of the next start date for their selected program.
- 6. The Admissions Office will notify the Registrar's Office, and the Director of Financial Aid that the identified student has been accepted into The Millard College.
- 7. The office of the Director of Financial Aid will work with and for the student to secure financial funding for the selected program of study.

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10.2 Transfer of Program/Degree

Students desiring to transfer from their approved certificate program may only do so at the beginning of each trimester or new class cycle. Students will not be granted permission to change, transfer or switch certificate programs once the current class(es) in which they are enrolled begins. Students will be required to complete the current class(es) before transferring to another certificate program. Students who drop out or do not complete their current enrolled class(es), after the withdrawal period, shall be given a failing grade for the current class(es).

PROCEDURE

Before transferring or changing certificate programs the student must adhere to the following procedures.

- 1. Student must complete a Program Change form on Populi
- 2. Admissions and Financial Aid staff will review for approval/denial
- 3. Once both departments have approved/denied the change, the Registrar will make any appropriate changes and email the student to inform them of the decision. The financial aid department will be cc'd on the email for funding purposes.
- 4. Program Changes that are requested after the term has started will be delayed to the start of the next term and the student will be required to complete the course they are currently enrolled in. The exception will be, if the current course is required for the program they are requesting to be transferred into. In this case, the program change can be effective immediately

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10.3 Drop/Add Procedures and Refunds

Online students can register for courses using the Course Registration tool in the College's Learning Management System.

Students may drop a course for a full refund within 72 hours after the course start date.

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10.4 Withdrawal Procedures and Refunds

To officially withdraw from the College, students must complete the Withdrawal Form available on Populi. The Registrar will process the withdrawal and notify the student.

Refund Policy:

- Students who notify the Registrar's Office in writing by Friday of the first week of the course will receive a 75% refund.
- Students who notify the Registrar's Office in writing by Friday of the second week of the course will receive a 50% refund.
- No refunds will be issued after Friday of the second week of the course.

Students who remain inactive in their courses for six months will be withdrawn from the College by the Registrar's Office.

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10.5 Incomplete Grades

Students have only six weeks after the end of the semester to change an incomplete grade to a letter grade unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the Vice President of Academic Administration. It is the responsibility of the student to see that the necessary work is

accomplished. An incomplete grade will automatically become an "F" grade after six weeks. With the exception of an incomplete, a grade once recorded with the Registrar's Office cannot be changed except by permission from the instructor.

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10.6 Transcripts

A transcript is a reproduction of your official academic record. The official academic report shows the classes in which you are enrolled and the grades that you have earned in each class in previous semesters. The academic record also shows the total number of semester hours earned, the total number of quality points, and your grade point average (GPA). For graduates, the official record also shows the date of graduation, the degree, diploma, or certificate earned, and the major and minor.

Classes and grades earned are posted at the end of each semester after professors have submitted grades. Please allow at least two weeks after the end of the semester for preparing the transcript. Federal law requires that you make a written request for a transcript to be sent to another person or institution. A transcript request form can be obtained in the Registrar's Office or online. An official transcript is sent directly from this College to another College or School. If you have it sent to you, it is not official, and the second College may request that you have one sent directly to them. The requirement of an official transcript is to ensure that it has not been altered in any way by having been in the hands of a third person.

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10.7 Budgeting Policy

It is the policy of The Millard College to prepare an annual budget prior to the start of the next fiscal year.

The budget will be used as responsible projections of revenues, expenses, and capital expenditures per department for the upcoming year.

Procedure:

The budget will be prepared using historical financial data from previous years and reasonable projections of future growth. Once the budget is written, it will be sent for approval to the Board of Regents for approval. After the budget has been approved, it will be disseminated as appropriate to management and other stakeholders. The approved budget will be used in the strategic plan for the upcoming year.

10.8 Official Student Status

Individuals are considered officially registered students of The Millard College if they have completed all requirements for admission and attended the College orientation. Students who are considered officially registered students that desire to drop a course or withdraw from the College must follow the Drop/Add and Withdrawal from the College policies.

If an individual has registered for a course and does not attend orientation, the individual shall be administratively withdrawn from the course with no grade given.

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10.9 Retaking Course Due to Failure

Students must retake any course in which a fail grade was received, and receive a passing grade in order to complete the program. If a student fails a course two times, they will be required to participate in mandatory tutoring for the duration of the third attempt until a passing grade is attained.

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10.10 Refund Policy

To receive a refund, a student shall notify the Registrar's Office in writing of their desire to drop/withdraw from a course. Students who notify the Registrar's Office in writing by Friday of the first week of class shall receive a 75% refund. Students who notify the Registrar's office in writing by Friday of the second week of class shall receive a 50% refund. There are no refunds permitted after Friday of the second week of class.

Section 11: Institutional Effectiveness and Assessment

11.1 Institutional Assessment

The purpose of the institutional assessment process is to collect, digest, and disseminate timely and appropriate information to be used in long-range planning directed at increasing the performance of institutional programs and services. The Millard College will use a campus-wide institutional assessment program that maintains a systematic, documented, and sustained assessment and evaluation process. The assessment process increases data flow to facilitate data-driven decision-making and implementation at all levels.

By using a regular cycle of core assessment instruments, The Millard College can measure various areas of organizational functioning, institutional effectiveness, and student learning outcomes related to mission, goals, and objectives. The measurements taken provide management with a basis for making data-driven decisions. Programs, goals, and activities are revised based on the identification of performance gaps leading to continuous improvement. Assessment data is aggregated, analyzed, summarized, and disseminated regularly on a trimester as well as annual basis. Institutional assessment information is regularly used in a broad range of leadership and administrative functions and contexts including: faculty meeting, faculty development, academic committees, administrative committees, student services, admissions, marketing, and accreditation self-study support.

Assessment reports that include departmental summaries with strategic recommendations for improvements are scheduled throughout the academic year. All departments are provided with recommendations for agenda items based on assessment findings to be used for the evaluation of programs, services, and strategic planning.

Assessments will include:

- Organizational assessments. Organizational assessments will assess the Mission, the College Board functions, policies and procedures, financial operations and compliance with state and federal requirements.
- Student life. Student life assessments will assess student services and student satisfaction.
- 3. Academic assessments. Academic assessments will assess student learning related to the mission and objectives, curriculum of academic programs,
- 4. Learning resources. Learning resources will assess the effectiveness of the library and facilities and equipment.
- 5. Institutional effectiveness. Institutional effectiveness will assess the strategic plan, health and safety,

11.2 Assessment Time Frames

The Millard College will complete assessments during the time frames as outlined in the institutional assessment plan.

Section 12: Library, Facilities, Resources, and Equipment

12.1 Library

The Millard College will use the EBSCO web-based library system. The system will be available online 24 hours a day for use by students and staff. Students and staff are encouraged to use the EBSCO library system as much as possible to meet the requirements and needs of each course.

The Millard College will have a Librarian and a Director of Library Services on staff. The Librarian will consult with and direct the Director of Library Services as needed as it relates to library functions, student learning, and library operations.

The Director of Library Services will be available during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The name and contact information of the library manager shall be published on the College webpage.

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12.2 Facilities

Although The Millard College operates education classes in a distance-learning format, the administration of the College shall operate from a designated facility with regular business hours from Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. While in the physical facilities of the College students and staff shall follow all policies of the College.

Section 13: Health and Safety

13.1 Safety

If there is a reasonable belief that a student has put the health, safety or reputation of the College community in jeopardy, the student may be immediately dismissed as a student.

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13.2 Sexual Harassment

The Millard College is committed to maintaining a positive and safe learning and working environment. The Millard College students and employees will be responsible for assuring that the College maintains a safe environment for study and work, free from sexual misconduct. All members of the Millard community are expected to represent themselves in a manner that does not infringe upon the rights of others. The Millard College prohibits sexual misconduct, specifically including sexual assault, sexual exploitation, rape (including "date" or acquaintance rape), domestic/dating violence, sexual harassment, stalking, cyber-stalking/bullying, facilitating the commission of a violation, and retaliation for reporting misconduct. Sexual misconduct is unlawful, impedes the realization of educational goals, violates the dignity of individuals, and will not be tolerated. Sexual misconduct is considered an illegal form of discrimination in violation of The Violence Against Women Act of 1994, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Sexual misconduct could lead to criminal prosecution.

Individuals with questions or concerns about Sexual Misconduct, or those wishing to file a complaint of Sexual Misconduct, should contact the Vice President of Student Services, The Millard College. In an emergency, please call 911 for immediate assistance.

Every effort will be made by the Vice President of Student Services to protect the confidentiality of the parties during an investigation and provide for the safety and welfare of the complainant. After an investigation is performed, any person who has been found to have violated this policy or retaliated against an individual for making a complaint will be subject to discipline, including expulsion from The Millard College and/or termination of employment.

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13.3 Sexual Harassment Complaint Process

Complaint Process

Individuals who believe they have been the victims of conduct prohibited by this policy statement or who believe they have witnessed such conduct should discuss their concerns with the Director of Admissions or Human Resources.

When possible, The Millard College encourages individuals who believe they are being subjected to unwanted conduct to promptly advise the offender that his or her behavior is unwelcome and request that it be discontinued. However, no action or inaction of any employee shall preclude that employee from following the complaint procedures set forth herein.

The Millard College encourages the prompt reporting of complaints or concerns so that rapid and constructive action can be taken before relationships become irreparably strained. Early reporting and intervention have proven to be the most effective method of resolving actual or perceived incidents of harassment, therefore all employees are encouraged to report any acts of harassment as soon as they occur.

Any reported allegations of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation will be promptly investigated. The investigation may include individual interviews with the parties involved and, where necessary, with individuals who may have observed the alleged conduct or may have other relevant knowledge. Confidentiality will be maintained throughout the investigatory process to the extent possible without hampering the ability to conduct an adequate investigation and institute appropriate corrective action. It is important to note that during an investigation of any form of harassment, it is the effect the harassing behavior has on the victim that is relevant and not the intent of the harasser.

Retaliation against an individual for reporting harassment or discrimination or for participating in an investigation of a claim of harassment or discrimination is a serious violation of this policy and, like harassment or discrimination itself, will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Acts of retaliation should be reported immediately and will be promptly investigated and addressed.

If a party to a complaint does not agree with its resolution, that party may appeal to The Millard College legal department.

False and malicious complaints of harassment, discrimination, or retaliation may be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

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13.4 Weapons

The Millard College is a weapon-free campus. Students, staff, and faculty are prohibited from bringing weapons and/or ammunition on College property or in College buildings or keeping weapons and/or ammunition on College property or in College buildings.

13.5 Fraud and Abuse

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance for identifying and reporting potential fraud and abuse at the College and to establish protections for individuals who, in good faith, report suspected fraud or abuse in any area of the College's processes and functions.

- 1. Fraud and abuse may occur in any area of the College including, but not limited to, the following functional areas:
 - a. Academic and Student Affairs
 - b. Accounting and Financial
 - c. Human Resources
 - d. Information Technology
- 2. Fraud and abuse includes, but is not limited to:
 - a. The use of deception with the intention of:
 - i. Gaining an advantage, personally or for family or friends
 - ii. Avoiding an obligation
 - iii. Causing a financial loss to the College
 - b. Dishonest acts such as:
 - i. Theft or misappropriation of funds, supplies, property or other college resources
 - ii. Forgery or alteration of documents
 - iii. Unauthorized alteration or manipulation of computer files
 - iv. Improper and wasteful activity
 - v. Falsification of reports to management or external agencies
 - vi. Authorization or receipt of compensation for hours not worked
 - c. Acts of deception
 - d. Bribery
 - e. Forgery
 - f. Extortion
 - g. Corruption
 - h. Theft
 - i. Conspiracy
 - i. Embezzlement
 - k. Misappropriation
 - I. False Representation
 - m. Concealment of material facts
 - n. Collusion
- 3. Acts of fraud and/or abuse can be financially motivated or designed to harm the reputation, employment, or student status of members of the College community.
- 4. Suspected fraud and/or abuse is a reasonable belief or actual knowledge that fraud and/or abuse is occurring or has occurred.
- 5. Administrators, Board Members, Employees, Contractors, Interns, Volunteers, and Students have an affirmative duty to report actual or suspected fraud and/or abuse. Fraud and/or abuse should be reported to the Office of Institutional Excellence. Any employee who receives notice of suspected or known fraud and/or abuse is required by

- this policy to report the suspected or known fraud and/or abuse to the Office of Institutional Excellence as soon as possible.
- 6. To the extent possible, and consistent with the duty to investigate such reports, the College will maintain confidentiality for Administrators, Board Members, Employees, Contractors, Interns, Volunteers, and Students reporting suspected fraud and/or abuse.
- 7. The College recognizes that Administrators, Board Members, Employees, Contractors, Interns, Volunteers, and Students may be reluctant to report concerns if they believe that doing so may result in retaliation or harassment. All Administrators, Board Members, Employees, Contractors, Interns, and Volunteers are strictly prohibited from engaging in retaliation, retribution, or any form of harassment directed against an Administrator, Board Member, Employee, Contractor, Intern, Volunteer, or Student who has reported or is considering reporting, fraud and/or abuse. Any Administrators, Board Members, Employees, Contractors, Interns, or Volunteers who engage in such retribution, retaliation, or harassment is subject to discipline, up to and including termination. For contractors, such actions may lead to the termination of the contract under which their services are provided.

Section 14: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

14.1 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 grants to students certain rights of access, review, challenge, and exception to their educational records. These rights are: 1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records after submitting a written request. Such requests should specify the records to be inspected and should be submitted to the Registrar's Office 30 days in advance. 2) The right to request a correction to education records that the student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Such requests should be submitted in writing to the Registrar's Office and should identify which part of the record is inaccurate or misleading and provide documentation as to why it should be changed. 3) The right to have personally identifiable information contained in the student education record to be held as confidential and not subject to disclosure without the consent of the student.

Exceptions to this non-disclosure right include provision for school officials to perform their functions and the ability of the school to disclose "directory information". The Millard College designates the following student information as "directory information": name, address, email address, telephone number, previous institutions attended, major field of study, honors, degrees conferred, participation in recognized sports and activities, date and place of birth, height and weight of athletic team members, photographs, dates of attendance, and classifications. Students may withhold disclosure of this information by submitting written notification to the Registrar's Office. Forms to request the withholding of directory information are available in the Registrar's Office. The College assumes that the absence of such a request indicates student approval for disclosure.

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14.2 Third-Party Payors

The FERPA/Third Party Authorization Form allows the College to properly disclose all required billing information to a designated third party.

- By signing the Third Party FERPA section of the form, the student authorizes The Millard College to release any and all of their financial and academic information to the third-party entity listed on their Third Party FERPA Release form. The third-party entity's name is normally located on the third-party tuition voucher that the student submits every semester.
- The Third-Party Authorization section of the form is used for the third-party process and is offered by The Millard College to students as a courtesy only. It states that the College has agreed to submit the student's tuition and fee invoice to the third party identified by the student.
- The student is liable and continues to be responsible for the timely payment of any tuition, fee, and/or costs not paid by their third party within the required deadline.

By signing the Third-Party Authorization section of the form, the student acknowledges and agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in the packet and the student confirms that they have read and understood the terms and conditions.

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