

# ACADEMIC POLICIES

## STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Navarro College holds that the student, upon enrollment, neither loses the rights nor escapes the duties of a citizen. Enjoying great opportunities, at partial expense to the state of Texas, the student-citizen has a responsibility to him/herself, fellow students, to the law of the land, and the institution in which, by his/her own choice, he/she enrolls. In addition to the rights enjoyed by all citizens and residents, the rights afforded students by Navarro College include:

- The right to expect an education of the highest quality;
- The right to privacy for their college records (see the Navarro College Catalog, Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act);
- The right to see their records and, if necessary, challenge their accuracy;
- The right to know the graduation rates for fulltime certificate and degree-seeking students;
- The right to know the graduation rates of students on athletic scholarships;
- The right to know the number of criminal offenses (if any) that occurred on Navarro College campuses and were reported to campus officials or a police agency in the past year (the Jeanne Clery Act);
- The right to know the number of arrests, if any, for liquor law, drug abuse, and weapons violations committed on campus during the past year;
- The right to due process;
- The right to pursue grievances against instructors, administrators, or fellow students.

Students who are admitted to Navarro College and continue their enrollment are expected to conform to established rules and regulations of the college. Also, they are expected to have reasonable probability of success and adjustment to the social and educational climate of the college. Because some students have difficulty adjusting to the total college environment, students may be denied admission or readmission to Navarro College for reasons other than academic. Such reasons include, but are not limited to: (1) inappropriate conduct and behavior; (2) observable social or emotional characteristics that would cause resistance to the overall educational process of the college or would cause disruption of the social and academic environment; (3) disrespect for college personnel and other students; (4) harassment; (5) misrepresentation of factual information; and (6) inability to comply with college rules, regulations, and policies.

Denial of admission or readmission to Navarro College involves the exercise of judgment by college administrators; therefore, the denial process involves the systematic collection of available facts and information, which might include, but is not limited to, such areas as police, court or records of other public agencies; records or observations of a disciplinary nature from Navarro College and/or other educational institutions; observations and judgments of people of acquaintance; recommendations of counselors, psychologists or other professionals; observations and recommendations of supervisors or authorities; observations or judgments of law enforcement officers or other public authorities; results of commonly accepted test or other instruments; or any other source of available information relevant to making an assessment of the student's probable behavior.