

05.10 Residence Halls

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Policy / Purpose:

It is the policy of Wallace Community College – Selma (WCCS) to ensure compliance with all federal and state laws related to college residence halls, and Alabama Community College System (ACCS) [Board Policy 327.01](#) and [Chancellor's Procedure 327.01](#).

Rules are inherent in all group living situations because sound laws and regulations provide order essential to personal freedom and achievement. By selecting WCCS, a student also selects the standards and regulations of the College.

Scope:

This policy applies to all residents in the residence halls at WCCS.

Definitions:

There are no definitions applicable to this policy.

Details:

1. **Residence Requirements:** All students residing in college housing are required to retain their residence for the fall and/or spring semester, or the remaining portion thereof. Students are required to be full-time (minimum of 12-15 credit hours), according to their program requirements each academic term. See the Residence Hall Contract for additional requirements.
2. **General Residence Hall Rules:** It is expected that students living and visiting Residence Halls will cooperate with the Residence Hall Office, Residence Hall Staff, and with each other in maintaining a routine of living conducive to wholesome college life. Living in the Residence Halls is a privilege, and the College reserves the right to revoke this privilege whenever the actions of a resident are not conducive to the educational environment or interfere with the rights of others. The following are prohibited in and around college-operated Residence Halls and discovery of such offenses will lead to disciplinary action:
 - Weapons of any kind, firearms (including pellet guns, air rifles, or Airsoft-type guns), ammunition, any incendiary or any type of explosive device or material (including fireworks);
 - Gambling in any form;
 - Smoking and tobacco products, including but not limited to electronic vapor paraphernalia;
 - Candles, incense, or other flame-emitting articles;
 - Possession of state, federal, local, or miscellaneous signs illegally obtained;
 - Pets;
 - Open element electrical appliances (including coffee makers, toasters, air fryers, toaster ovens, hotplates, grills of any type, electric skillets), space heaters, window fan/air conditioner unit, or generators.

- Commercial grade weight-lifting apparatus;
 - Outdoor recreational equipment that does not impose any strain on a resident's room/suitemate(s) (NOT including bikes, small fishing equipment, etc.);
 - Boats and other recreational modes of transportation (i.e., ATVs) cannot be stored on campus;
 - Splicing into or otherwise "tampering" with existing electrical wiring;
 - Playing or practicing of musical instruments that intrudes of posted quiet hours;
 - Dart boards, darts, or any type of throwing knives;
 - Use of profane language, verbal abuse, and/or insubordination toward any college employee;
 - Sexual activity including any sexual conduct by, between, with, to, or involving two or more persons regardless of gender.
3. **Legally Binding Contract:** WCCS considers the Residence Life Housing Contract to be a legally binding document on the part of the student and College. By signing the Residence Hall Contract, residents agree to comply with all regulations, policies, procedures, terms, and conditions of the College. Failure to comply may result in sanctions and/or fines. Refer to the current Housing Contract for additional information.
 4. **Residence Hall Withdrawal:** A student who withdraws from a residence hall while still enrolled at the College will be charged a prorated daily rate for food services and number of days in residence. Refer to the Refunds Policy, ACCS Board Policy 327.01 and Chancellor's Procedure 327.01 for college withdrawals.
 5. **Exceptions:** Exceptions are considered on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Dean of Students.

Procedure(s):

Violations of Residence Halls Policy Procedures

1. Refer to the Student Code of Conduct Policy for violations of Residence Halls Policy.

Additional Provisions / Information:

Refer to the Student Housing Handbook.
Refer to the Student Code of Conduct Policy.