

Safety and Security of Facilities and Property

I. Purpose

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) is committed to the welfare of its community, students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Accordingly, several procedures have been employed to maintain the safety and security of DSCC facilities and property.

II. Scope

Safety and security policies are applicable at all DSCC owned, operated, and/or controlled facilities and properties.

III. Policy

DSCC is open to students, parents, employees, contractors, guests, and invitees during normal business hours (8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays during fall and spring semesters; 7:00 to 5:30 Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays during summer semester).

Some facilities have individual hours, which may vary at different times of the year. Examples are the E. H. Lannom, Jr. Gymnasium, the Learning Resource Center or the campus bookstore. In these cases, the facilities will be secured according to schedules developed by the department responsible for the facility. Emergencies may necessitate changes or alterations to any posted schedules.

During non-business hours, access to all College facilities is by key, if issued, or by admittance via Campus Police and Security. In the case of periods of extended closing, DSCC will admit only those with prior written approval to all facilities.

In some cases, part or all of the campus or centers, its buildings or facilities, are open to the general public for a designated time and purpose or when non-affiliated groups, organizations, or individuals have been granted approval by the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Success.

All persons (students, faculty, staff, visitors, and invitees) on campus or at the centers shall be subject to all DSCC and Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) rules and regulations and to all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Additionally, all persons who operate motor vehicles on the campus or at the centers agree by such operation to be subject to DSCC and TBR rules, regulations, policies, and procedures on traffic and parking.

All persons on campus or at the centers shall provide adequate identification upon request to appropriate DSCC officials and security personnel (see DSCC policy 10:01:01:00 Campus

Security for a listing of all Campus Security Authorities). Employees and students of the college who refuse to provide such identification may be subject to disciplinary action; other persons who refuse to provide such identification shall be requested to leave the campus or center and may be subject to lawful removal and prosecution.

Safety and security have been considered in the landscape and lighting of the campus and centers. Report all maintenance or security concerns to the Director of Physical Plant or the Chief of Police.

See DSCC campus security policy 10:01:01:00 for general procedures regarding campus security.

IV. Compliance

Faculty, staff and students are required to submit to DSCC security and local law enforcement officials in all matters and are encouraged to employ good security habits.

V. Definitions

Business Hours 8:00 to 4:30 Monday through Friday, excluding holidays during fall and spring semesters; 7:00 to 5:30 Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays during summer semester).

VI. Revision History

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