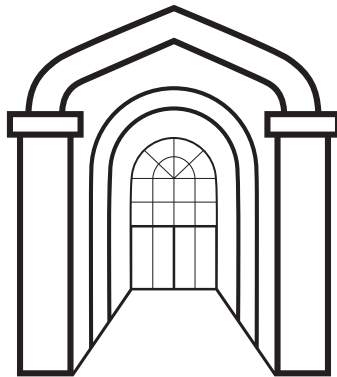


# 2015-2016 STUDENT HANDBOOK



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# *PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

Dear Student:

East Central Community College (ECCC) completed a comprehensive strategic planning process resulting in the development of *2020 Vision* for our institution. It is the vision of ECCC to be “Nationally Recognized & Locally Preferred.” Your enrollment has contributed, in part, to the realization of that vision, and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff, I am honored to welcome you to the college. Whether you have enrolled with plans to earn an associate's degree and transfer to a four-year college or university, gain necessary skills through a career-technical program and enter the workforce, or take classes for personal or professional enrichment – we take great pride in being selected as your educational partner and wish you much success in your endeavors while a student at ECCC.

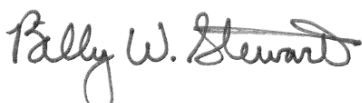
Your choice to continue your education at ECCC is a wise one. At ECCC, you will be surrounded by a group of talented and compassionate faculty members who are committed to excellence in teaching and learning. You will also be met by administrators and staff whose goal is to provide high-quality support services and/or programs that will lead to your success as a college student. In addition, the college offers a comprehensive college experience so you will have occasions to participate in student clubs, organizations, and activities designed to assist you with personal growth and development and to provide opportunities to create wonderful memories with fellow students. We encourage you to become involved in campus life through participation in these opportunities.

Whether you're new to the college or returning to continue your studies, you will find the information included in this Student Handbook very useful. The main purpose of this handbook is to provide essential information that will assist you as you pursue your educational aspirations at ECCC. It is also intended to express our college's expectations regarding your conduct as an ECCC student. Please know that the regulations in this Student Handbook addressing your conduct are presented to ensure the safety and well-being of all students and to promote the academic and social purposes of the college. Therefore, it is important that you take personal responsibility for knowing and complying with the information published in this handbook.

It is our sincere hope that your involvement with ECCC will provide you with quality learning experiences as well as a lifetime of fond memories and friendships. We are committed to making your college experience both memorable and enjoyable, and we trust that your success at ECCC will pave the way to a more rewarding future. Please know that your feedback and ideas are important to us, so our faculty, staff, and administrators welcome you in our offices at any time to discuss ways in which we can better meet your educational needs and provide you with a learning experience that is second-to-none!

Once again, welcome to the ECCC family. I look forward to meeting you during the coming year and I look forward to congratulating each of you when you earn your degree, certificate(s), and/or credential(s) from ECCC!

Sincerely,



Billy W. Stewart, Ph.D.  
President

## *Message from the Student Body Association President*

On behalf of the Student Body Association, I would like to welcome you to East Central Community College. Whether you are a returning sophomore or an incoming freshman, the Student Body Association is here to help in any situation. We are happy that you have chosen East Central to be the college to help further your education.

At East Central, we take pride in everything our campus has to offer. You are going to meet people unlike ever before, and some of those complete strangers will become your lifelong friends. At East Central, the choice is yours to have the complete college experience. I challenge you to be involved in all that you can and make the best of your time while you are here. We hope that you find everything you are looking for here at East Central.

Again, welcome to East Central Community College where we do things the “EC Way: Excellence with Class.”

Sincerely,  
Kaylee Yates  
Student Body President

### **VISION STATEMENT**

East Central Community College will be recognized nationally as a premier community college and locally as the preferred gateway to higher education and training for residents of east central Mississippi due to our focus on students and their success and our commitment to communities and their development.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

East Central Community College is a public, open-access, comprehensive, two-year institution of higher education that provides university transfer education, distance education opportunities, career-technical programs, workforce development services, and basic skills offerings to meet the educational and training needs of the residents of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Winston counties located in east central Mississippi.

### **CORE VALUES**

The core values of East Central Community College define who WE ARE as an institution. They permeate all that we do and say as an institution, and we pledge ourselves to demonstrate them as we work with our students and communities. These core values include:

**WISDOM** – We desire to follow good judgment, clear understanding, and intellectual knowledge in order to achieve the best possible outcome in all situations.

**EXCELLENCE** – We commit to the highest professional standards of quality, integrity, and performance in our programs, services, and operations.

**ACCOUNTABILITY** – We employ data-driven decision-making, assessment of performance, and evaluation of results in a quest for continuous improvement.

**RESPECT** – We acknowledge the value and dignity of each member of the college family and choose to treat one another as we want to be treated.

**ENTHUSIASM** – We display a passion and an excitement for our work and believe every day provides opportunities to have a positive impact on the lives of the people we serve and support.

**EFFICIENCY** - We pledge to be efficient stewards of the resources entrusted to our care to ensure maximum benefit for the college and the community.

**CREATIVITY** – We cultivate an environment that seeks innovative solutions to challenges through exploration, analysis, experimentation, and adaptation.

**WE ARE EC!!**

### **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

Implementation of specific admission policies is the responsibility of the administration and faculty of the institution. East Central Community College ascribes to an “open admissions” policy consistent with all appertaining laws. The College embraces the philosophy that students be provided the opportunities for learning experiences, e.g. developmental courses, counseling, tutorial assistance, etc., that will help the individual student succeed in achieving their educational goals. Further, the College utilizes relevant diagnostic instruments to determine the strengths and needs of students in order to assist them in the selection of the most appropriate program options. There are no programs at East Central Community College designed for transfer to senior institutions that require a minimum ACT score for admission.

East Central Community College is committed to providing excellent post-secondary educational opportunities. East Central does not exclude from participation in, deny the benefits of, or otherwise discriminate against any person in any program or activity of the College on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. This is in compliance with Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964; Title IX, Educational Amendments of 1972 of the Higher Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

### **STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

Students with disabilities must self-identify to receive accommodations and special services. Identification requires a student to register with the Vice President for Student Services (ADA Coordinator) and present appropriate documentation verifying the disability. Self-identification is voluntary. The Vice President for Student Services (ADA Coordinator) will serve students to the extent that their individual needs are made known and reasonable accommodations can be made.

# **GENERAL CALENDAR**

## **2015-2016 REGULAR SESSION**

### ***Fall Full Term 2015***

August 3-4, Monday-Tuesday	CTE Postsecondary Conference
August 6, Thursday	New Employee Orientation
August 10, Monday	Convocation
August 11-12, Tuesday-Wednesday	Faculty/Staff Training
August 14, Thursday	Registration
August 16, Sunday	Residence Halls Open at 2:00 p.m.
August 17, Monday	Day and Evening Classes Begin
	Late Registration Fee Charged
August 19, Wednesday	Last Day to Register or Change Classes for Day and Evening
September 7, Monday	Labor Day Holiday
October 2, Friday	Last Day to Remove I's of Previous Semester
October 5-9, Monday-Friday	Mid-Term Exams
October 14, Wednesday	Mid-Term Grades Due By 8:00 a.m.
October 26-27, Monday-Tuesday	Fall Break
October 30, Friday	Last Day to Apply for Fall Graduation
November 3, Tuesday	Spring Semester Advance Registration Begins
November 6, Friday	Last Day to Drop a Day or Evening Course with a W
November 23-27, Monday-Friday	Thanksgiving Holidays
November 30, Monday	Resume Regular Class Schedule
December 7-10, Monday-Thursday	Final Examinations
December 11, Friday	Christmas Holidays Begin for Students
	Residence Halls Close at 10 a.m.
	Final Day Grades Due by 10 a.m.
December 16-January 1, Wed.-Thurs.	Christmas Holidays

### ***MSVCC Full Term 2015***

August 21, Friday	MSVCC Fall Full Term Registration Ends
August 24, Monday	MSVCC Classes Begin
August 24-25, Monday-Tuesday	MSVCC Drop/Add
November 6, Friday	Last Day to Drop a MSVCC Course with a W
November 30-December 3, Monday-Thurs.	MSVCC Final Exams
December 4, Friday	MSVCC Grades Due

### ***Fall Intensive Term I 2015***

August 17, Monday	Fall Intensive Term I Classes Begin
August 19, Wednesday	Last Day to Register for Fall Term I Classes
September 18, Friday	Last Day to Drop a Fall Intensive Term I Course with a W
October 6, Tuesday	Last Day of Fall Intensive Term I Classes
October 7, Wednesday	Final Examinations/Grades Due

### ***MSVCC Fall Intensive Term I 2015***

August 21, Friday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term I Registration Ends
August 24, Monday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term I Classes Begin
August 24-25, Monday-Tuesday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term I Drop/Add
October 2, Friday	Last Day to Drop a MSVCC Fall Intensive Term I Course with a W
October 15, Thursday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term I Final Exams
October 16, Friday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term I Grades Due

### ***Fall Intensive Term II 2015***

October 8, Thursday	Fall Intensive Term II Classes Begin
October 9, Friday	Last Day to Register for Fall Term II Classes
November 13, Friday	Last Day to Drop a Fall Intensive Term II Course with a W
December 4, Friday	Last Day of Fall Intensive Term II Classes
December 7-10, Monday-Thursday	Final Examinations
December 11, Friday	Grades Due

### ***MSVCC Fall Intensive Term II 2015***

October 16, Friday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term II Registration Ends
October 19, Monday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term II Classes Begin
October 19-20, Monday-Tuesday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term II Drop/Add
November 20, Friday	Last Day to Drop a MSVCC Fall Intensive Term II Course with a W
December 10, Thursday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term II Final Exams
December 11, Friday	MSVCC Fall Intensive Term II Grades Due

***Spring Full Term 2016***

January 1, Thursday	New Year's Day (Holiday)
January 4, Monday	All Employees Report to Work New Orientation & Registration, Fees Due Residence Halls Open at 8 a.m.
January 5, Tuesday	Day & Evening Classes Begin
January 6, Wednesday	Last Day to Register or change Classes for Day and Evening
January 8, Friday	Martin Luther King Holiday
January 18, Monday	Last Day to Remove I's of Previous Semester
February 19, Monday	Mid-Term Exams
February 22-26, Monday-Friday	Mid-Term Grades Due by 8 a.m.
March 2, Wednesday	Spring Holidays
March 21-28, Monday-Monday	Resume Regular Class Schedule
March 29, Tuesday	Last Day to Apply for Spring Graduation
April 1, Friday	Last Day to Drop a Day and Evening Course with a W
April 1, Friday	Summer and Fall Advance Advance Registration Begins
April 5, Tuesday	Final Examinations
May 2-5, Monday-Thursday	Final Day/Evening Grades Due at 10 a.m.
May 6, Friday	Residence Halls Close at 3 p.m. Commencement at 6 p.m.

***MSVCC Full Term 2016***

January 15, Friday	MSVCC Spring Full Term Registration Ends
January 18, Monday	Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)
January 19, Tuesday	MSVCC Classes Begin
January 19-20, Tuesday-Wednesday	MSVCC Drop/Add
April 1, Friday	Last Day to Drop a MSVCC Course with a W
April 25-28, Monday-Thursday	MSVCC Final Exams
April 29, Friday	MSVCC Grades Due

***Spring Intensive Term I 2016***

January 6, Wednesday	Classes Begin
January 8, Friday	Last Day to Register for Spring Intensive Term I Classes
February 12, Friday	Last Day to Drop a Spring Intensive Term I course with a W
February 25, Thursday	Last Day of Spring Intensive Term I Classes
February 26, Friday	Spring Intensive Term I Final Examinations/Grades Due

***MSVCC Spring Intensive Term I 2016***

January 15, Friday	MSVCC Spring Full Term Registration Ends
January 18, Monday	Martin Luther King Day (Holiday)
January 19, Monday	MSVCC Spring Intensive Term I Classes Begin
January 19-20, Tuesday-Wednesday	MSVCC Drop/Add
February 26, Friday	Last Day to Drop a MSVCC Spring intensive Term I Course with a W
March 9-10, Wednesday-Thursday	MSVCC Spring Intensive Term I Final Exams
March 11, Friday	MSVCC Spring Intensive Term I Classes End/Grades Due

***Spring Intensive Term II 2016***

February 29, Monday	Spring Intensive Term II Classes Begin
March 1, Tuesday	Last Day to Register for Spring Intensive Term II Classes
April 15, Friday	Last Day to Drop a Spring Intensive Term II Course with a W
April 29, Friday	Last Day of Spring Intensive Term II Classes
May 2-5, Monday-Thursday	Final Examinations
May 6, Friday	Grades Due

***MSVCC Spring Intensive Term II 2016***

March 11, Friday	MSVCC Spring Intensive Term II Registration Ends
March 14, Monday	MSVCC Spring Intensive Term II Classes Begin
March 14-15, Monday-Tuesday	MSVCC Term II Drop/Add
April 22, Friday	Last Day to Drop a MSVCC Spring Intensive Term II Course with a W
May 4-5, Wednesday-Thursday	MSVCC Spring Intensive Term II Final Exams
May 6, Friday	Spring Intensive Term II Final Examinations
May 11, Monday	MSVCC Spring Intensive Term II Classes End/Grades Due

## SUMMER 2016 SESSION

### *May Semester (Three-Week Classes)*

May 9, Monday	May Semester Classes Begin
May 10, Tuesday	Last Day to Register for May Semester Classes
May 20, Friday	Last Day to Drop a May Semester Course with a W
May 27, Friday	Memorial Day (Holiday)
May 30, Monday	May Semester Classes End
May 31, Tuesday	May Semester Final Examination/Grades Due

### *MSVCC Summer Term 2016*

May 27, Friday	MSVCC Summer Term Registration Ends
May 31, Tuesday	MSVCC Summer Term Classes Begin
May 31-June 2, Tuesday-Thursday	MSVCC Drop/Add
July 4, Monday	Observance of Fourth of July (Holiday)
July 10, Friday	Last Day to Withdraw from MSVCC Summer Term Course
July 18-21, Monday-Thursday	MSVCC Summer Term Final Exams
July 22, Friday	MSVCC Summer Term Grades Due

### *Summer Term I 2016*

June 6, Monday	Summer Term I Classes Begin
June 7, Tuesday	Last Day to Register for Summer Term I Classes
June 23, Thursday	Last Day to Drop a Summer Term I Course with a W
June 29, Wednesday	Summer Term I Classes End
June 30, Thursday	Summer Term I Final Examinations/Grades Due

### *Summer Term II 2016*

July 4, Monday	Observance of Fourth of July (Holiday)
July 5, Tuesday	Summer Term II Classes Begin
July 6, Wednesday	Last Day to Register for Summer Term II Classes
July 21, Thursday	Last Day to Drop a Summer Term II Course with a W
July 27, Wednesday	Summer Term II Classes End
July 28, Thursday	Summer Term II Final Examinations/Grades Due

Summer Registration days will be announced at a later date.

## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

<u>Admissions:</u>	<u>635-6206</u>	<u>Campus Police Chief</u>	<u>601-357-0357/635-6268</u>
<u>Athletics:</u>	<u>635-6310</u>	<u>Director of Housing/Student Activities</u>	<u>601-635-6213</u>
<u>Activity Center:</u>	<u>635-6126</u>	<u>East Central Community College</u>	<u>635-2111</u>
<u>BSU:</u>	<u>635-2481</u>	<u>Fire Department</u>	<u>635-2000</u>
<u>Burton Library:</u>	<u>635-6219</u>	<u>Jackson Hall Supervisor</u>	<u>635-6247</u>
<u>Barber Hall Supervisor:</u>	<u>635-6459</u>	<u>Maintenance</u>	<u>635-6266</u>
<u>Business Office:</u>	<u>635-6335</u>	<u>Sheriff's Department</u>	<u>635-2101</u>
<u>Cafeteria:</u>	<u>635-2979</u>	<u>Student Grill</u>	<u>635-3873</u>
<u>Career Technical Office</u>	<u>635-6210</u>	<u>Student Services</u>	<u>635-6205</u>
<u>Child Care Center</u>	<u>635-3285</u>	<u>Todd Hall Supervisor</u>	<u>601-635-6213</u>
<u>Campus Police</u>	<u>635-6268</u>	<u>Valley Food Services, Inc. Cafeteria.</u>	<u>635-2979</u>
<u>Campus Police Cell Phone</u>	<u>601-527-8939</u>	<u>Valley Food Services, Inc. Student Grill</u>	<u>635-3873</u>

## **DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS**

Career-Technical: Wayne Eason  
Communications: Carol Shackelford  
Fine Arts: Vicki Blaylock  
Healthcare Education: Denita Thomas  
Mathematics: Dr. Lisa McMillin  
Science: Curt Skipper  
Social Science, Business Administration and Education: Wanda Hurley

## CAMPUS SERVICES AND RESOURCES

In addition to the teaching faculty, East Central Community College has employed several individuals whose primary responsibilities center around delivering support services to the student body. The following is a list of those campus services and resources and the persons you may contact regarding them.

<u>Admissions</u>	Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, Director of Admissions and Records (Student Union Building)
<u>Advising Concerns</u>	Michael Alexander, Academic Counselor (Student Union Building) Lanette Hanna, Academic Counselor (Student Union Building) TBD, Workforce Education Counselor (Career-Technical Building)
<u>Advisor Assignments</u>	Admissions (Student Union Building)
<u>Athletics</u>	Chris Harris, Dean of Athletics and Personnel Services (Physical Education Building)
<u>Band</u>	Ed Girling, Interim Director of Bands (Vickers Fine Arts Center)
<u>Bookstore</u>	Michaelle Smith, Bookstore Manager (Campus Bookstore, Student Union Building)
<u>Campus Police</u>	John Harris, Campus Chief of Police (Campus Police Office)
<u>Career Information</u>	Romonica Evans, Recruiter/Career Center Director (Student Union Building)
<u>Emergency Phone Center</u>	Brenda Cheatham, Administrative Assistant (Student Union Building)
<u>Financial Assistance</u>	Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid (Student Union Building)
<u>First Year Experience</u>	Daniele Brock, First Year Experience Instructor
<u>Food Service</u>	Lisa Gainey, Food Service Manager (Mabry Memorial Cafeteria)
<u>Graduation</u>	Dr. Teresa Houston, Vice President for Instruction
<u>Housing</u>	Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Housing and Student Activities (Student Union Building)
<u>Information Center</u>	Brenda Cheatham, Administrative Assistant (Student Union Building)
<u>Insurance</u>	Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, Director of Admissions and Records (Student Union Building)
<u>Intramurals</u>	Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Housing and Student Activities (Student Union Building)
<u>Library</u>	Leslie Hughes, Dean of Learning Resources (Burton Library)
<u>Loans</u>	Kimberly Mott, Assistant to the Director of Financial Aid (Student Union Building)
<u>Lost and Found</u>	Keli Barrett, Administrative Assistant (Student Union Building)
<u>Mail/Mail Box Rental</u>	James Miller, Dean of Students (Student Union Building)
<u>Military Benefits</u>	Jessica Gibson, Admissions (Student Union Building)
<u>Mississippi Virtual Community College</u>	Dr. Krista LeBrun, Dean of eLearning (Student Union Building)
<u>Part-Time Student Employment</u>	Mae Thornton, Assistant to the Director of Financial Aid (Student Union Building)
<u>Payment of Fees</u>	Mickey Vance, Vice President for Business Operations (Administration Building)
<u>Personal Problems</u>	Michael Alexander, Academic Counselor (Student Union Building) Lanette Hanna, Academic Counselor (Student Union Building)
<u>Publicity Information</u>	Bill Wagnon, Associate Vice President for Public Information (Huff Auditorium)
<u>Registration Process</u>	Dr. Stacey Hollingsworth, Director of Admissions and Records (Student Union Building)
<u>Residence Hall Council</u>	Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Housing and Student Activities (Student Union Building)
<u>Residence Hall Keys and Maintenance</u>	Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Housing and Student Activities (Student Union Building)
<u>Roommate Concerns</u>	Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Housing and Student Activities (Student Union Building)
<u>Scholarships</u>	Brenda Carson, Director of Financial Aid (Student Union Building)
<u>Student Government</u>	Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Housing and Student Activities (Student Union Building)
<u>Student Activities</u>	Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Housing and Student Activities (Student Union Building) Kaylee Yates, SBA President (Student Union Building)
<u>Student Newspaper</u>	Gennie Taylor, TOM-TOM Sponsor (Huff Auditorium)
<u>Student Organizations</u>	Dr. Amanda Walton, Director of Housing and Student Activities (Student Union Building)
<u>Success Center</u>	Mary Boulton (Burton Library)
<u>Veterans Information</u>	Jessica Gibson, VA Representative (Student Union Building)
<u>Work Study</u>	Mae Thornton, Assistant to the Director of Financial Aid (Student Union Building)
<u>Yearbook</u>	Gennie Taylor (Huff Auditorium)



## ACCEPTABLE USE OF COLLEGE COMPUTER RESOURCES AND NETWORKS

East Central Community College seeks to provide computer resources, computer networks, and information technology for the students, faculty, staff, and administration at a level that enhances student success, teaching and learning, and productivity. It is the responsibility of the users of computers and networks to act in a manner consistent with the rights of all other users. To that end, the college promotes the following policies and procedures.

- Electronic information is volatile, easily reproduced, and easily vandalized. Respect for the work and personal expression of others is critical. Further, one should never publish anything on computer networks that they are unwilling to have made public. Users must never access, use, or edit files for which they do not have authorization.
- Private and/or commercial uses of the College's computers or networks and work conducted for personal gain or profit will not be allowed.
- At no time shall a computer user engage in illegal or immoral activities on the college's networks. Examples of these activities include the transmission of defrauding, obscene, threatening, violent, or unlawful materials. In addition, the distribution of copyrighted materials over the college network without the permission of the copyright owner is prohibited-this includes the file sharing of copyrighted digital files or the long-term storage of same or transfer to portable media. The college may delete such files within its infrastructure without permission from the assigned user.
- Publication of annoying, harassing, or intimidating messages on the networks will not be allowed.
- Computer or network users are not allowed to circumvent system security measures, modify the computer system or software, install invasive software such as "worms" or "viruses," or install pirated software on the college's computers or networks.
- Users are not allowed to remove hardware, data, software, manuals, supplies, etc., from the college's computing sites without proper authorization.
- Anyone who knowingly violates the principles outlined in this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

## FACULTY ADVISORS

Agriculture	Michael Alexander	Music	Chas Evans
Art	Jeffrey Hodges	Music (Instrumental)	Ed Girling
Associate Degree Nursing	Denita Thomas		Stephen Moffett
	Dr. Evadna Lyons	Music (Piano)	Dr. Justin Sharp
	Sherry Cantey	Music (Vocal)	Vicki Blaylock
	Lisa Gorgas	Occupational Therapy	Patti Davis
	Lori Luke		Curt Skipper
	Melanie Pinter	Office Systems Technology	Christy Ferguson
	Paula Russum		Judith Hurtt
	Martie Vaughn	Physical Education	Scott Hill
Athletics	Kristin Chaney	Physical Therapy	Patti Davis
Athletic Training	Scott Hill		Curt Skipper
Automotive Technology	Greg Holekamp		Dr. Talmadge Graham
Biology/Chemistry	Amy Denson	Physics	Michael Alexander
	Sharon Fisher-LeJeune	Poultry Science	Theresa Cole
	Sharli Daigle	Practical Nursing	Dr. Alicia Lundstrom
Business Administration	Ruth Gregory		
	Wanda Hurley	Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology	Jody Addy
Business Education	Vikki McNair	Pre-Dentistry	Amy Denson
Carpentry and Cabinet Making	Nancy Jones		Sharon Fisher-LeJeune
Collision Repair Technology	Luke Howell		Sharli Daigle
Computer Network Support Technology	Laura Sullivan	Pre-EMT	Amy Denson
	Thomas Fortenberry	Pre-Medicine	Kim Hardy
Computer Science	Ken Eldridge		Sharon Fisher-LeJeune
	Dr. Lisa McMillin		George Alexander
Cosmetology/Cosmetology Teacher Training	Carla Ja'Come-Cluff		Denita Thomas
Culinary Arts Technology	Barry Karrh	Pre-Nursing	Dr. Evadna Lyons
Dental Hygiene	Patti Davis		Dr. Sherry Cantey
	Curt Skipper		Lisa Gorgas
Drafting and Design Technology	Chris Ryals		Lori Luke
	Polly Mayes		Melanie Pinter
Early Childhood Education	Sheri Anders		Paula Russum
	Debra Payton		Christy Savell
Electrical Technology	John Everett		Martie Vaughn
	Matthew Shelley		Amy Denson
Elementary Education	Madison Price	Pre-Optometry	George Alexander
EMT	Chris Kelly		Amy Denson
Engineering	Michael Miles	Pre-Pharmacy	George Alexander
	Jenna Wright	Pre-Respiratory Therapy	Denita Thomas
Forestry	Michael Alexander	Pre-Surgical Technology	Amy Denson
Health Information Management	Patti Davis	Pre-Veterinary Medicine	Sharon Fisher-LeJeune
	Kim Hardy		Susan Fox-Smith
	Curt Skipper		Nancy Jones
Heating and Air Conditioning Technology	Harold Hollingsworth		Cathy May
Hotel/Restaurant Management Technology	Lisa O'Neill	Psychology	Teresa Gordon
Liberal Arts	Jason Armstrong	Residential Carpentry	Michelle Lee
	Tanya Boler	Secondary Education	Scott Hill
	Rachel Tyson		Kristie Pilgrim
	Paige Case		LeAnn Shirley
	Pam Fowler		Gerald Jordan
	Kevin Ryals		Curt Skipper
	Carol Shackelford		
	Stacey Pollock		
Medical Office Technology	Christy Ferguson	Welding and Cutting	
	Judith Hurtt	Wildlife and Fisheries Science	
Medical Billing and Coding	Christy Ferguson		
	Judith Hurtt		
Medical Technology	Patti Davis		
	Curt Skipper		
Microcomputer Technology	Christy Ferguson		
	Judith Hurtt		

**EXPENSES FOR THE 2015-2016 REGULAR SESSION**  
 (ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY)

<b>FIRST SEMESTER</b>	Dormitory Student	Day Student
Matriculation Fee	\$ 990.00	\$ 990.00
Technology Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Publication Fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Activity Fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Room Fee	\$ 675.00	
Room Fee-Barber Hall	\$ 775.00	
Board (5 day meal plan)	\$ 815.00	
Board (7 day meal plan)	\$ 995.00	

**SECOND SEMESTER**

Matriculation Fee	\$ 990.00	\$ 990.00
Technology Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Registration Fee (Non-Refundable)	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Publication Fee	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Activity Fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Room Fee	\$ 675.00	
Room Fee-Barber Hall	\$ 775.00	
Board (5 day meal plan)	\$ 815.00	
Board (7 day meal plan)	\$ 995.00	

Out of state and out of country students will pay a \$1,050 out of state fee each semester. For the out-of-state fee to be waived, the following criteria must be satisfied:

- a) The nonresident student was born in the State of Mississippi but subsequently relocated and resided outside the state as a minor under the care of the minor's father or mother, or both;
- b) The nonresident student is a veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States ; and
- c) The nonresident student is domiciled in Mississippi no later than six (6) months after the non-residents student's separation from service, as evidenced by a Report of Separation from Military Service or other military discharge document, for the purpose of enrolling in a state institution of higher learning or a community or junior college.

Each dormitory student is required to purchase a meal plan. Students who prefer the Deferred Payment Plan may pay their board in the following way:

<b>FIRST SEMESTER (5 day)</b> 1. \$264.00 (Upon Entrance) 2. \$263.00 (Due September 22, 2014) 3. \$263.00 (Due October 27, 2014)	<b>FIRST SEMESTER (7 day)</b> \$324.00 (Upon Entrance) \$323.00 (Due September 22, 2014) \$323.00 (Due October 27, 2014)
<b>SECOND SEMESTER (5 day)</b> 1. \$264.00 (Upon Entrance) 2. \$263.00 (Due February 16, 2015) 3. \$263.00 (Due March 30, 2015)	<b>SECOND SEMESTER (7 day)</b> \$324.00 (Upon Entrance) \$323.00 (Due February 16, 2015) \$323.00 (Due March 30, 2015)

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. There is no special charge for music or business courses for full-time students. There is a \$20.00 fee for laboratory science courses. There are also various fees for A.D.N., LPN, Surgical Technology, EMT, Healthcare Assistant, Cosmetology, Child Development Technology and Electrical Technology.  
 There is also a \$40.00 fee for each online course that a student enrolls in. Please contact the ECCC Business Office for specific fees in the aforementioned programs.
2. If the deferred payment plan is used and these payments are not met, there will be an additional charge of \$5.00 added to the account.
3. There is a \$10.00 ID Fee per school year.
4. There is a \$10.00 Parking Fee per school year.
5. There is a \$30.00 Technology Fee, \$50.00 Registration Fee \$20.00, Publications Fee (fall and spring only) and \$5.00 Activity Fee (fall and spring only) per semester. The \$50 Registration fee is Non-Refundable.
6. Part-time students are students taking less than 15 semester hours. All part-time students will pay fees at the rate of \$95 per hour, a \$3.00 per hour Technology Fee, a non-refundable \$5.00 per hour Registration Fee, a \$2.00 per hour Publication Fee, and a \$1.00 per 3 hours Activity Fee at the time they register. Students taking classes via the Mississippi State Virtual Community College (MSVCC) will pay an additional \$40.00 per MSVCC class at the time they register.
7. All fees are payable in advance on the date due as indicated in the "Board Calendar."
8. All students who fail to clear their accounts with the college seven (7) school days prior to the starting date for examinations each semester will be dropped from school. A written notice will be mailed to the student when this action is taken.

9. All students who expect to register for the fall semester as scheduled should complete admission requirements by August 1. Students who have not registered as scheduled in the bulletin will be assessed a late registration fee.
  10. Students taking fewer than 15 semester hours are considered part-time. All part-time students will pay fees at the rate of \$95.00 per hour for tuition, \$3.00 per hour Technology Fee, \$4.00 per hour Registration Fee \$2.00 per hour Publications Fee (fall and spring only), and \$1.00 per 3 hours Activity Fee (fall and spring only) at the time they register.
  11. Adults 65 years of age or older may attend East Central Community College with matriculation fees waived through the Vice President for Student Services. Adults 65 years of age or older will be responsible for all other applicable fees.
- ALL FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY.**

## **REFUNDS**

A student who withdraws from college will be entitled to a refund, on a prorated basis, as stated in the college catalog in the expense section. Refunds are made only when a student has followed the proper withdrawal procedure.

Upon withdrawal, if prior to the end of the third calendar week of each semester, the student's account is adjusted in the following manner:

- A. The full-time student's account is credited for:
  - 100% of the Matriculation Fee (During Registration)
  - 75% of the Matriculation Fee (First Calendar Week)
  - 50% of the Matriculation Fee (Second Calendar Week)
  - 25% of the Matriculation Fee (Third Calendar Week)No adjustment is made to charges after the third calendar week.
- B. Part-time students will not be granted tuition refunds after the first class meeting.
- C. Students who drop from full-time status to part-time status will be required to withdraw from the residence hall.
- D. The refund policy of East Central Community College for Veterans, Veterans' widows, or War Orphans enrolled under Chapter 30 or 35 is a pro-rata basis for the number of weeks remaining in the semester. The proper withdrawal procedure must be followed and the refund must be requested.
- E. There will be no refund of dormitory room rent.
- F. The student's account is credited for uneaten meals as prorated per week for the remaining weeks in applicable board period in addition to the board amount for any remaining full board period.
- G. If a student is receiving any type of institutional scholarship and the date of withdrawal is prior to the scholarship update, the amount of the scholarship earned for period of attendance is calculated by:  
$$\left( \frac{\text{Number of full weeks in attendance}}{\text{Total number of weeks in semester}} \right) \times \text{Original Scholarship}$$
The amount is reported to the Director of Financial Aid so that this scholarship amount may be adjusted in computer files to update the correct amount to the student's account at the proper time.
- H. If the student is receiving any type of institutional scholarship and the date of withdrawal is after the scholarships have been updated to the student's accounts, the amount charged back to the student's account is calculated by:  
$$\left( \frac{\text{Number of full weeks remaining in Semester after withdrawal}}{\text{Total number of weeks in semester}} \right) \times \text{Original Scholarship}$$
This adjustment to the scholarship is reported to the Director of Financial Aid so that Financial Aid records reflect the actual scholarship amount credited to the student's account.  
*Exceptions are made in G and H when the coach, band director, sponsor of the activity, etc., indicates that the student fulfilled his/her obligation in that particular semester for the appropriate activity.*
- I. Once the student's account has been properly adjusted, the account balance should reflect the actual charges for the period the student officially attended East Central for the semester. Any credit balance is immediately refunded to the student by check mailed to the address indicated in the student master file. If there is a balance shown on the account, the account must be cleared before official withdrawal or business office personnel must determine the approved financial aid is available to cover the student's adjusted charges.
- J. Students receiving Title IV Aid and withdrawing from school will have to adhere to the following refund policy:  
If the student withdraws prior to 60% of the semester having been completed, then the student will receive only federal aid for the portion of the semester that has been completed. Adjustments to the student's account will be based on current school policy.

## **SUMMER SCHOOL EXPENSES**

Expenses for the summer are different from those during the regular session. They are announced in the Summer Schedule, a copy of which may be obtained on request from the Director of Admissions and Records.

## **STUDENT ACCOUNTS**

Payments of student's expenses may be made by cash, check, credit card (Visa, Master Card), or money order. Checks should be made out to EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE. The college will keep money or other valuables in its vault on request. There will be a charge of \$25.00 for all checks returned as NSF or Stop Payment. The Student will be responsible for any collection fee charges should the account be referred to collection.

## **STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

The following information is a summary of financial aid programs and policies at East Central Community College. For further information and application forms, contact:

Financial Aid Office  
East Central Community College  
P. O. Box 129  
Decatur, MS 39327  
Telephone: (601) 635-6218

## **FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

**FEDERAL AND STATE PROGRAMS** - Funding for these programs is provided by the federal and state governments.

**FEDERAL PELL GRANT** - Federal Pell Grants are awards to help undergraduates pay for their education after high school. For many students, these grants provide a foundation of financial aid, to which aid from other federal and non-federal sources may be added.

An undergraduate student who does not have a first Bachelor's Degree and who is enrolled in an eligible program may apply for a Pell Grant.

To determine a student's eligibility for the grant, the Department of Education uses a standard formula, revised and approved every year by Congress, to evaluate the information reported on the application for a Pell Grant. The formula calculates an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The Student Aid Report contains this number and will tell whether a student is eligible for a Pell Grant. Awards for the academic year will depend on program funding. How much a student actually gets will depend on the Expected Family Contribution, the cost of education at East Central, whether a student is a full-time or part-time student, and how long a student will be enrolled in the academic year.

Four to six weeks after submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or sooner if completed online with an email address, a student will be sent the Student Aid Report (SAR) by the Central Processing System. Once the SAR is received either from the student or electronically, the Financial Aid Office will then be able to determine a student's eligibility and the amount of the Pell Grant.

A Pell Grant is classified as gift aid; therefore, it does not have to be repaid.

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TUITION GRANTS** - The State of Mississippi established the following grant programs in 1995 for eligible Mississippi residents: the Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) and the Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG). Online applications, which must be completed and submitted at [www.riseupms.com/state-aid](http://www.riseupms.com/state-aid) by September 15, or the deadline established each year by the Institutions of Higher Learning, are required to apply for these grants.

**FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)** - The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant provides grant funds for undergraduate students who have not completed their first undergraduate degree and who are financially in need of this grant to enable them to pursue their education. FSEOG funds must be awarded first to students with exceptional financial need and priority must be given to Pell Grant recipients. At East Central these grants generally are awarded in amounts ranging from \$200 - \$600. Like other grants, the FSEOG does not have to be repaid.

**WORK STUDY** - East Central Community College participates in two types of work-study: Federal Work Study and Institutional Work-Study. Students who need a job to help pay for their education may be eligible for part-time employment under the federally supported work study program. Funds for the federal program are limited and students must demonstrate financial need. The normal work load at East Central is 5 to 10 hours per week. Students participating in the Work-Study program are paid the current minimum wage per hour and are paid on a monthly basis.

**WILLIAM D. FORD DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN** - A Direct Loan is a low-interest loan made to the student by the U.S. Department of Education to help with educational expenses. The interest rate for subsidized and unsubsidized Direct loans for undergraduate borrowers for loans disbursed July 1, 2013 and after will be based on the 10-year Treasury bill plus a percentage add-on of 2.05% with a cap of 8.25%. The maximum amount an undergraduate student may borrow under this program is \$3,500 for the first year in the program of study and \$4,500 for the second year in the program of study. A dependent undergraduate can borrow up to an additional \$2,000 unsubsidized Direct Loan per year. An independent undergraduate can borrow up to an additional \$6,000 unsubsidized Direct Loan. Direct Loans are available to students who maintain at least half-time enrollment (six hours). For eligible students the application process consists of several steps and requires the student to sign a promissory note. An entrance counseling session is required for all first-time borrowers prior to the first loan disbursement. A student must begin repaying the loan six months after graduating, leaving school, or dropping below at least half-time enrollment. Two types of Federal Direct Loans are available: Subsidized Federal Direct Loans and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans. The combination of Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans may not exceed the annual loan limits for the Federal Direct Loan program. A borrower's subsidized loan is determined by calculating the difference between the borrower's financial need and the amount of estimated financial assistance (such as scholarships, grants, work, other loans, etc.) a borrower's unsubsidized loan amount is determined by calculating the difference between the borrower's cost of attendance for the period of enrollment for which the loan is intended and the amount of the estimated financial assistance. A borrower must pay certain loan fees which are deducted proportionately from each loan disbursement.

**DIRECT PLUS LOAN** - The Direct PLUS Loan Program is not based on need. PLUS loans are for the parents of dependent students. These loans provide additional funds for education expenses. The interest rate for these loans disbursed after July 1, 2013 will be based on the 10-year Treasury bill plus a percentage add-on of 4.6% with a cap of 10.5%. Direct PLUS Loans are made by the U.S. Department of Education. PLUS enables parents to borrow up to the difference between the student's cost of attendance and the amount of estimated financial assistance. A borrower must pay certain loan fees which are deducted proportionately from each loan disbursement. For the PLUS loan, loan fees are generally 4% of the loan amount. A separate application is required to apply for the PLUS loan. Generally repayment of the PLUS loan begins with 60 days of the disbursement of the loan.

**INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - East Central Community College provides funds for and offers various scholarships to eligible students.

**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Academic Achievement Scholarships were established at East Central Community College effective at the beginning of the 1996 fall semester. The Academic Achievement Scholarships are available to any Mississippi resident who enrolls as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following his/her high school graduation. Each student

must have a high school grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale (90 or higher numerical average) to be eligible for this scholarship. Students who have ACT scores of 20 or above will not be eligible to receive both the ACT Scholarship and Academic Achievement Scholarship. The Academic Achievement Scholarships will be available to eligible students for four (4) consecutive semesters, provided each awarded maintains a 2.5 GPA for the first semester and a cumulative 3.0 GPA for the second and third semesters at ECCC. A scholarship in the amount of \$100 will be awarded each semester to each eligible student.

**ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION SCHOLARSHIPS** - Achievement Recognition Scholarships will be awarded to individuals who receive the following honors: Choctaw Indian Princess, in-district Distinguished Young Woman (formerly Junior Miss) winners, Miss East Central Mississippi, Miss Hospitality, Miss Neshoba County, Miss Newton County, and Miss Morton. Full tuition scholarships will be awarded to those eligible students who enroll as full-time students at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation. The scholarships will be available to the students for four (4) consecutive semesters provided each student maintains a 2.5 GPA for the first semester and a cumulative 3.0 GPA for the second and third semesters. Any student, who does not maintain the required GPA and is removed from scholarship, may have the scholarship reinstated by earning the required GPA the following semester.

**ACT SCHOLARSHIPS** - The ACT Scholarships listed below will be available to any Mississippi resident who enrolls full-time at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation or the first regular semester after having received the GED. The ACT Scholarship will be available to the student for four (4) consecutive semesters provided the student maintains a B (3.0) average each semester. See Financial Aid Policies for further requirements. Composite on tests:

ACT Composite (20-23)--A scholarship in the amount of \$100 will be awarded each semester to the eligible student.

ACT Composite (24-26)--A scholarship in the amount of \$300 will be awarded each semester to the eligible student.

ACT Composite (27-30)--A scholarship in the amount of tuition will be awarded each semester to the eligible student.

ACT Composite (31-36)--A full scholarship (matriculation fee, room and board) will be awarded each semester to the eligible student.

**AGE 65 PLUS TUITION SCHOLARSHIP** - A scholarship in the amount of tuition will be available for any adult 65 years of age or older who enrolls at East Central Community College. The recipient will be required to meet admission requirements and will be responsible for all other applicable fees. In order to receive the scholarship, the student must complete a scholarship application form and submit it to the Office of the Vice President for Student Services for eligibility to be verified.

**ART SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Art Department awards art scholarships to students majoring in art who meet the established criteria.

Art Majors: Two full-tuition scholarships are awarded to art majors with the highest GPA's after their first semester.

(1) Art scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 gpa in art courses.

(2) Art major scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.0 gpa in other academic courses.

Art Service Scholarships: Eight one-half tuition art service scholarships are awarded to students who:

(1) Submit a student information sheet and a minimum of five art works on the portfolio day announced in the spring semester at the district high schools;

(2) Agree to enroll full-time at East Central; and,

(3) Declare art as their major.

These scholarships are service-based; therefore, recipients will be required to provide service to the College by:

(1) Assisting with set designs for the dinner theater and musical productions;

(2) Designing layouts for art shows, drama productions or the like; and,

(3) Serving as lab assistants for art and ceramic labs performing the following tasks: firing kilns, loading and unloading kilns, mixing ceramic glazes, clay preparation, and general art lab maintenance.

Service scholarship recipients will be given an opportunity to apply for the two full-tuition art scholarships at the end of the fall semester.

**ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS** - All Athletic Scholarships are awarded by the respective coaches in baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, tennis, and women's softball. The athlete must meet the eligibility requirements of East Central Community College, the Mississippi Community and Junior College Association, and the National Junior College Athletic Association. The scholarships are awarded in whole dollar amounts up to a full scholarship, to include tuition, room, and board, for basketball and football. Baseball, golf, soccer, tennis and women's softball scholarships are awarded each semester in whole dollar amounts up to the amount of matriculation (tuition) and fees.

**BAND SCHOLARSHIPS** - Band Scholarships are awarded by the head band director to full-time students. The scholarships are awarded by audition, for the Wall O' Sound marching band, concert band, jazz band, percussion ensemble and Centralettes. Scholarship amounts vary depending upon participation in the various groups.

**CHEERLEADER SCHOLARSHIPS** - Cheerleader Scholarships are awarded to seventeen students (sixteen cheerleaders and one mascot) who are selected by a committee. The scholarships are awarded in the following amount each semester: Matriculation fee for each semester.

**COLLEGIANS SCHOLARSHIPS** - Collegians Scholarships are awarded by director following auditions each fall.

**FIRST COURSE FREE SCHOLARSHIP** - East Central Community College provides a scholarship to encourage adults who have not previously attended college to enroll. Any adult in the ECCC five-county district registering as a part-time student, who has not previously enrolled in college, and who otherwise meets requirements may take the first college credit course tuition free at any location in the district. The student will be responsible for any applicable fees.

For purposes of this scholarship, an adult is anyone over 21 years of age who has graduated from high school or who has passed the GED Test and has been out of high school for more than one year. The tuition scholarship will be awarded for the first course only. In order to receive

the scholarship, the student must complete a scholarship application form and submit it to the ABE/GED Technical Assistant or the Vice President for Student Services for the student's eligibility to be verified.

**MISSISSIPPI JUNIOR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES SCHOLARSHIP** - The Mississippi Junior Academy of Sciences Scholarships were established at East Central Community College effective at the beginning of the 1996 fall semester. Eligible students will receive full tuition scholarships each semester for a maximum of four semesters. These scholarships will be available to any Mississippi resident who is a winner in the Mississippi Junior Academy of Sciences competition and enrolls as a full-time student at East Central Community College the fall semester following his/her high school graduation. The Mississippi Junior Academy of Sciences Scholarships will be available to the eligible students for four consecutive semesters; fall and spring only, provided the students maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester they are at ECCC.

**MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS** - Music scholarships are awarded in the following areas: Music Major (voice and piano), Voce, and Choir.

Music Major (voice and piano) - The Music Department awards tuition scholarships to four students in voice and four students in piano each year provided that they meet the criteria established by the department.

Recipients must:

1. Declare music as their major,
2. Audition before the music faculty,
3. Enroll as full-time students,
4. Maintain a 2.0 grade point average overall with a 3.0 in music, and
5. Perform as member of a vocal performing group (voice music major) or perform as a member of any music performing group (piano music major).

Voce - The Choral Department awards scholarships to students who are selected for the Voce, a small vocal ensemble. Students are selected for this group by audition. The amount of each scholarship is full tuition per semester.

Concert Choir - These scholarships are awarded to full-time students who are members of the concert choir. The scholarships are in the amount of one-half tuition per semester and are awarded by the choir director to selected students.

**NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT TUITION SCHOLARSHIP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS** - The non-traditional student tuition scholarship will be available to any qualified Mississippi resident 23 years of age or older at the time of initial enrollment, who enrolls full-time at East Central Community College in Decatur. The scholarship will be available to the student for three (3) consecutive semesters following the first twelve semester hours earned as either a part-time or full-time student at East Central. To be eligible, a recipient:

1. Must enroll as a full-time academic, technical, or medical field student on the Decatur campus;
2. Must have earned all previous college credit as a student at East Central;
3. Must have earned a minimum of 12 semester hours but no more than 21 semester hours of college credit as either a full-time or part-time student at East Central Community College;
4. Must have demonstrated the capacity and a strong desire to obtain a college education by maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher for each previous semester at East Central;
5. Must complete a scholarship application form and submit it to the Vice President for Student Services' office; and,
6. Must show potential for leadership, academic excellence, and have high moral standards and good character as documented by two letters of recommendation.

The recipients will be selected by the College Scholarship Committee from students who meet the criteria listed above.

Proceeds from the scholarship will be credited to the recipients' account in the Business Office and may be used to pay for tuition only. Any student awarded the non-traditional student scholarship must maintain a B (3.0) average each semester and must remain enrolled as a full-time student to retain the scholarship. (See Financial Aid Policies for further requirements.)

**SALUTATORIAN SCHOLARSHIPS** - A scholarship in the amount of one-half tuition will be available to the salutatorians of Mississippi high schools who enroll full-time at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation. In the case of a tie, each student will be awarded the scholarship. The scholarship will be available to the student(s) for four (4) consecutive semesters provided they maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average each semester. (See Financial Aid Policies for further requirements.)

**STAR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS** - A scholarship in the amount of tuition will be available to the star students of Mississippi high schools who enroll full-time at East Central Community College the fall semester following graduation. The scholarship will be available to the student(s) for four (4) consecutive semesters provided they maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average each semester.

**TWO-FOR-ONE SCHOLARSHIP** - In an effort to assist dislocated workers, East Central Community College offers a special Two-for-One Scholarship for part-time students. Dislocated workers who enroll as part-time students in any academic or technical class may receive a scholarship to cover the costs of tuition and fees for a second three-hour course from a designated list. In general, a dislocated worker is a person who is receiving unemployment benefits due to being laid off or losing a job and is unlikely to return to a previous occupation or who has been laid off or received a lay-off notice from a job. To be eligible, the student must meet all regular admission requirements and may not exceed 11 credit hours including the designated course. In order to receive the scholarship, the student must complete a scholarship application and provide documentation to prove the dislocated worker status each semester that the scholarship is requested. The scholarship application and documentation must be submitted to the ECCC WIA Dislocated Worker Office for the student's eligibility to be verified.

**TOM-TOM SCHOLARSHIPS** - A scholarship in the amount of tuition per semester will be awarded to the editor and one-half tuition per semester scholarship will be awarded to the assistant editor of the College's student newspaper.

**VALEDICTORIAN SCHOLARSHIPS** - A scholarship in the amount of tuition will be available to the valedictorians of Mississippi high

schools who enroll full-time at East Central Community College in the fall semester following high school graduation. In the case of a tie, each student will be awarded the scholarship. The scholarship will be available to the student(s) for four (4) consecutive semesters provided they maintain a 3.0 or higher grade point average each semester. (See Financial Aid Policies for further requirements.)

**WO-HE-LO SCHOLARSHIPS** - A scholarship in the amount of tuition per semester will be awarded to the editor and one-half tuition per semester scholarship will be awarded to the assistant editor of the College's student yearbook.

**CAREER-TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - These scholarships are available in the skill areas which are part of programs offered at East Central. The career/technical counselor will make the awards to the winners.

To receive a FBLA, VICA, or Outstanding Student Scholarship, the student must enroll full-time at East Central Community College the fall semester following high school graduation and must enroll in the program area for which the scholarship was awarded.

To retain the FBLA, VICA, or Outstanding Student Scholarship, a student must maintain a 3.0 GPA each semester. Any student who does not maintain a 3.0 GPA is removed from the scholarship. The scholarship will be reinstated if the student earns a 3.0 GPA the following semester.

1. A scholarship of one-half tuition per semester for four semesters will be awarded to the outstanding senior student from each Cluster Area of the Career/Technical centers in the East Central Community College District. The recipient will be selected by the Director and teachers at each center in consultation with East Central's Vo-Tech Counselors and Instructors.
2. A scholarship of one-half tuition per semester for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the District Skills USA Mississippi, District HOSA, District DECA, District FFA and District TSA competitions.
3. A scholarship of tuition per semester for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the State Skills USA Mississippi, State FBLA, State HOSA, State DECA, State FFA and State TSA competitions.
4. A full scholarship (matriculation fee, room and board) for four semesters will be awarded to the first place winners in the skill contests from the National High School Skills USA, National FBLA, National HOSA, National DECA, National FFA and National TSA competitions.

**CAREER-TECHNICAL NON-TRADITIONAL GENDER** - This one-half tuition per semester scholarship is awarded to one student from each Career/Technical Center in the EC district. The student must enroll the fall semester after high school graduation, must maintain a 3.0 gpa and enroll in a non-traditional gender program.

*Students will be entitled to only one Career-Technical Scholarship during their enrollment at East Central Community College. The decision regarding the selection and awarding of the one Career-Technical Scholarship will be based on the determination of which scholarship will be most beneficial to the student.*

**YOUTH CHALLENGE GED SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Youth Challenge GED Scholarships were established at East Central Community College effective the fall semester of 1995. Eligible students will receive scholarships equal to one-half the amount of tuition per semester. These scholarships will be available to any Mississippi residents who graduate from the Youth Challenge Program conducted by the Mississippi National Guard at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The youth challenge program is designed to assist teenage high school dropouts. The program involves six months of intensive physical and mental training designed to instill discipline and to prepare the students to take the GED test. Program sessions are conducted twice a year from January until June and from July until December. The scholarships will be available for eligible students for four consecutive semesters provided each eligible student maintains a 2.5 GPA each semester he/she is enrolled at East Central. Specific requirements for the scholarship include a successful completion of the Youth Challenge Program and a favorable recommendation by the director of the Youth Challenge Program.

**ENDOWED AND OTHER SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIPS** - Endowed and Other Special Scholarships are funded by individual and group donations and are made available to eligible students according to each scholarship's guidelines. Please note that applications for these scholarships are released in early February of each calendar year and are due in mid-March. Please contact Student Services for specific dates. These scholarships will be selected by the ECCC Scholarship Committee unless otherwise noted in the scholarship description. A complete list of the endowed and annual scholarships and their descriptions can be found in the current College Catalog.

## **SECTION II: FINANCIAL AID POLICIES**

### **EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) POLICY**

**Effective Date - Fall 2011**

According to federal regulations, students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards in order to be eligible for federal Title IV financial aid. Federal Title IV financial aid consists of the following programs:

- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work-Study (FWS)
- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loans (Direct Loans— Subsidized and Unsubsidized)
- Parent Loan Program (PLUS)

To meet SAP at East Central Community College, students receiving federal Title IV financial aid must maintain satisfactory progress in grade point average, percentage of hours passed and length of attendance in completing a certificate or degree in the academic, technical or career/vocational programs of study.

#### **Pace and GPA**

SAP will be measured according to the following criteria:

Cumulative Credit Hours Attempted \*      Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)\*\*      Percentage of Credit Hours Passed\*



1 – 30	1.5	66.7%
31– 59	1.75	66.7%
60 and above	2.0	66.7%

\*All attempted classes will count in hours attempted (for example - including classes from which the student withdrew – Grade “W”).

\*\*Students with a repeated course will have the highest grade (other than W) count in the GPA calculation.

SAP will be measured according to the following criteria for clock hours per payment period:

GPA	Percentage of Clock Hours Passed
2.0	66.7%

### Time Frame (Length)

As required by federal regulations, a student must complete the program of study (major) within a time frame not to exceed 150% of the length of the program. All courses including, but not limited to, withdrawals, repeats and accepted transfer hours from another college will be counted in the time frame. Students who reach the 150% limit will no longer be eligible to receive federal financial aid.

### Other Required Considerations

All coursework for students will be included in the SAP review including any semesters that students did not receive financial aid.

Incompletes: A grade of “I” incomplete will count as an “F” in the hours attempted, hours passed and GPA calculations. Once the incomplete is removed, the actual earned grade will be used.

Repeats: All repeated classes will count in hours attempted and hours passed calculations. The highest grade for a repeated class (other than “W”) will count in the GPA calculation.

Transfers: All transfer credits accepted from other colleges will count in hours attempted, hours passed and GPA calculations.

Withdrawals: Students may withdraw from a class and receive no credit with a grade of “W.” Classes from which students withdraw will count in the hours attempted and hours passed calculations. Classes from which students withdraw will not be included in the GPA calculation.

Development courses: These courses will be treated in the same manner as regular courses since students receive institutional credit and grades for these courses.

### SAP Examples

1. A first-year student attempts 15 hours in the fall semester and 15 hours in the spring semester. At the end of the fall semester the student must have passed 11 hours (15 hours attempted X 66.7%) with at least a 1.5 cumulative GPA and at the end of the spring semester the student must have passed 21 hours (30 hours attempted X 66.7%) with at least a 1.5 cumulative GPA.
2. A returning student has attempted 31 hours in prior semesters and now has completed 12 hours in the fall semester and 15 hours in the spring semester. At the end of the fall semester the student must have passed 29 hours (43 hours attempted X 66.7%) with at least a 1.75 cumulative GPA and at the end of the spring semester, the student must have passed a total of 39 hours (58 hours attempted X 66.7%) with at least a 1.75 cumulative GPA.
3. A student must complete the program of study (major) in the 150% time frame. 60-hour program (60 hours X 150% = 90 hours)  
50-hour program (50 hours X 150% = 75 hours)
4. A clock hour student has enrolled for a payment period containing 500 clock hours. At the end of the payment period, the student must have completed 334 clock hours (500 x 66.7%) with at least a 2.0 GPA.

### Review of Standards

Federal regulations require that SAP standard must be checked each award year to determine if students are progressing toward completing a degree or certificate.

The SAP standards will be checked at the end of each semester for students.

### Consequences of Not Meeting Standards/Regaining Eligibility

Students who do not meet the SAP standards at the end of the semester will be placed on financial aid warning for the next semester. During the warning semester, a student will continue to be eligible for financial aid. Upon completion of the warning semester, a student who does not meet the SAP standards will be suspended and will not be eligible to receive federal financial aid.

Students who are on SAP suspension will be ineligible to receive financial aid and will remain ineligible until the standards are achieved. Students who reach the 150% limit will no longer be eligible to receive federal financial aid.

Students on financial aid suspension may attend ECCC as long as they are not also on academic suspension.

Students who have been suspended from receiving financial aid as a result of the failure to meet the SAP standards have the right to appeal.

Students may regain eligibility for financial aid by meeting the standards in a subsequent semester or through a successful appeal.

### Appeal Procedures

Students who have been suspended from receiving Title IV financial aid may appeal based on mitigating circumstances including but not limited to illness, injury, death of an immediate family member, undue hardships or other such circumstances beyond the student’s control. To request an appeal, students must complete the Financial Aid SAP Appeal Form which is available in the ECCC Financial Aid Office. The form

must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office along with a written letter which must explain in detail 1) the reason that the student has not been able to meet the SAP standards and 2) what in the student's situation has changed. Students are encouraged to provide documentation such as a letter from a doctor, an accident report, etc. to support the request. Students who are approved through an appeal will be allowed to receive Title IV financial aid if otherwise eligible by 1) being placed on probation for one semester only in certain limited situations or 2) being placed on an individualized academic plan with requirements that the student must meet in order to continue to be eligible. Students who are not approved through an appeal will not be eligible to receive Title IV financial aid. The appeal requests will be reviewed by the Financial Aid Appeal Committee. Students will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision.

### **INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS -- The following information is related to Scholarships and Institutional Work-Study.**

1. A student receiving institutional financial aid in the form of an Athletic Scholarship, Band Scholarship, Cheerleader Scholarship, or Institutional Work-Study must pass nine (9) semester hours and earn eighteen (18) quality points during a semester. If a student does not meet this standard at the end of a semester, the student will be placed on probation for a semester. During the probationary semester, the student will be eligible to receive the institutional financial aid. Upon completion of the probationary semester, a student who does not meet the standard will be ineligible to receive the institutional financial aid. This policy coincides with the academic probation and suspension policy of the College; therefore, when suspended students become eligible to return to college they shall also be eligible to receive institutional financial assistance.
2. To retain an ACT, Salutatorian, Valedictorian scholarship, or a Vocational-Technical scholarship a student must maintain a B (3.0) average each semester. Any student who does not maintain a B (3.0) average and is removed from scholarship, can get back on scholarship by having a B (3.0) average the following semester provided the scholarship is for four (4) semesters. See Financial Aid Programs for further eligibility requirements.
3. Total combined scholarships funded by East Central Community College for dormitory and commuter students may not exceed the published cost of matriculation fee, technology fee, registration fee, room fee, 7-day board fee, out-of-state fee (out-of-state students only) and an allowance for books equal to the book allowance as established annually by the College in the federal financial aid cost of attendance (budget).

### **AWARD NOTIFICATION**

Students who complete the financial aid application requirements and who provide all required forms by April 1 will be notified regarding their financial aid awards, normally, by the end of July. Students who apply after the April 1, priority deadline will be notified on a rolling basis after the priority group is complete. Requests for information and award letters will be mailed to the address listed on the student's financial aid application.

### **FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

1. New students must also complete an Application for Admission to East Central Community College.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
  - a. Complete the FAFSA by choosing one of three filing methods.
    - Method 1: Apply online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) (recommended method)
    - Method 2: Download and print a PDF FAFSA from [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) (Select FAFSA Filing Options) to complete and mail
    - Method 3: Request a paper FAFSA by calling the Federal Student Information Center at 1-800-433-3243 to complete and mail
  - b. List the East Central Community College Code in the "Colleges to Receive Information" section of the FAFSA. (Section 5 online or Step 6 PDF or paper FAFSA)
    - EC Federal school code – 002404
    - EC Address - PO Box 129, Decatur, MS
  - c. After the submitted FAFSA has been processed, the SAR (Student Aid Report) will be sent by email or regular mail (Note: SAR will be sent by email only if an email address was provided on the FAFSA).
    - FAFSA processing time will vary depending upon the filing method: 3 – 5 days for online filers signing with FSA ID # or up to 3 – 4 weeks for online filers who mailed a signature page and for filers who mailed the paper or PDF FAFSA
  - d. Review the SAR carefully to make sure it is correct and complete.
    - The SAR will contain comments from the processors about the student's eligibility and will let students know if additional information is needed. The college may also be required to request additional information such as the U.S. Tax Return Transcript and other documents or forms to complete verification or to review discrepancies on the SAR.
3. To apply for student loans, students must contact the financial aid office for an application or download a loan application at [www.eccc.edu/financial-aid](http://www.eccc.edu/financial-aid). Select Loan Application. To apply for work study, students must indicate on the FAFSA that they are interested in applying. Additional forms and applications will be required for these programs.
4. The priority deadline for applying for financial aid at East Central Community College is April 1 (for the upcoming fall semester). The processed date of the FAFSA (as indicated on the Student Aid Report) must be on or before April 1 to receive full consideration for financial aid. Additional applications will be accepted and are encouraged after April 1; however, no assurance can be given that funds will be available in all programs. Aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
5. All students must reapply for financial aid each academic year.

*Note: Mississippi students may apply for state-funded programs which include MTAG, MESH, HELP, and other programs described at the MOSFA (Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid) website. An online application must be completed by the program deadline and additional information may be required; therefore, students should read the information and instructions provided on the MOSFA website. Contact MOSFA at 1-800-327-2980 or at the following website: [www.riseupms.com/state-aid](http://www.riseupms.com/state-aid).*

## **CONDITIONS FOR RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID**

1. The Financial Aid Office reserves the right on behalf of ECCC to review and revise or cancel an award at any time because of changes in the student's financial or academic status. Students are required to notify the Financial Aid Office regarding any changes in their financial or academic status while attending ECCC.
2. Any commitment of Federal, State, or local funds is contingent upon subsequent Congressional or Legislative appropriation and actual receipt of the funds by ECCC.
3. Recipients of financial assistance from ECCC must notify the Financial Aid Office concerning any scholarships or other funds which are not included on this award letter.
4. Student eligibility criteria for Federal Aid require that in order to receive financial aid, a student must be making satisfactory academic progress in their course of study. See the ECCC Catalog or Student Handbook for further details on the ECCC Financial Aid Satisfactory Progress Policy.
5. Generally, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of six hours each semester and must be enrolled in a program leading to a degree or certificate to receive financial aid. Students receiving loans must maintain at least half-time attendance (6 hours) each semester. MTAG, MESH and HELP require full time enrollment each semester. Additionally, students may not receive aid from more than one college at the same time.
6. To be eligible for financial aid a student must be a high school graduate or have a GED. Students who receive a high school certificate or MS Occupational diploma do not meet the high school graduation requirement.
7. Financial aid funds may be used toward educational expenses which include matriculation, fees, books, supplies, transportation, room, board and miscellaneous expenses.
8. Financial aid funds are disbursed on a semester-by-semester basis. Aid is credited to a student's account at the College and the balance of the award, after the account is cleared, will be disbursed to eligible students at the 55% point of the semester. Adjustments to a student's financial aid may be required for a student who withdraws from school or drops out (cuts out) of school within a semester prior to the 60% point because of refund calculations required by federal regulations. Students who do not complete 60% of the semester will be required to return funds for which the calculation shows they are not eligible to receive.
9. MTAG, MESH and HELP funds will be disbursed when funds are received from the State of Mississippi. MTAG, MESH and HELP recipients must be enrolled full time to be eligible to receive the funds.
10. Students withdrawing during the semester who have received financial assistance will be required to abide by the refund policy governing the programs. It is advised that the student contact the Financial Aid Office before withdrawing (especially loan recipients who must attend an exit interview prior to leaving school).
11. Work-Study students:
  - a) must meet with their supervisor to establish a work schedule. (Students awarded prior to the beginning of the semester must do this the first week of school; all others immediately after receiving the award.)
  - b) must complete an I-9 form and other required forms at the Brackeen-Wood Physical Education Bldg., Room 603. Payroll checks will not be issued until the student completes all forms.
  - c) will be paid monthly at the current minimum wage
  - d) will be required at the end of each month to sign a time card which shows the number of hours worked that month.
  - e) must understand that the amount of the work-study award is based upon the maximum amount the student may earn during the school year.
  - f) will be issued work study checks by the Business Office five (5) working days following the end of each month (provided all required payroll forms have been completed and time cards are submitted in a timely manner).
  - g) must read, understand, and agree to the information provided on the job assignment form (enclosed).
12. The Award Letter lists aid from outside sources that is taken into consideration in evaluating your financial need. Outside resources are included for you to verify the accuracy of the amount(s). Report any discrepancies regarding these resources to the **Financial Aid Office**.
13. Students must reapply for aid each academic year.

## **ACTIVITY CENTER**

The Activity Center is located on the first floor of the Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building. The Activity Center consists of an arcade, pool tables, and fitness center. Activities provided by the Activity Center are limited to East Central Community College students only. Hours are: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. & Friday 8 a.m. to noon.

## **INTRAMURALS**

Students interested in participating in intramural sports need to see Dr. Amanda Walton, whose office is located in the Housing Office.

## **BOOKSTORE**

A College-operated bookstore is located in the Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building. New and used textbooks, school supplies, clothing, and ECCC paraphernalia may be purchased from the bookstore. Hours are: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. & Friday 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

## **TEXTBOOK REFUND POLICY**

A textbook must be returned in the condition in which it was purchased. New textbooks must be returned in new condition-No markings, No erasures or whiteout, No soiled spots and shrink-wrapped books must still be wrapped.

### ***To obtain a refund on textbooks:***

A student must have his/her cash register receipt-no exceptions! (during the first two weeks of school)

A full refund will be given the first two weeks of the semester. The third week of the semester, 50% of the purchase will be refunded. After the third week of the semester, textbooks will only be taken back during the book buy back period, unless the student is withdrawing from school. This occurs each fall and spring semester during final exams.

Refunds are mailed after clearance through the Business Office.

MSVCC online special order books are non-refundable.

The following are non-refundable items: Study guides, examination/review books optional texts, special orders, diskettes, sportswear, hats, sale merchandise, and opened packages.

**BUY BACK POLICY:**

The College Bookstore will conduct a buy-back of textbooks at the end of each term during exam week. The College Bookstore will pay up to 50% of the purchase price for classes that will be taught in the future at ECCC. If the book will not be utilized in the future because of the class not being taught, a new edition of the textbook is available, etc., then the textbook will not be included in buy-back. Textbooks that are sold with a CD must have the CD returned with the book for buy back. Study guides, workbooks, lab manuals, or combo packs will not be bought back. The returned books must be in good, clean resalable condition.

**CAFETERIA**

Students living in the dormitories must purchase a meal ticket from the Business Office. The five-day meal ticket will be good for 14 meals, unlimited seconds - Monday breakfast thru Friday lunch. The seven-day meal ticket will be good for 19 meals, unlimited seconds - Monday breakfast thru Sunday dinner.

Meals purchased with cash may be eaten in the cafeteria or served to go.

All meals purchased with meal plan must be eaten in the cafeteria. No food can be taken out of the cafeteria. No students are allowed in the cafeteria without purchasing a meal, either with a meal card or cash. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Cafeteria Hours:

<u>WEEKDAYS</u>		<u>SATURDAYS</u>		<u>SUNDAY</u>	
Breakfast	7 to 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast	9 to 10 a.m.	Lunch	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Lunch	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Lunch	3 to 4 p.m.	Dinner	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Dinner	4:30 to 6:30 p.m.				
Friday Dinner	4:30 to 5:30 p.m.				

**CAMPUS ADVERTISING**

Approval of signs, posters, and advertisements which are to be placed on the campus or on any of the College bulletin boards must be secured in advance from the Vice President for Student Services. Do not place signs on glass. Any damage to any surface will be charged to the responsible party.

**CAMPUS POLICE**

Call or see the ECCC Campus Police Department to report any suspicious activities or for assistance with any parking or vehicle problems, i.e., locked vehicles, at 601-635-6268 or 601-527-8939.

**CAREER INFORMATION**

Career information is available in the Academic Counselor’s office, Career-Technical Counselor’s office, Career Center, and the Skill/Tech One-Stop Career Center. Testing is also available to assist you in clarifying career interests and aptitude. The Career Center is located in the Student Services Building. The Career Center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

**STUDENT BULLETIN**

A bulletin is posted on the internet each school day and throughout campus on a weekly basis. Its purpose is to keep everyone informed of daily activities. STUDENTS ARE URGED TO READ IT DAILY.

**SUCCESS CENTER**

The Success Center provides computer assisted instruction, individual, and on-line tutoring in academic subjects. The Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Success Center is located Burton Library. Call 601-635-6346 for more information

**TESTING CENTER**

The Success Center provides Admissions and Placement testing. The COMPASS and ACT Residual are given by appointment on scheduled dates.

**LIBRARY**

Burton Library provides and supports the constituents of East Central Community College with access and user privileges to library collections and other learning/ information resources and services consistent with the College’s curriculum and appropriate degree level. The library staff makes resources readily accessible and available when and wherever they are needed to enhance and promote the total growth and development of the constituents of the College. The library staff also provides students with opportunities to learn how to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information (Information Literacy) / materials in a variety of formats regardless of location for educational and life-long learning purposes. The library staff is committed to providing services and resources to meet the library and learning resource needs of its users.

A valid ECCC identification card serves as a library card and must be presented when using the library and some services. Virtual Community College students will be assigned identification cards through the host institution records.

The use of tobacco products and cell phones is prohibited in the library. No food or drink, including bottled water, is permitted in the library. Hours of operation:

- Regular Academic Year: Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. & Sunday 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Summer Sessions: Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. & Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Inclement weather conditions may affect library hours. Hours may vary during holidays.

Some library resources and services are accessible via the Internet by accessing East Central Community College's web page, then clicking on Library: [www.eccc.edu](http://www.eccc.edu). Complete information for the Library is available in the Burton Library Handbook and the library web page at [www.eccc.edu/library.html](http://www.eccc.edu/library.html)

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Anyone who has lost items should contact the Vice President for Student Services' office (601-635-6205). Any articles found should be brought to the Vice President for Student Services' office.

### **MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

For medical emergencies call 911.

### **STUDENT GRILL**

Students possessing a five-day, seven-day or commuter card, may choose to eat at the Student Grill. The five-day and seven-day meal tickets will be good for meals here Monday lunch thru Friday lunch. Breakfast items at the Student Grill are cash only and those using a meal card will be honored at Mabry Cafeteria only. Students choosing to eat the Student Grill will be allowed one trip thru the line.

Hours of operation: *Monday – Thursday* Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m. *Friday* Breakfast 8 to 10 a.m.  
Lunch 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Lunch 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Supper 4:30 to 7 p.m.

### **STUDENT MAIL**

To receive mail on campus, you must pay your rental fee at the Business Office and bring your receipt to the Dean of Students. The cost is \$25.00 for two semesters or \$13.00 for one semester. Student mailboxes are located on the first floor of the Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building. Mail sent to the College to students who have not rented a mailbox will be returned. All addresses must conform to the following format:

ECCC  
John Doe  
Drawer \_\_\_\_\_  
P. O. Box 129  
Decatur, Mississippi 39327

### **TELEPHONE CALLS**

All telephone calls to dormitory students should be made to the dormitories or the dormitory supervisor's office. Calls that are not of an emergency nature should not be made to the dormitories after midnight. **EMERGENCY CALLS TO THE STUDENTS AFTER HOURS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE WOMEN'S DORMITORY SUPERVISOR FOR BARBER HALL (635-2111), EXT. 459, OR FOR JACKSON HALL (635-2111), EXT. 247.** For the Male Dorms, or for other emergencies, please call Campus Police (601-527-8939) or Mr. Mitch McCleon, Police Chief (601-357-0357).

### **TENNIS COURTS**

The tennis courts are available for student use. The lights are automatically controlled and are scheduled to come on during the evening hours in the early fall and late spring.

### **COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE**

East Central Community College is totally committed to providing the services of professionally-trained guidance personnel to all of its students. The purpose of the guidance program is to provide professional assistance to students in deciding academic, career, technical, and personal questions, especially as it relates to college life. Two full-time academic counselors and a full-time career-technical counselor are employed in the guidance department. The College also refers students to the Weems Mental Health Clinic in Decatur as necessary for free initial visits.

### **ADVISING**

Faculty members serve as instructional advisors in their particular fields. Instructional advisors are selected from the teaching faculty according to curricula and are qualified to assist the student in his/her educational career planning. Students are urged to keep in touch with their advisors on matters pertaining to their educational or vocational careers. Each student is aided in choosing a vocation and pursuing the curriculum that is best suited for him/her.

### **CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS**

Freshman - One who has completed fewer than 30 semester hours of college work.

Sophomore - One who has completed 30 or more semester hours of college work.

Part-time - One who is enrolled for fewer than 15 semester hours of college work.

Full-time - One who is enrolled for 15 or more semester hours of college work at the Decatur Campus.

### **GRADES**

Grades are submitted by the instructor and recorded for each student at nine-week intervals. Students may pick up grade reports from assigned advisors. An official copy of the student's grades will be mailed to the student at the end of each semester.

A	90 - 100 Excellent	4 quality points per semester hour
B	80 - 89 Good	3 quality points per semester hour
C	70 - 79 Average	2 quality points per semester hour
D	60 - 69 Poor	1 quality point per semester hour
F	Failure	

W	Withdrawal
AU	Registered for Audit
I	Incomplete, but can be made up

If a student retakes a class, the highest grade will be the grade of record. If a student takes a class twice and has two grades of 'D' or better, the student will receive credit for only the last class taken.

## **HONORS ENGLISH**

In order to enroll in the Honors English Program, a student should have a superior ACT score and a superior grade point average. Courses are scheduled so that a student may participate in all honors courses or in any combination of these courses. Courses offered include: Honors English Composition I, and Honors English Composition II.

## **ABSENTEE POLICY**

When a student enrolls in a course, the student assumes the responsibility for attending all class meetings, completing all assignments, and otherwise satisfying the requirements of that course. Realizing that from time to time there may be just cause for absence, the College has established the policy outlined below.

The student should discuss with the instructor the impending absence before it occurs if possible or immediately after his/her return to class if the absence was an emergency. The student is responsible for all work missed regardless of the reason for being absent.

Instructors will record and report attendance promptly for each class meeting up to and including the last regularly scheduled class meeting of each semester.

1. Official absences are those incurred when students miss class while officially representing the College. The College sponsor of the group reports the list of students officially representing the College in MyEC using the Official Absence Form. Official absences will not count in the total number of absences allowed.
2. Unofficial absences occur when students who are not representing the College miss class. Total unofficial absences per class may not exceed three for a class that meets once per week, four for a class that meets twice per week, six for a class that meets three times per week, eight for a class that meets four times per week or ten for a class meeting five times per week. Exceptions to this policy include classes that meet less than a full semester; Mississippi Virtual Community College classes; associate degree nursing classes; and some of the Workforce Education classes. The instructor will notify students of the absentee policy in those particular classes in writing at the beginning of the semester. Tardies which equal the number of times the class meets per week will constitute an unofficial absence. (Exception: For classes which meet once per week, three tardies will constitute an unofficial absence.) If a student exceeds these numbers of absences he/she will be cut out of class and will be administratively withdrawn. If a student is administratively withdrawn before the Friday of the week that equates to 75% of the term, the student will receive a final grade of "W" for the course. If a student is administratively withdrawn after the Friday of the week that equates to 75% of the term, the student will receive a grade of "WF" for the course.
3. The student who misses announced tests or class assignments due to unofficial absences must have approval of the instructor to take make-up tests or to complete assignments. To be considered for approval, the student must be prepared to present a valid reason for having been absent.
4. The student has the right to appeal if he or she feels that there were extenuating circumstances for exceeding the allowable number of absences or for being cut out of class. The student should meet with the instructor at the next class meeting after missing over the limit allowed. The instructor will explain the appeal process. The instructor will counsel with the student and discuss the reasons and excuses. If the student is readmitted, he/she will sign a form stating that they will not be tardy or absent from the class for the remainder of the semester and if they are, they will be dropped and will not have the opportunity to appeal again. If the student is denied reentry by the instructor, the student will have the opportunity to appeal to the Director of Academic and Continuing Education, Director of Workforce Education, Dean of Healthcare Education, or Dean of eLearning depending upon the course in which the student is enrolled. Should the matter not be resolved to the student's satisfaction through the appeal to the appropriate administrator, the student has the right to appeal to the Vice President for Instruction within 24 hours. Such appeals must be made in writing with all reasons for the appeal given. The last step in the appeals process will be the meeting with the Vice President for Instruction. The student must continue to attend the class through the entire process.
5. If the student has extenuating circumstances that prevent him/her from returning to class, he/she MUST contact either the instructor or appropriate Instructional Officer (Director of Academic and Continuing Education, Director of Workforce Education, Dean of Healthcare Education, or Dean of eLearning Education) within two (2) calendar days after exceeding the number of absences allowed.

## **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

ALL STUDENTS EXPECTING TO BECOME CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES OR CERTIFICATES MUST FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTRUCTION BY THE ANNOUNCED DEADLINE DATE

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR DEGREES.**

East Central Community College grants three associate degrees the Associate in Arts, the Associate in Science, and the Associate in Applied Science. Students who plan to transfer to senior institutions should take note that substitution in the specified courses of Categories I and II below may be made with the approval of the Vice President for Instruction in order to meet senior college requirements.

- I. To graduate from the College with the degree of Associate in Arts a student must:
- (1) Earn a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit to include: the 35 semester hours listed in the Academic Core Curriculum, but not more than four semester hours of activity courses (physical education, band, choir, varsity sports, etc.);
  - (2) Earn an average of two quality points for each semester hour attempted; (When a course is scheduled and rescheduled only the highest grade recorded will count for quality point purposes);
  - (3) Complete a minimum of 15 semester hours at East Central Community College;
  - (4) Earn not more than one-fourth of the work required for graduation by correspondence and/or extension.
- II. To graduate from the College with the degree of Associate in Science a student must:
- (1) Earn a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit to include the 35 semester hours listed in the Academic Core Curriculum, sixteen or more semester hours of laboratory science, and not more than four semester hours of activity courses (physical education, band, choir, varsity sports, etc.);
  - (2) Earn an average of two quality points for each semester hour attempted (When a course is scheduled and rescheduled, only the highest grade recorded will count for quality point purposes);
  - (3) Complete a minimum of 15 semester hours at East Central Community College;
  - (4) Earn not more than one-fourth of the work required for graduation by correspondence and/or extension.
- III. To graduate from the College with the degree of Associate in Applied Science a student must:
- (1) Earn a minimum of 60 semester hours of credit to include the 15 semester hours listed in the Technical Core Curriculum, all technical courses in the specified program of study.
  - (2) Earn an average of two quality points for each semester hour attempted; (When a course is scheduled and rescheduled, only the highest grade recorded will count for quality point purposes);
  - (3) Complete a minimum of 15 semester hours at East Central Community College;
  - (4) Earn not more than one-fourth of the work required for graduation by correspondence and/or extension.
- IV. To graduate from the College with a second associate degree, which must be different from the first, a student must:
- (1) Earn a minimum of 15 additional semester hours of credit with no more than one semester hour of activity credit (physical education, band, choir, or varsity sports);
  - (2) Meet all of the requirements listed for the second degree as enumerated in paragraphs I, II, or III above;
  - (3) Complete all 15 additional semester hours credit at East Central Community College;
  - (4) Secure the approval of the Vice President for Instruction.

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATES

East Central Community College grants nine months, one year, and eighteen months certificates.

To graduate from the College with a certificate in a particular program a student must:

- (1) Make a passing grade and average a "C" (2.00 point) on all courses required in the curriculum. Grades in courses not listed in the curriculum will not be counted in calculating quality point averages.
- (2) Satisfactorily complete a prescribed certificate program as outlined under curriculum.
- (3) Practical nurse students and surgical technology students must maintain a grade of 80 on each course to earn a certificate.

#### BASIC COLLEGE CORE CURRICULUM

(General Education Competencies)

This core curriculum is designed for students who later plan to transfer with junior standing to one of the four-year colleges in Mississippi. Students should understand that different colleges and universities have their own requirements, and students should consult the latest catalog of the institution to which they plan to transfer.

The following East Central Community College core curriculum contains the core curriculum which is required by all universities under the State Board of Trustees, Institutions of Higher Learning, which was implemented during the fall of 1984 and the core curriculum is incorporated in all transfer programs of study as outlined in this chapter.

English Composition	6 semester hours
Laboratory Science	8 semester hours
Humanities & Fine Arts	9 semester hours
Social/Behavioral Science	6 semester hours
College Algebra or Higher Mathematics	3 semester hours
<u>Oral Communication</u>	<u>3 semester hours</u>
Total	35 semester hours

This 35 semester hour core curriculum is required for graduation from East Central Community College in both transfer degrees — the Associate in Arts and the Associate in Science (See requirements for degrees section of chapter three — Academic Policies).

#### **ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SUSPENSION**

A student who fails to pass nine semester hours and fails to earn 18 quality points during a regular semester will be placed on probation until the academic record meets this minimum standard. If the minimum requirements are not met for two consecutive semesters, the student will be suspended for one regular semester. If the suspension occurs at the conclusion of the spring semester, it may be removed by attending summer school and improving the record to the stated minimum. Deviation from this policy will be made only with the approval of the Academic Probation committee. The above policy will also apply to all transfer students.

## **WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES**

Withdrawal may occur in three areas: from college, from the residence hall, or from a class. The following procedures should be followed when withdrawing in these areas.

Withdrawal from College (Voluntary) - A student who finds it necessary to withdraw from college during the semester should do so properly so that records are complete and accurate. The withdrawal procedure is as follows:

1. To officially withdraw from school, the student will begin the withdrawal procedure with the Academic or Workforce Education Counselor, depending on the classification of the student.
2. The counselor may contact the library by telephone. The student must personally go by the Financial Aid Office, the Admissions Office, the Director of Housing and Student Activities Office (dorm students only), the Office of eLearning (if applicable), and the Business Office.
3. The student, the counselor, the Director of Admissions and Records, the Director of Financial Aid, and the Vice President for Business Operations will sign the withdrawal form to indicate that the records are in order. A student who officially withdraws will receive final grades of "W" in all Classes. The withdrawal process must be completed before 75% of the term is complete.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COLLEGE (ADMINISTRATIVE) - An Administrative withdrawal may be processed for any student who is unable to follow the normal withdrawal procedure due to hospitalization, illness, disciplinary actions, etc., provided an administrator or instructor initiates the procedure.

WITHDRAWAL FROM A CLASS - If a student desires to drop a course the student may do so up to the published withdrawal date listed on the College Calendar. This date will be the Friday of the week that equates to 75% of the term. The process begins with the student's advisor and ends in the Admissions Office. A student who officially withdraws prior to the withdrawal date will receive a final grade of "W;" all withdrawal date will receive a final grade of "W;" all withdrawals, including administrative withdrawals, after the withdrawal date will result in a grade of "WF."

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RESIDENCE HALL - A student who wishes to move from the dormitory must obtain a withdrawal form from the Director of Housing/Student Activities. Room and board charges will continue until the student has completed the withdrawal procedure. A student should complete withdrawal from the dormitory on the Friday before room and board payments are due on Monday.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RESIDENCE HALL (END-OF-SEMESTER) - Students who do not plan to return to the dormitory at the end of the semester are required to complete an end-of-semester withdrawal form and turn in their key in order to be refunded the room deposit.

WITHDRAWAL FROM COLLEGE (AS A RESULT OF ACTIVE MILITARY STATUS) - Any student at East Central Community College, who is a member of the Mississippi National Guard, or one or more units of the Mississippi State Guard, or who is a member of any of the reserve components of the armed forces of the United States, and who has been placed in active duty status by orders of the President of the United States, or who has been drafted into any component of the armed forces of the United States, may be allowed to withdraw as a student of the college, with a full tuition refund, out of state fees (if applicable), student fees and any special fees, with room and board fees prorated with the approval of the president. Book refunds will be based on current college policy. Any student who withdraws from the college under this policy will not receive any grades. The student record will show evidence of the withdrawal with documentation on file. Any student who has completed at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the semester and is in good standing with the college, and who needs to only take the final examination to complete the semester, has the option to leave the college pursuant to this policy, without his class standing affected, and without refund of any of the above fees or tuition. However, within ninety (90) days after release from active duty, the student must make arrangements to take the final examination. The score on the final exam plus the unfinished semester's work will constitute the student's final grade.

## **ACADEMIC FORGIVENESS**

East Central Community College students who have not been enrolled in any postsecondary educational programs for a period of four consecutive years may petition the Vice President for Instruction to have a maximum of two semesters of their prior credit records removed from consideration for determining qualifications for graduation from East Central Community College.

For students who seek academic forgiveness and whose petitions are approved, the College will forgive all coursework earned during the requested semester(s). The student may not choose which grades are to be forgiven. All course grades for said semester(s) will be forgiven and the forgiven credit hours will not be used in determining the students' eligibility to graduate from East Central Community College.

The College will make notations on the students' records regarding the application of this policy. All courses taken at the College and courses transferred to and accepted by the College will remain on the students' permanent records and no guarantees will be expressed or implied regarding the transferability of the forgiven credits to other postsecondary institutions.

A student may utilize the provisions of this policy only once. Account charges will not be forgiven. The forgiveness request form can be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records.

## **TRANSCRIPTS**

It is the policy of this institution to furnish to each graduate of East Central Community College upon written request one free transcript of his/her credits earned here. If a request for a transcript occurs during the period a student is attending College, a charge of \$2 is made. All other transcripts are \$3 each.

## **RETURN CHECK POLICY**

A \$25.00 service charge will be assessed on all checks returned to East Central Community College by a bank. After two (2) checks have been returned on an account, future payments must be made by cash or certified check.



## **MISSISSIPPI VIRTUAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

The Mississippi Virtual Community College is a consortium of Mississippi's 15 community college districts and the Mississippi State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. The MSVCC provides educational opportunities to students who live within the various community and junior college districts in Mississippi and to others beyond those boundaries. Through MSVCC, students may take courses from community and junior colleges anywhere in Mississippi while getting support services from a local college.

To take a course from a remote (provider) college, a student enrolls at a local (host) community or junior college. The host college supports the student with a full slate of student services including advisement and counseling, financial aid, and learning resources. The host college receives the student's tuition and fees. The host college awards credit for the course.

This consortium makes it possible for MSVCC colleges to leverage their distance learning resources—including faculty, course, support services, and technology—to benefit students throughout Mississippi and beyond.

East Central Community College is a participant in the Mississippi Virtual Community College. For a list of courses offered through MSVCC, please view the website at [www.msvcc.org](http://www.msvcc.org). All courses listed at the MSVCC website may or may not be offered by ECCC. Please contact the eLearning office, which is located on the second floor of the Eddie M. Smith Student Union Building. Information is also listed at [www.eccc.edu](http://www.eccc.edu) by selecting eLearning. The eLearning Testing Center is in the same location.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR ORGANIZATIONS**

Numerous student clubs are provided on the campus for the enjoyment and enrichment of the students. These clubs meet at various times and are sponsored by instructors who are interested in and informed about the particular field. Each student is encouraged to participate in at least one of these clubs. A special interest club may be organized by any group of interested students and must meet the following requirements:

1. Must have at least fifteen (15) prospective members;
2. Must have a faculty or staff member as the sponsor;
3. Must submit an acceptable constitution and a statement of purpose to the Vice President for Student Services' office;
4. Must be approved by the SBA officers and the Vice President for Student Services; and
5. Must obtain final approval from the Vice President for Instruction and the President of the College.

### **ART**

The East Central Student Art Association is designed to promote the visual arts on campus and in the community. Jeffrey Hodges is the sponsor.

### **ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT NURSES AT EC (ASNEC)**

ASNEC is designed to promote active participation in MSNA, the professional student nurse organization. The organization promotes and encourages participation in community affairs and activities towards improved health care and related social issues. It also serves to influence healthcare and practice through legislative activities as appropriate. The organization meets monthly. Students must be enrolled in the Associate Degree Nursing Program.

### **ALPHA ALPHA EPSILON**

The purpose of this organization is to promote the social and economic welfare of the engineer, to stimulate public service in the profession, to encourage and develop the efficiency of the engineer, to promote unity in the profession, and to make further study of the industrial arts opportunities in allied fields. Anyone majoring in pre-engineering or industrial arts is eligible for membership. Alpha Alpha Epsilon is sponsored by Mr. Michael Miles.

### **ASTRONOMY CLUB**

The purpose of this club is to promote observational astronomy, astrophotography, and related scientific research projects. The astronomy club is sponsored by Dr. Talmage Graham.

### **BAPTIST STUDENT UNION**

The BSU seeks to reach students for the Christian life through worship, Bible study, missions, conferences, retreats, and personal witness. The activities are promoted through the Baptist Student Center located across the street from the campus and are under the direction of Mr. Scott Vaughn. Hours are as follows: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Meetings are held regularly at night as well as a noon luncheon on Wednesdays.

### **CATHOLIC CLUB**

The Newman Club is an extension of the Catholic Church. Its purpose is to assist students in spirit, fellowship, and development of community, which reflects the light of Christ at ECCC. All are welcome. Ms. Gina Mowdy is the sponsor.

### **DIAMOND DARLINGS**

The purpose of the Diamond Darlings is to provide an opportunity for female students interested in baseball to become a part of the ECCC baseball program. Coach Neal Holliman is the sponsor.

### **EC BUSINESS CLUB**

Students interested in business careers can join this organization. A variety of projects related to the business world are undertaken. The sponsor is Ms. Wanda Hurley.

**EAST CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB (ECEC)**

The purpose is to promote environmental awareness among its members and the community, to promote and encourage recycling, and to become an active part of the environmental network and the community. The sponsors are Ms. Sharon Fisher-LeJune and Mr. Curt Skipper.

**EC ENCORE**

The purpose of the EC ENCORE is to provide an opportunity for students interested in dramatics to participate in a musical. Director is TBD.

**ECCC GOSPEL CHOIR**

The purpose of this organization is to give students who are interested in gospel music an opportunity to participate in choral activities on campus and in the five-county area. The organization is sponsored by Ms. Brenda K. Johnson.

**ECCC PLAYERS**

The purpose of the ECCC Players is to provide an opportunity for those interested in dramatics to participate in theater. Director is TBD.

**ECCC PRACTICAL NURSING ORGANIZATION**

The purpose of the ECCC Practical Nurse Organization is to serve and protect the public promoting quality patient care by practical nursing students and to protect the interests and welfare of practical nursing students. The sponsors of this club are the Practical Nursing Instructors.

**ECCC SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (ECSTSA)**

The purpose of ECSTSA is to promote Surgical Technology through conferences specific to their major. The Surgical Technology Instructors sponsor this club.

**FCA**

The purpose of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is to present to athletes and coaches, and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, serving Him in their relationships, and in the fellowship of the church. Coach Ben Cooper is the sponsor.

**FRESHMAN CLASS**

Members of the Freshman Class are classified as full-time students who have completed fewer than 30 semester hours of college work. The Freshman Class Officers are comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The sponsor of the Freshman Class is Dr. Amanda Walton.

**NATIVE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**

Comprised of Native American students, this organization seeks to provide a support group and means for expressing concerns. The sponsors are Mr. Leslie Hughes and Ms. Elizabeth Minter.

**NEW DIRECTIONS**

Students over the age of 21 are increasing in number. Many times students are returning to school after having been out of high school for several years and want to talk to others in an informal setting. This organization seeks to provide that forum.

**PHI BETA LAMBDA**

This club is organized for business students. Its purpose is to foster a better relationship between one another and to cultivate a better understanding of business principles in general. This organization is sponsored by Ms. Christy Ferguson.

**PHI THETA KAPPA INTERNATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa is to promote scholarship, to develop character, and to cultivate fellowship among academically superior students. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is by invitation only. Minimum standards for invitation are a 3.5 GPA. Sponsors are Mr. Chris Ryals, Ms. Jenna Wright and Dr. Amanda Walton.

**PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL**

The President's Council was organized during the 1985 school year by former College President Dr. Eddie M. Smith. The purpose of this organization is to establish better communications between the student organizations on campus and the President's office. Sponsors are the College President and the Vice President for Student Services.

**RESIDENCE HALL COUNCILS**

The purpose of these organizations is to assist the Director of Housing/Student Activities in supervising the dormitories. The residence hall council is made up of Resident Assistants and other at-large members. This organization is sponsored by Dr. Amanda Walton.

**SADD**

The aim of this organization, Students Against Destructive Decisions, is to provide progress for young people with a commitment to resolve the problems of drinking and driving and other destructive decisions. Ms. Tanya Boler and Mr. Kevin Ryals are the sponsors.

**SIGMA SIGMA MU TAU**

The purpose of Sigma Sigma Mu Tau is to present programs on medical opportunities, to conduct tours of surrounding hospitals and to obtain information from schools that would be of interest to students who are majoring in medical fields. Mr. Curt Skipper is the sponsor.

## **SKILLS USA**

The purpose of Skills USA is to foster a wholesome understanding of the functions of labor/management organizations and recognition of their mutual interdependence and to create among students, faculty members, patrons of the school and persons in industry a sincere interest in, and esteem for trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations education. The sponsors are Ms. Lynn Selman and Ms. Sheri Cliburn.

## **SOPHOMORE OFFICERS**

Members of the Sophomore Class Officers are classified as full-time students who have completed 28 or more hours of college work. The Sophomore Class Officers are comprised of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The sponsor of the Sophomore Class is Ms. Dr. Amanda Walton.

## **STUDENT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of the Student Education Association is to give students practical experience in teacher-teacher and teacher-student relations. This organization is sponsored by Ms. Cathy May.

## **WARRIOR CORPS**

The Warrior Corps is a group of students chosen by a special Selection Committee to represent East Central Community College with recruiting endeavors and special events. These students must have a minimum 18 ACT composite score, maintain a 2.0 grade point average, and must reflect high character and integrity. The Warrior Corps sponsors are Ms. Lanette Hanna and Ms. Romonica Evans.

## **WESLEY FOUNDATION**

The Wesley Foundation, sponsored by the Decatur United Methodist Church, is a fellowship of college students, regardless of denominational relationships, desiring to enrich and deepen their Christian experiences, fellowship, worship, Bible study, prayer, and personal work, thereby assisting everyone to become more Christ-like in all human relationships. Meetings are held weekly. All students are welcome to visit at any time. The sponsor of the Wesley Foundation is Pastor Bruce Taylor.

## **PERFORMANCE ORGANIZATIONS**

### **BAND DEPARTMENT**

Among the many ensembles of the band department are the "Wall of Sound" marching band, concert band, jazz band, Centralettes, and the Percussion Ensemble. Membership for all groups is by audition. The band is directed by Interim Band Director Mr. Ed Girling and Interim Assistant Band Director Mr. Stephen Moffett.

### **CHEERLEADERS**

Selections to the Cheerleading Squad are made each spring semester by a visiting cheerleader delegation, usually a university cheerleader panel. Ms. Pauline Karcher is the Cheerleader Coach.

### **COLLEGIANS**

Collegians is the college's rock-and-roll band. Auditions are open to the student body September of each year and participants have opportunities for numerous performances on campus, in the five-county area, and nationally. Mr. Chas Evans is the director.

### **ECCC CONCERT CHOIR**

The Concert Choir is organized for the purpose of providing all interested students an opportunity to sing four-part choral music of various styles and periods. This group performs a Christmas and a Spring Concert each year and also attends the Mississippi Community College Choral Festival. Ms. Vicki Blaylock is the choral director.

### **VOCE**

Voce is a select vocal ensemble which performs for civic clubs, churches, and schools. Members are selected through auditions in the spring semester of each year. Positions not filled at that time will be filled during the first two weeks of the fall semester. Ms. Vicki Blaylock is the director.

## **STUDENT ELECTIONS**

In order to be eligible for positions of distinction or officer of the Student Body Association, a student must be enrolled on a full-time basis and must be free of any action pending or taken by the Discipline Committee.

### **HOMEcoming ELECTION**

Homecoming Queen - Nominees must have passed 30 semester hours with a 2.00 GPA.

Maid of Honor - First alternate to Homecoming Queen automatically becomes Maid of Honor.

Sophomore Maids - Nominees must have passed 30 semester hours with a 2.00 GPA. Three sophomore maids will be elected.

Freshman Maids - Nominees must be enrolled full-time. Four freshman maids will be elected.

### **WHO'S WHO ELECTION**

Mr. and Miss ECCC - Nominees must have passed 40 semester hours and have a 2.00 GPA.

Sophomore Class Favorites - Nominees must have passed 40 semester hours and have a 2.00 GPA. Three men and three women will be elected. The first alternate to Mr. and Miss ECCC will automatically become a Sophomore Class Favorite and therefore, they will become the fourth Sophomore Class Favorite.

Freshman Class Favorites - Three men and three women will be elected. Nominees must have passed 15 semester hours with a 2.00 GPA.

Most Handsome and Four Beaus - Nominees must be enrolled as full-time students and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

## **STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

To be eligible to run for president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, a student must have completed at least 15 semester hours, be enrolled as a full-time student, and must have maintained a 2.00 GPA.

## **ECCC BEAUTY PAGEANT**

The ECCC Beauty Pageant will be held annually. A panel of judges will select the most Beautiful and four Beauties. Entrants must be enrolled as full-time students and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

## **ELECTION OF CLASS FAVORITES**

Freshman Candidates - To be eligible to run for freshman class favorite a student must be enrolled as full-time and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

Sophomore Candidates - To be eligible to run for sophomore class favorite a student must have a 2.0 GPA, have passed at least 30 semester hours, and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

## **ELECTION OF CLASS OFFICERS**

Freshman Candidates - To be eligible to run for president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer a student must be enrolled as full-time and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

Sophomore Candidates - To be eligible to run for president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer a student must have a 2.0 GPA, have passed at least 30 semester hours and have no record of action taken or pending against them by the Discipline Committee.

## **HONORS**

### **WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS IN AMERICAN COMMUNITY/JUNIOR COLLEGES**

East Central Community College participates in nominating students for Who's Who Among Students in American Community/Junior Colleges. The Scholarship Committee will consider students who meet the following qualifications: scholarship, participation and leadership in extracurricular activities, citizenship and service to the school, and promise of future usefulness. All nominees must be sophomores.

### **HALL OF FAME**

Membership in East Central Community College's Hall of Fame is the highest honor a student can receive at East Central Community College. Nominees must be graduating sophomores. Nominations may be made by college students, faculty members, administrators, or staff members of the College. Selection is made by faculty and staff committees that consider scholarship, character, leadership, participation in extracurricular activities, contribution to the school, and potential, in making its decision. Photographs of students elected to the Hall of Fame are displayed in the entrance of Huff Auditorium.

## **STUDENT PUBLICATIONS**

### **TOM-TOM**

The Tom-Tom is the official campus newspaper. Staff members get experience in business as well as journalism. The Tom-Tom staff meets regularly at specified times. Anyone interested in journalism should see the sponsor, Ms. Gennie Taylor.

### **WO-HE-LO**

The Wo-He-Lo provides the pictorial record of school life on the campus each year. The Wo-He-Lo yearbook staff meets regularly at specified times. The sponsor is Ms. Gennie Phillips.

## **STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD**

The student ID card is the student's official school identification. It **MUST** be worn in a **VISIBLE MANNER** at all times and **MUST** be shown for identification upon request of any school official. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Students must present the ID card to the library staff when checking out books, using the computer, and other services.

Lending of this card to anyone or failing to present it when requested by a school official is a violation of policy and subjects the holder to disciplinary action (Class A Offense, which could include suspension from the College).

This card must be presented when receiving a yearbook, voting in school elections, selling books in the bookstore, checking out library books, entering athletic events and activities, eating in the cafeteria or Student Grill, and conducting all business office transactions.

This card becomes void upon termination of enrollment.

Lost cards should be reported to the Vice President for Student Services' office. There is a replacement fee of \$10.

## **STUDENT HOUSING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

1. Students living in Residence Halls are required to be enrolled full-time in courses taught on the Decatur Campus that begin in August of each year. If the Residence Halls are not at capacity at the completion of registration, students who are full-time through a combination of on-campus classes, off-campus classes, and/or on-line classes through the Mississippi Virtual Community College, will be considered on an individual basis. Students dropping below 15 semester hours will be required to move from the residence hall.
2. Cable TV and wireless Internet are provided at no cost in all Residence Halls.
3. When a student enrolls and resides on campus at East Central, he/she agrees to accept the policies that govern residence hall life. Failure to

observe these policies and regulations subjects the student to disciplinary action based on the professional judgment of those in charge of the residence halls. Any failure to respond to disciplinary action properly makes the student ineligible to live in the residence hall.

4. Students living in the residence hall must purchase a meal ticket. The five-day meal ticket will be valid for fourteen (14) meals, Monday through Friday. The seven-day meal ticket will be valid for eighteen (18) meals, Sunday – Saturday. Athletes, out-of-state students, and others who participate in activities that will require weekend meals are required to purchase the seven-day plan.
5. Students must complete an application for housing and pay a \$60.00 room deposit before being assigned to a room. Both roommates must complete this process before they can be assigned together. The room deposit will be refunded after the student completes the proper withdrawal procedures and room damages are subtracted. A student who fails to properly withdraw will forfeit his/her deposit. You must have an application for admissions on file before your housing application can be processed.
6. Rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. Depending upon room availability, students may choose a residence hall, roommate, and a particular room.
7. Overnight visitors in the residence hall must be approved by and registered with the Residence Hall Supervisor and the Director of Student Housing. All visitors are expected to comply with the rules of the institution. Children under the age of 18 are not allowed to stay overnight in the residence halls.
8. Children are not allowed in Residence Hall rooms. Visitation in the lobby is allowed with the permission of the Dorm Supervisor.
9. Residence Hall students are responsible for their room, hallway, and bathroom and will be assessed for any damage. There will be systematic room inspections each week of all residence halls at which time rooms must be clean, neat, and attractive. Furniture is inventoried for each room and lobby and must not be removed from these areas. Students will not be permitted to move additional furniture to the dormitory without the permission of the Residence Hall Supervisor. The College is not responsible for personal items permitted in the residence halls.
10. Smoking is not permitted in any campus building or residence hall. Smoking is allowed in designated smoking areas provided throughout campus. (*Beginning January 1, 2016, ECCC will be a “Tobacco Free” campus.*)
11. Students must be considerate of fellow students when playing radios, tape players, CDs, televisions, video games, etc.
12. Residents of campus apartments and residence halls will not be allowed to keep pets.
13. Students will not be permitted to display collections composed of alcoholic containers, obscene pictures, etc., in the residence halls.
14. Any change in room assignments must be approved by the students’ Residence Hall Supervisor and the Director of Housing in advance.
15. Outside antennae for radio, television, etc., are not permitted. Under no circumstances are students allowed to erect antennae or walk on the roof of any building.
16. Burning candles and/or incense is prohibited in the residence halls.
17. Opposite sex visitation in residence hall rooms is prohibited. Permission must be granted in advance by the Director of Housing if a visitor of the opposite sex is to enter a room for any reason.
18. Open house activities may occur during special events.
19. Quiet hours will be observed in all residence halls and campus during the following hours and 24 hours a day during exam week:

10 p.m. to 8 a.m.	Sunday – Thursday
12 a.m. to 7 a.m.	Friday - Saturday
20. Visitors will be allowed in the lobby of the women’s residence halls only when accompanied by a resident of the facility at all times during the following published hours:

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	Sunday – Thursday
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.	Friday-Saturday
21. All residence halls will close on the following schedule:

Labor Day – Friday at 4:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving – Friday at 4:00 p.m.
Christmas – 10 a.m. on the day of the last examination
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Friday at 4:00 p.m.
Spring Holidays – Friday at 4:00 p.m.
Easter – Thursday at 4:00 p.m.

All residence halls will open at 2 p.m. on the day preceding the start of classes during the fall semester and at 2 p.m. on the day preceding the start of classes during the spring semester and on holiday weekends (unless otherwise noted).

22. Students are reminded that the intercom system, washers, and dryers are not be used after midnight unless an emergency arises.
23. Returning to the dormitory after 12:00 midnight will be permitted for school-sponsored events.
24. Falsely pulling a Fire Alarm is a felony. You will be immediately removed from campus housing and will appear before the discipline committee and face expulsion. The College will also press charges with the authorities.
25. Those students returning to the dormitory after 2:00 a.m. must surrender their I.D. card. The procedure below will be followed:  
 First Offense – The student will be called for a conference with the Dean of Students.  
 Second Offense – The student will be required to meet with the Dean of Students for a conference and a letter of information will be sent to the parents.  
 Third Offense – The student will be charged a Class “C” offense.

***The following appliances may be used by students in the residence halls:***

Computers • Irons • Dormitory Size Refrigerators • Microwave Ovens  
 Televisions • VCRs/DVDs • Video Games • Similar appliances as approved by the Director of Housing.

***The following appliances may NOT be used by students in the residence halls:***

Hot plates • Toaster Ovens • Full size refrigerators • Window unit air conditioners • Space heaters  
 Barbeque grills, unless they are at least twenty feet from the building.  
 Grills cannot be used under the canopies or walkways of residence halls.

The Director of Housing and the Director of the Physical Plant will conduct an end of the year damage inspection during the week after school dismisses in the spring semester. Damages will be recorded on the student’s withdrawal form.

Abandoned articles will be discarded after two weeks (14 consecutive days). Approval must be obtained in writing from the Director of Housing for a student to leave anything in his/her residence hall room after checkout day. The College is not responsible for articles left in rooms.

EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE IS NOT LIABLE FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO POSSESSIONS DUE TO THEFT, FIRE, NATURAL DISASTER, OR ANY OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND OUR CONTROL. Lock your windows and doors when you are not in your room. Ninety-nine percent of thefts at EC are a result of an unlocked room.

**PARKING/VEHICLE REGULATIONS**

Students having a vehicle on campus must register the vehicle and obtain a parking permit from the Vice President for Student Services’ office. The student must complete a registration form, which will include the tag number and the required \$10 fee will be applied to your bill at the Business Office. PARKING PERMITS MUST BE PLACED ON THE DRIVER SIDE FRONT WINDOW. No decal tickets are \$50.00.

The following regulations apply to all persons operating vehicles on the college campus:

1. Motor vehicles must be operated in a responsible and prudent manner at all times.
2. Intentionally impeding or endangering normal pedestrian or vehicle traffic is prohibited.
3. The maximum speed limit on campus is 15 mph. Speed should be reduced as weather and road conditions dictate.
4. Pedestrians have the right of way at all times. Stop at all crosswalks!
5. All motor vehicles must have mufflers in proper working order. Excessive noise is prohibited. Excessive radio noise is prohibited.
6. Motorcycles should be operated on the campus roads only. All state laws governing the operation of motorcycles should be observed. They must also have a decal.
7. The operation of three or four-wheelers is prohibited anywhere on campus.
8. All parked vehicles must be properly registered and in operable condition.
9. Improper parking, double-parking, and restricted parking tickets are \$10.00. NO DECAL, Handicap space violation, speeding, and reckless driving tickets are \$50.00. Tickets not paid in the Business Office within five school days of the violation will double. All ticket appeals need to be made through the Dean of Students within two school days of the violation.

Restricted areas include:

- A. Areas where signs indicate “NO Parking,” “Handicapped,” etc.;
- B. Any area marked with yellow paint;
- C. Sidewalks or lawns;
- D. Blockage of sidewalk access; and,
- E. Front of trash dumpsters.
- F. Areas in Clark-Venable Baptist Church that are marked “No Parking” and “Church Parking.”

\*NOTE: Cars parked illegally on Broad Street or any public roads may be ticketed and removed by the Decatur Police Department. Cars parked illegally in a Handicap Zone are subject to being ticketed by the city police and the EC Police.

All other violations are \$10.00. The amount of the ticket doubles if it is not paid in the business office within five (5) school days of the offense.

10. The parking lot behind Newsome Hall is OFF LIMITS to all female students. The parking lots behind Todd Hall and Winston Hall are OFF LIMITS to all females. The parking lot between Neshoba Hall and Scott Hall is OFF LIMITS to all females. Violators will be charged a class “C” offense. All first floor windows are OFF LIMITS to members of the opposite sex in all dorms.

**SPORTSMANSHIP CONDUCT**

This code is offered as a guide in promoting sportsmanship while a student and spectator at East Central Community College activities. All students are reminded that any unruly situation could result in immediate probation for East Central in which the activity in which the violation occurs. A detailed set of instructions is listed in the Mississippi College Activities Handbook of Rules and Regulations.

1. Officials will be considered the final authorities in decision making.
2. Athletes from visiting colleges and their fans should be treated with respect
3. Pride should be taken in promoting good sportsmanship among spectators and players.

### **STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

This is one of the most important aspects of college life. East Central is a state, district, and community-supported college. As such, it is only logical that the residents of the college district should hold certain expectations of the students as well as of the faculty, staff, and administration. It is with this in mind that the following regulations of student conduct have been developed.

Recognizing that freedom of individuals is never absolute but is subject to reasonable restrictions, the College expects students to conform to recognized standards of behavior and to give serious attention to their class work. Furthermore, these behavioral regulations are in effect at all times on campus or whenever a student is representing East Central or whenever a student is being transported in a college-owned or sponsored vehicle (Please refer to Disciplinary Procedures for your rights under these regulations).

### **STUDENT REGULATIONS**

1. East Central takes pride in the appearance of its campus; therefore, students are to put trash in the trashcans conveniently located throughout the campus. The Activity Center and the dormitory lobbies are for the students' leisure time and enjoyment; therefore, students are to assist in keeping them clean.
2. Additional violations of the regulations that occur while one is on probation or restrictions is cause for dismissal and will require that the violator appear before the Discipline Committee.
3. Smoking is not permitted in any campus building or residence hall. Smoking is allowed in designated areas provided throughout campus.
4. Skateboards are prohibited on campus
5. In case of serious illness, an ambulance will be called and parents will be notified. Students will be responsible for their own medical bills. In case of illness at night, the dormitory supervisor should be contacted.
6. The College will assume no responsibility for loss of personal property due to theft, fire, or natural disaster.
7. The Library will close at 9 p.m. The Activity Center will close at 10:00 p.m. Loitering on campus after midnight is prohibited, and students returning to campus after 2:00 a.m. will be required to surrender their ID cards.
8. Violating any Decatur, Newton County, state of Mississippi, or federal statute on campus is a violation of campus regulations and the violator will be required to appear before the proper authorities for disciplinary action.

All offenses will be assigned a class rating by the Vice President for Student Services using the guidelines below. Please note that the severity of the offense may necessitate a higher class rating based on the judgment of the Vice President for Student Services.

#### **Class "A" Offenses (No Fine - Student will be required to appear before the Disciplinary Committee)**

1. Assault
2. Stealing
3. Sexual Harassment/Sexual Assault
4. Possession of Drugs and/or Drug Paraphernalia
5. Possession of a Fire Arm or Weapon (includes, but is not limited to hunting weapons, knives, paintball guns, BB guns, etc.)
6. Possession of any type of Explosive Device
7. Pulling a False Fire Alarm
8. Failure to Obey the Direct Order of a School Official including Dormitory Supervisors, Police and Security Officers, Faculty members, etc., (includes, but is not limited to, refusal to surrender I.D. Card)
9. Academic Dishonesty, Cheating, or Plagiarism

#### **Class "B" Offenses (\$100 Fine plus restitution where applicable; Any two class "B" offenses equal one class "A" offense)**

1. Possession of Alcohol or Alcohol Containers
2. Unauthorized Entry into Dormitories
3. Harassing Other Students
4. Fighting
5. Possession and/or Use of Fireworks
6. Violations of the Standard Norms of Group Behavior

#### **Class "C" Offenses (\$50 Fine plus restitution where applicable; Any two class "C" offenses equal one class "B" offense.)**

1. Failing Room Inspection
2. Throwing Foreign Objects at Individuals, Dorms, Doors, or Other Property
3. Causing Any Damage to College Property (NOTE: student will be charged with the cost of repair)
4. Excessive Noise/Loud Noise/Undue Noise (Any noise that disturbs other people is excessive)
5. Profanity and/or Vulgarity (Includes Music with Obscene Lyrics)
6. Entering and/or Exiting College Buildings via the Emergency Doors in Non-Emergency Situations
7. Unauthorized Entering/Exiting of the Dormitory after the Dormitory Has Been Closed
8. Female Students Loitering in Parking Lot Behind Todd, Newsome, and Winston Halls and between Scott and Neshoba Halls
9. Littering (Including water balloons)
10. Failure to Have Identification (I.D.) Card in Possession and/or Displayed in a Visible Manner
11. Smoking in a Campus Building or Undesignated Area
12. Inappropriate Dress
13. Excessive Horse Play (includes the use of water guns or other items that may be perceived as weapons)
14. Male Students Loitering in Unauthorized Areas Near Barber and Jackson Halls

Fines are to be paid in the Business Office with the receipt given to the Dean of Students. All unpaid fines are treated as fees by the Business Office. Appeals must be made via the Vice President for Student Services to the Grievance Committee within three days of the conviction. The Grievance Committee's decision may be appealed in writing to the President of the College within 24 hours.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

Violations of campus regulations which could result in suspension from the College will be considered by the five (5) member Discipline Committee. The Discipline Committee membership shall include a faculty member as chair, an academic counselor, the career-technical counselor, the Student Body Association President, and a faculty member of the opposite sex and race, when possible, of that of the chair of the Committee.

Disciplinary actions or complaints may be brought by either students or school personnel. Such actions or complaints must be presented to the Dean of Students who shall prepare a written account of the violation, i.e., an Incident Report.

The following procedures will be followed:

1. The decision to convene the Discipline Committee will be based on the nature of the offense as outlined in the handbook or the habitual offender criteria. These determinations will be made by the Vice President for Student Services in consultation with the Dean of Students.
2. The accused student will be notified in writing of the charges made and the time and place of the hearing.
3. The accused student will be informed of his/her rights at the same time they are notified of the charges.
4. The accused student will be present during the entire presentation of the evidence and may question the parties initiating the charges and the witnesses.
5. The accused student will be allowed to have counsel at all times. This person may be a student, faculty member, or other adult, but counsel may not speak unless granted specific permission. Counsel may only advise.
6. The accused student will respond first to the charges which have been made and the members of the Discipline Committee will have an opportunity to ask questions.
7. Any available witnesses will be called and asked to give their version of the events. The Discipline Committee and the accused student will have the opportunity to question each witness.
8. After the presentation of evidence and the questioning of witnesses, the Discipline Committee will deliberate in private.
9. A vote will be taken on the guilt or innocence of the accused after the committee has deliberated. If the vote is not guilty, the student shall be dismissed and no further action shall be taken. If the vote is guilty, the accused student shall be recalled and possible sanctions and previous records will be discussed. The accused student may respond to the possible sanctions.
10. The Discipline Committee will deliberate sanctions in private. A vote will be taken on expulsion or a lesser sanction after the committee has deliberated. If the vote is expulsion, the action will be noted on the form. If the vote is for a lesser sanction, deliberation shall continue as to the actual sanction until there is agreement among the majority.
11. The recommendation will be submitted to the Vice President for Student Services for implementation and to the President for his information.
12. The decision of the Discipline Committee may be appealed within three days to the President. All appeals must be in writing and based on extenuating circumstances not fully considered in the hearing or on procedural matters within the hearing process.
13. If appealed to the President, he will take the matter under advisement. A meeting with the student making the appeal and the Vice President for Student Services will be part of the appeals procedure.
14. The decision of the President may be appealed to the Board of Trustees. This appeal must be initiated within 24 hours of the decision made by the President. The appeal must be requested in writing and will be placed on the agenda of the next regular monthly board meeting.
15. If a decision of the Discipline Committee is appealed the imposition of the sanction may be held in abeyance at the discretion of the Vice President for Student Services. Under circumstances which involve a clear threat to the health and safety of individuals, the sanctions will go into effect immediately.

NOTE: The Vice President for Student Services has the authority to designate a special discipline committee when it is not feasible to convene the regularly appointed committee.

### **DRESS CODE**

Each student should exercise mature judgment concerning wearing apparel during daily life on the campus. Cleanliness and neatness are desirable attributes for any person to possess. No manner of dress will be allowed that would disrupt the normal educational and social process. Students wearing clothing deemed inappropriate or offensive will be asked to change to more appropriate wear, and violators of this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions.

1. Students will not be allowed to wear extremely short cut-offs, unreasonably short dresses, midriff or cropped tops, extremely revealing halter tops, or "see-through" blouses.
2. The wearing of any type of clothing in an improper or disruptive manner (indecent exposure, pants below the waistline, sexually explicit attire, etc.).
3. Students are not allowed to wear or display any gang symbols.
4. Shirts and shoes must be worn to enter all campus buildings.
5. For the safety of students hoods are not allowed indoors.

Violators of this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions consistent with College Policy 822.1

### **STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION**

#### **PREAMBLE**

We, the students of East Central Community College, in cooperation with the faculty and administration, and within those limits prescribed by the Board of Trustees, adopt the following constitution:

#### **Article I - Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Student Body Association of East Central Community College.



## **Article II - Purpose**

The purpose of the Association shall be:

1. To conduct and promote interest in student elections;
2. To promote order and suitable conditions for the intellectual;
3. To maintain cordial relations between faculty and students;
4. To promote the responsibility of hospitality on our campus;
5. To promote the awareness of rights and responsibilities as citizens of a democratic society.

## **Article III - Meetings**

Meetings shall be held on call of the President of the Association or by request of the Council.

## **Article IV - Membership**

The membership of this Association shall be all who register as full-time students at East Central Community College.

## **Article V - Officers**

Section I - Officers of the Association shall be:

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer

## **Article VI - Advisors**

The faculty advisor shall be appointed by the President of the College

## **Article VII - Amendments**

Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be presented by the Student Body Association or by fifty (50) students bringing it to the SBA who will in turn present it to the Association. Any amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the student body and the College President before it can be adopted.

# **STUDENT BODY ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

## **Article I - Officers and Committees**

### ***Section I - Duties of Officers and Committees***

1. The President shall call and preside over all meetings of the Student Body Association and shall appoint necessary committees.
2. The Vice President shall take charge of all duties of the President in the absence of the President.
3. The Secretary shall keep a record of all Student Body Association meetings, lists of all officers and committees, and shall handle all necessary correspondence.
4. The Treasurer shall be in charge of all finances, and shall keep accurate records.
5. The Student Body Association shall have the legislative powers of the Association and shall propose amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
6. Other committees shall be appointed by the President and approved by the Student Body Association as the need arises.

### ***Section II - Eligibility of Officeholders:***

1. Students must have at least a "C" average to be eligible to hold office.
2. Students must have no disciplinary action on record or pending to be eligible to hold office.

## **Article II - Election of Officers**

Elections of officers of the Association shall be under the supervision of the Vice President for Student Services. The Vice President for Student Services shall prescribe the time and manner of election of the officers of the Student Body Association. The officers of the Association and the sophomore class for the succeeding year shall be elected during the latter part of April of each year.

## **Article III - Vacancies**

Section I - If the President's office is vacated, the Vice President shall take over his office and a new Vice-President shall be elected.

Section II - If the President and Vice President's office are vacated, a special election shall be held to fill these vacancies.

# **NOTICE OF COLLEGE POLICY AND EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS**

East Central Community College is in compliance with provisions granted under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Under this law, students enrolled in any educational institution receiving federal funds are given certain rights concerning school records.

1. Students are entitled to have access to school records upon request.
2. Request for access to records concerning academic grades, transcripts and absences should be filed with the Director of Admissions and Records.
3. Students are entitled to inspect and review the contents of their school records and to challenge the contents if they feel the contents are inaccurate, misleading, or contain inappropriate data. If a student wishes to challenge the contents, the Director of Admissions and Records will provide a written copy of procedures to be followed.
4. Before any school records will be released to third parties the school must have the student's written consent.
5. Upon receipt of a subpoena or judicial order requiring the Director of Admissions and Records and/or Vice President for Student Services to relinquish control of a student's record, the student will be notified of the subpoena or judicial order before the Director of Admissions and Records and/or Vice President for Student Services will relinquish control of the record.
6. The law allows "directory information" about students to be made public without specific permission. Students are entitled, however, to request the deletion of certain information from school directories. Any request for deletion of directory information must be made within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of registration. Forms for requesting the deletion of information may be secured from the Office of the Director of Admissions and Records.
7. The College will maintain a list containing the signature and the date of non-school personnel having access to the student's record. The law allows school officials, including instructors, to have access to a student's record.

## **SEXUAL HARASSMENT**

Sexual harassment and discrimination are illegal and endanger the environment of tolerance, civility, and mutual respect that must prevail if the College is to fulfill its mission. East Central Community College is committed to providing and promoting an atmosphere in which employees can realize their maximum potential in the work place and students can engage fully in the learning process. Toward this end, all members of the College community must understand that sexual harassment, sexual discrimination, and sexual exploitation of professional relationships violate the College's policy and will not be tolerated. The College will take every step to resolve grievances promptly. Any act by the College's employees or students of reprisal, interference, or any other form of retaliation, whether direct or indirect, against a student or employee for raising concerns covered by this policy is also a violation of this policy. Accordingly, members of the College community are prohibited from acts of reprisal against individuals who bring grievances or are involved as witnesses in any action connected with this policy.

### **A. Applicability**

This policy applies to all officers and employees of the College, students, and persons who serve the College as its agents and are under the control of the College.

### **B. Sexual Harassment-Definitions**

Two categories of sexual harassment are recognized:

1. **Quid Pro Quo** – Sexual harassment presented as a “bargain” (quid pro quo). Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal and physical conduct of a sexual nature by one in a superior position constitutes a “bargain-for sexual harassment” when submission by another is made either an explicit or implicit term or condition of employment or of academic standing. Quid pro quo harassment or “this for that” type harassment occurs when specific academic or employment benefits are withheld as a means of coercing sexual favors. Examples include, but are not limited to, threat of punishment, such as dismissal from a job or a lower grade in a course for refusal to comply with sexual advances; indicating that sexual favors could lead to a raise or better grades; or extorting sexual favor from an employee or student in exchange for academic or employment benefits. In this case, apparent consent of the submitting party is less relevant than the extent to which the sexual conduct is unwelcome. As defined here, “bargained-for sexual harassment” normally arises in the context of an authority relationship. This relationship may be direct, as in the case of a supervisor and subordinate or teacher and student, or it may be indirect when the harasser has the power to direct others who have authority over the victim.

2. **Environmental Sexual Harassment** – Unwelcome sexual advances, request for sexual favors, and other verbal and physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute “environmental sexual harassment” when such conduct has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment that unreasonably interferes with another's work, academic performance, or privacy. Generally, incidents of sexual harassment must be repeated and pervasive to qualify as environmental harassment. Environmental harassment can inflict emotional and psychological harm on individuals and can make relationships and the work or study environment unpleasant, threatening, and unproductive. However, there is no requirement that evidence of actual emotional or psychological harm be shown in order for environmental sexual harassment to be found to have occurred.

In determining whether alleged conduct constitutes sexual harassment as defined in this policy, the record as a whole will be considered as well as the context in which the conduct occurred. “Environmental sexual harassment” normally arises from a repeated and pervasive course of conduct whereas “bargained-for sexual harassment” can be based on a single act. Facts will be judged on the basis of what is reasonable to persons of ordinary sensitivity and not on the particular susceptibility of an individual, unless that susceptibility is known to the alleged harasser.

### **C. Reporting Procedures**

Reports of sexual harassment will be treated as a grievance and should be reported to the following individuals:

1. Students should report alleged act(s) of sexual harassment involving other students to the Vice President for Student Services. The Vice President for Student Services will counsel the student who reported the alleged act(s) and will attempt to resolve the matter informally, as appropriate. Please note that there are cases when it is appropriate to go directly to the formal grievance resolution process. If informal efforts are not successful in resolving the grievance, the student should refer to Policy 822.1, STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES, to file a formal grievance. Upon receipt of a sexual harassment grievance, the Vice President for Student Services will report the grievance to the Title IX Coordinator.
2. Employees and students should report alleged acts of sexual harassment involving College employees to the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction. The Title IX Coordinator will counsel the employee who reported the alleged act(s) and will attempt to resolve the matter informally, as appropriate. Please note that there are cases when it is appropriate to go directly to the formal grievance resolution process. If informal efforts are not successful in resolving the grievance, the employee should refer to Policy 713, EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE & COMPLAINT PROCEDURES, to file a formal grievance.
3. Students and employees who wish to file a sexual harassment grievance have the right to follow the due process procedures outlined in the Policies and Procedures Manual in Policy 822.1, STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES, and Policy 713, EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE & COMPLAINT PROCEDURES.

### **D. Penalties**

Penalties will be determined on the basis of facts of each case and the extent of harm to the College's interest, as well as any College record indicating previous similar wrongdoing by the accused person. Penalties will be set according to regulations governing student conduct and employment relationships. These regulations are described in the ECCC Policies and Procedures Manual and the ECCC Student Handbook.

#### E. Anti-retaliation Assurance

This policy seeks to encourage students and employees to express freely, responsibly, and in an orderly manner, opinions and feelings about any problem or grievance of sexual harassment. Any act of reprisal, including internal interference, coercion, and restraint, by a College employee or by one acting on behalf of the College, violates this policy and will promptly result in appropriate disciplinary action.

#### F. Improper Grievances

This policy shall not be used to bring frivolous or malicious grievances against students or employees. If a grievance has been made in bad faith, disciplinary action may be taken against the person bringing the grievance.

#### G. Confidentiality

Information generated in the course of informal reviews and formal investigations necessary to enforce this policy will be given the full extent of confidentiality accorded by law to employee personnel records and student educational records. Any person who, without authorization, reveals such information will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. The sharing of the content of the grievance(s) will be on a “need to know” basis and will depend on the type of review and response required by the grievance. In any case, when a grievance is being mediated and or investigated, the accused will be informed of the specific details of the grievance.

#### H. Responsibility for Implementation

An employee in a supervisory position who has knowledge of conduct involving sexual harassment that may have occurred in his or her unit must take action to address the matter immediately. Not to do so may result in serious consequences for the College and will be considered a breach of supervisory responsibility.

### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

East Central Community College (ECCC) is committed to providing and promoting an institutional environment where all employees and students may pursue their studies, careers, duties, and activities in an atmosphere free of the threat of unwelcome and unwanted sexual actions. The College strongly condemns sexual offenses, will not tolerate sexual offenders, and supports those who have been victimized. In response to any reported sexual misconduct, the College will take all appropriate steps to eliminate the misconduct, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects. Any behavior that constitutes sexual misconduct under this policy will subject the offender to disciplinary action, up to and including termination from employment or expulsion from the College, whether or not criminal charges are filed.

#### I. Introduction

Sexual misconduct of any form is harmful and illegal and will not be tolerated at ECCC. Such acts corrupt the integrity of the educational process, are contrary to the mission and values of the College, and violate College policy. To foster a climate that encourages the reporting of sexual misconduct, ECCC will respond promptly, fairly, and decisively to all reports of sexual misconduct. Members of the college community accused of sexual misconduct will be subject to the college’s disciplinary procedures when the alleged incident has occurred on campus or when the incident has occurred off campus and materially affects the learning environment or operations of the college.

Cases of sexual misconduct are serious violations of the College’s student regulations, faculty standards, and college employee policies. They are crimes under state law and punishable by fines and/or imprisonment. In addition, these actions are subject to civil suits for damage. ECCC will carefully review and/or investigate all reports to provide fair, efficient, and impartial evaluation and resolution.

ECCC is compliant with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (The Clery Act) as amended in 1998, which requires all postsecondary institutions to publish and distribute certain information regarding campus crimes, including reports of campus sexual assault, sexual assault policies, and security programming to all current students, employees, and to any applicant who so requests.

#### II. Purpose & Scope of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to provide the ECCC community with a clear set of guidelines regarding behavioral standards, as well as a common understanding of key concepts and definitions. This policy applies equally to all members of the college community: students, faculty, administrators, staff, contract employees, and visitors, regardless of race or gender. It is intended to guide and protect members of the College community who have been impacted by sexual misconduct as a grievant, respondent, or third party.

#### III. College Statement on Privacy & Confidentiality

The College Statement on Privacy and Confidentiality is intended to make members of the college community aware of the reporting and confidential disclosure options available to them so that they can make informed choices about where to turn should they become a victim of sexual violence. The College encourages victims to talk to someone at the College about what happened so they can get the support they need and so the College can respond appropriately. Professional counselors who provide personal counseling to members of the college community are not required to report any information about an incident to the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction and/or the Vice President for Student Services without a victim’s permission. A victim can seek confidential assistance and support from college employees without triggering a College investigation that could reveal the victim’s identity or that the victim has disclosed the incident.

While maintaining a victim’s confidentiality, these employees or their office should report the nature, date, time, and general location of an incident to the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction or the Vice President for Student Services. This limited report, which includes no information that would directly or indirectly identify the victim, assists the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction and/or the Vice President for Student Services with information about the general extent and nature of sexual violence on and off campus so that the coordinator can track patterns, evaluate the scope of the problem, and formulate appropriate campus-wide responses. Before reporting any information to the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction and/or or the Vice President for Student Services, these individuals will consult with

the victim to ensure that no personally-identifying details are shared with the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction and/or the Vice President for Student Services.

A victim who speaks to a college employee must understand that if the victim wants to maintain confidentiality, the College will be unable to conduct an investigation into the particular incident or pursue disciplinary action against the alleged perpetrator. Even so, these employees will still assist the victim in receiving other necessary protection and support, such as victim advocacy, academic support or accommodations, disability, and health or mental health services. A victim who at first requests confidentiality may later decide to file a grievance with the college or report the incident to local law enforcement and have the incident fully investigated. If the College determines that the alleged perpetrator(s) pose a serious and immediate threat to the College community, the President in consultation with the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction and Vice President for Student Services may be called upon to issue a timely warning to the community. Any such warning would not include any information that identifies the victim.

When a victim informs an ECCC police officer, the Dean of Students, the Vice President for Student Services, or the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction about an incident of sexual violence, the victim has the right to expect the College to take immediate and appropriate steps to investigate what happened and to resolve the matter promptly and equitably. The Vice President for Student Services or his/her designee must report all relevant details about the alleged sexual violence shared by the victim with the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction. At that time, the College will need to determine what happened including the names of the victim and alleged perpetrator(s), any witnesses, and any relevant facts including the date, time, and specific location of the alleged incident. To the extent possible, information gathered during an investigation will be shared only with the appropriate College staff. ECCC will make every effort to protect students' and employees' privacy and confidentiality.

#### IV. Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction

The oversight and implementation of this Sexual Misconduct Policy is the responsibility of the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction and the Vice President for Student Services. The Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction can be reached at 601-635-6337, and the Vice President for Student Services can be reached at 601-635-6375. To reach the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction or Vice President for Student Services after hours or in an emergency, please contact Campus Police at 601-527-8939 or call 911.

#### V. Definition of Terms

Sexual misconduct can be defined as any physical act of a sexual nature perpetrated against an individual without consent or when an individual is unable to freely give consent, including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual exploitation, stalking, cyberstalking, bullying and cyber-bullying, aiding or facilitating the commission of a violation, and/or retaliation.

A. Sexual Assault – Sexual assault is defined as a forcible or non-forcible sex offense, i.e., sexual intercourse or sexual contact with another person by forcible compulsion (such as coercion) and/or without consent. Absence of protest is not consent. Acts of sexual assault include any sexual penetration (anal, oral, or vaginal), however slight, with any object or sexual intercourse without effective consent. Sexual penetration includes vaginal or anal penetration by a penis, object, tongue, or finger, and oral copulation by mouth-to-genital contact or genital-to-mouth contact.

B. Consent – Consent requires mutually understandable and communicated words and/or actions demonstrating agreement to participate in the proposed sexual act. Failure to object does not constitute consent. Consent does not exist where it is not expressly given; past consent does not imply future consent; and, consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another person. Consent may never be given by minors (in Mississippi, those not sixteen (16) years of age), mentally disabled persons, and those who are incapacitated as a result of alcohol or other drug consumption (voluntary or involuntary), or those who are unconscious, unaware, or otherwise physically helpless. Consent can also not be given where there are threats or intimidation. Attempted sexual assault or rape occurs when a person intends to commit the offense and engages in conduct that could lead to it.

C. Incapacitation – Incapacitation is defined as a person not being able to resist sexual activity due to the use of drugs or alcohol, when a person is asleep or unconscious, or because of an intellectual or other disability that prevents the student from having the capacity to give consent. It is a violation if the initiator has sex with someone the initiator knows, or reasonably should know, to be incapacitated by alcohol, drugs, sleep, or illness. An incapacitated person is not able to make rational, reasonable judgments and therefore is incapable of giving consent. Someone is incapacitated when they cannot understand who, what, when, where, why, or how, in regards to sexual interaction.

D. Sexual Exploitation – Sexual exploitation is an act(s) committed through non-consensual abuse or exploitation of another person's sexuality for the purpose of sexual gratification, financial gain, personal benefit, or any other non-legitimate purpose. This includes, but is not limited to non-consensual video or audio taping of sexual activity, stalking with a sexual component, and voyeurism for personal sexual pleasure.

E. Intimidation – Sexual intimidation involves stalking, indecent exposure, and/or threatening another person that you will commit a sex act against them.

F. Stalking – Stalking is defined as a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for her, his, or other's safety, or to suffer substantial emotional distress.

G. Domestic Violence – Domestic violence includes misdemeanor or felony crimes of violence committed by a current or former spouse, by a person who is cohabitating with or has cohabitated with the victim as a spouse, by a person similarly situated under domestic or family violence laws, or anyone else protected under domestic or family violence law.

H. Dating Violence – Dating violence is defined as violence by a person who has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim and where the existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on consideration of the following factors: length, type, and frequency of interaction of the relationship.

I. Retaliation – Retaliation is defined as acts or attempts to retaliate or seek retribution against the complainant, respondent, or any individual or group of individuals involved in the investigation and/or resolution of an allegation of sexual misconduct.

## VI. Resources & Support

College Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault - ECCC encourages all members of the campus community to report any incident of sexual misconduct. Because of the sensitive nature surrounding sexual misconduct allegations, the college offers confidential resources and support. Members of the college community have access to resources provided by the College that can provide crisis intervention services, counseling, and academic support. All of the staff and faculty listed below are trained to support individuals affected by sexual misconduct and to coordinate with the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction consistent with the College's commitment to a safe and healthy educational environment. These resources will maintain the privacy of an individual's information within the limited circle of those involved in the Title IX resolution process:

- Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction: 601-635-6337
- Vice President for Student Services: 601-635-6375
- Dean of Students: 601-635-6267
- Chief of Campus Police and Campus Police Officers: 601-635-6268
- Director of Housing and Student Activities: 601-635-6213

Community Resources for Victims of Sexual Assault – A student who believes he or she has been the victim of sexual misconduct may also contact the following community agencies:

- Decatur Family Medical Clinic: (601) 635-2258
- Laird Hospital – Union: (601) 774-8214
- Pioneer Hospital – Newton: (601) 683-0277
- Professional Crisis Intervention Counseling can be provided by Weems Mental Health professionals located in Leake County at (601) 267-3551; Neshoba County at (601) 656-3451; Newton County at (601) 635-3342; and Scott County at (601) 469-2211
- Newton Crisis Intervention Center Central Mississippi - (601) 683-4300
- The Wesley House Community Center in Meridian is an official Sexual Assault Center that can provide: (1) a Sexual Assault team composed of the Victim Services staff, law enforcement, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, and Sexual Assault Response Team as well as Professional Therapists available for clients and their families. Appointments can be made by calling the center and requesting an appointment at (601) 485-4736.
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: (800) 656-4673

Academic and Housing Accommodations – A student who believes he/she has been the victim of sexual misconduct as well as a student who has been accused of sexual misconduct may contact the Vice President for Student Services at 601-635-6375 to request consideration of the following interim actions when related to the incident or accusation of sexual misconduct:

- Interim suspension of an accused student or employee;
- Making alternative housing or workplace arrangements;
- Modifying class or work schedules, as necessary;
- Addressing other academic or workplace concerns, e.g. incompletes, leaves, or withdrawal;
- No-contact directives;
- Involving law enforcement to assist with order or safety; and/or
- Any other appropriate actions warranted by the circumstances.

## VII. Reporting Sexual Misconduct

ECCC encourages all members of the campus community to report any incident of sexual misconduct. The College has adopted procedures to promptly and fairly address concerns, complaints, and grievances about sexual misconduct. Student complaints or grievances may be submitted informally or formally via the College's Student Complaint Procedures or Student Grievance Procedures. Employee complaints or grievances may be submitted informally or formally via the College's Employee Grievance and Complaint Procedures. Although there is no time limit on filing a grievance with College administration, students and employees are highly encouraged to report incidents of or share information about sexual misconduct as soon as possible after the incident occurred. The College may ultimately be unable to adequately investigate if too much time has elapsed or if an accused individual has left the institution. Other factors that could negatively affect the College's ability to investigate include the loss of physical evidence or the potential departure of witnesses. The standard of proof as recommended by the Office of Civil Rights used in sexual misconduct hearings will be "preponderance of evidence" or "more likely than not" that the violation did/did not occur. There are two options students or employees can pursue to make a formal grievance of sexual misconduct.

### A. Filing a Grievance with College Administration

Students may file a grievance of sexual misconduct by a college employee by contacting the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction at 601-635-6203. Students may file a grievance of sexual misconduct by another student to the Vice President for Student Services at 601-635-6375. Upon receipt of a sexual misconduct grievance, the Vice President for Student Services will report the grievance to the Title IX Coordinator. Employees may file a grievance of sexual misconduct by a college employee by contacting the Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction at 601-635-6203. College administration will counsel students and employees regarding the grievance process.

## B. Making a Report to Law Enforcement

In the case of an emergency, victims should call 911 from wherever they are, and a law enforcement official will respond to assist them. In non-emergency situations, allegations of sexual misconduct can also be reported to the campus police at 601-635-6268 and after hours at 601-527-8939. Victims of rape should attempt to preserve evidence by making every effort to save anything that might contain the perpetrator's DNA. Therefore, a victim should not bathe or shower, use the restroom, change clothes, comb hair, clean up the scene, or move anything the offender may have touched. Even if the victim has not yet decided to report the crime, receiving a forensic medical exam and keeping the evidence safe from damage will improve the chances that the police can access and test the stored evidence at a later date.

## VIII. Investigation of Grievances

Care and consideration of the victim's wishes will be taken into account throughout the intervention process. Individuals who feel that they are victims of any sexual misconduct are urged to file a complaint or grievance with the Title IX Coordinator, Campus Police Department, Dean of Students, or the Vice President for Student Services. The College strongly recommends that all victims seek immediate medical assistance. A victim may have internal or external injuries and may need treatment for disease or infection. Additionally, the College strongly recommends that all victims seek counseling and emotional assistance. A full range of support services can be initiated through the office of the Title IX Coordinator or the Vice President for Student Services.

The lead investigator for any sexual misconduct issues will typically be the college's Title IX Coordinator/Vice President for Instruction. If circumstances arise where it is inappropriate for this person or this person is unable to serve as the lead investigator, the responsibility will be assigned to the Vice President for Student Services or another campus official trained in issues of sexual misconduct. For student and employee grievances against a student of the College, results of the investigation and/or the subsequent hearing will be referred to the Vice President for Student Services for consideration of possible disciplinary action against an accused student using the list of possible sanctions below. For student and employee grievances against an employee of the College, results of the investigation and/or the subsequent hearing will be referred to the Vice President for Business Operations for consideration of possible disciplinary action against an accused employee using the list of possible sanctions below.

## IX. Student and Employee Rights

ECCC takes all claims of sexual misconduct seriously and will afford certain rights to individuals involved in such conduct, whether they are a grievant or the accused. The rights for a grievant and an accused include:

- The right to an investigation and appropriate resolution of all credible complaints or grievances of sexual misconduct made in good faith to college administrators;
- The right to have complaints or grievances of sexual misconduct responded to quickly and with sensitivity;
- The right to be treated with respect by College officials;
- The right to preservation of confidentiality to the extent possible and allowed by law;
- The right to a grievance hearing closed to the public;
- The right to have complaints or grievances filed with and investigated by employees who have received sexual misconduct adjudication training;
- The right to be fully informed of any hearing policies and procedures as well as the nature and extent of all alleged violations contained within the grievance;
- The right to bring an advisor (a student, faculty member, other adult, etc.) to all phases of the investigation and hearing proceeding. The advisor may not speak without permission but may only advise;
- The right to present relevant witnesses to any hearing proceeding;
- The right not to have irrelevant prior sexual history admitted as evidence in a campus hearing;
- The right to appeal the finding of the Hearing Committee according to established procedures for student due process or employee due process as determined by the College; and
- The right to be informed (simultaneously for the grievant and the accused) verbally and in writing of the outcome of the investigation and/or hearing proceeding and applicable appeal procedures.

## XI. Sanctions

Examples of possible sanctions for sexual misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Expulsion/Termination from the College: Permanent separation of the student or employee from the College and all College functions or activities;
- Suspension from the College: Suspension for a definite period of time or temporary separation of the student or employee from the College and all College functions or activities;
- Disciplinary Probation: Probation with or without loss of designated privileges for a definite period of time. The violation of the terms of disciplinary probation may be grounds for suspension, expulsion, and/or termination from the College;
- Loss of Privileges: Loss of privileges as may be consistent with the offense committed and the rehabilitation of the student or employee. Examples include, but are not limited to, removal from the residence hall or campus housing and/or suspension from campus activities, i.e. athletic contests, intramurals, other extra-curricular activities;
- Appropriate Training: Students or employees may be required to attend sensitivity or other appropriate training;
- Fines: Students may be fined according to the Student Disciplinary Procedures where appropriate; and
- Other appropriate sanction(s) as determined by College administration.

Depending on the severity of the sexual misconduct behavior(s) and/or action(s), multiple sanctions may be administered by College administration to the accused student or employee.

## **STUDENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

The purpose of the policy addressing student complaints is to provide equitable and orderly processes to resolve complaints by students at East Central Community College. A student complaint is defined as a difference or dispute between a student and the College or a student and a College employee related to services rendered. Any student who wishes to make a complaint to East Central Community College about a college program, a course assignment, a classroom practice, a service of the college, an employee of the college, or any other aspect of the college should follow the procedures provided in this policy.

There are distinct student complaints, defined by the College as student grievances, not governed by this policy. Grievances include incidents related to perceived violations of college policies, perceived sexual, racial, and other harassment, and/or perceived discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, and/or disability. In these instances, students should refer to Policy 822.1, STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES. In addition, students should refer to Policy 821, STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND DUE PROCESS for all matters related the student disciplinary process.

East Central Community College encourages students to resolve complaints that affect their college experience as informally as possible. Therefore, for all student complaints, the student should first discuss the problem with the faculty member, staff member, or administrator involved prior to initiating formal complaint procedures under this policy. Often, student complaints can be resolved informally, however, if informal efforts are not productive or appropriate in resolving the complaint, the student should follow the procedures enumerated herein.

### ***Non-instructional Matters***

Students who wish to complain about non-instructional matters should contact the Vice President for Student Services within ten (10) working days of the occurrence of the incident upon which the complaint is based. The name and contact information of the student filing the complaint, the nature of the complaint, the remedy sought, previous efforts to informally resolve the complaint, and all other pertinent information must be in writing and either be delivered in person or mailed to the Vice President for Student Services, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327; telephone (601) 635-2111, ext. 204 or 205. Failure to give such written notice to the Vice President for Student Services within the timeframe described above shall constitute a waiver by the student to present his/her complaint.

All complaints of a non-instructional nature will be referred by the Vice President for Student Services to an appropriate college official for response. A college official not directly involved in the complaint will review the facts and make the final determination regarding the complaint. A timely response will be given to the student and the Vice President for Student Services by the appropriate college official.

If the student is not satisfied with the resolution of the complaint, the student may appeal the decision in writing to the Vice President for Student Services within three (3) working days of notification of the decision. Failure to give such written notice to the Vice President for Student Services within the timeframe described above shall constitute a waiver by the student of any further consideration of the matter.

Upon receipt of an appeal under the provisions of this complaint policy, the Vice President for Student Services will investigate the complaint. The Vice President for Student Services, in his/her discretion, may require the submission of additional evidence prior to making a decision on the student's complaint or may schedule a meeting with the student to further discuss the complaint. In any meeting with the student to discuss the complaint, the appropriate college official who presented the initial response shall be in attendance to address questions. A timely response will be given to the student by the Vice President for Student Services. The decision of the Vice President for Student Services shall be deemed final with regard to non-instructional student complaint procedures at East Central Community College.

The above steps shall exhaust full recourse available at the College for all non-instructional student complaints. No adverse action will be taken against a student filing a complaint or an appeal under the provisions of this policy solely on the basis of the complaint filed.

### ***Instructional Matters***

Students who wish to complain about instructional matters should contact the Vice President for Instruction within ten (10) working days of the occurrence of the incident upon which the complaint is based. The name and contact information of the student filing the complaint, the nature of the complaint, the remedy sought, previous efforts to informally resolve the complaint, and all other pertinent information must be in writing and either be delivered in person or mailed to the Vice President for Instruction, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327; telephone (601) 635-2111, ext. 203. Failure to give such written notice to the Vice President for Instruction within the timeframe described above shall constitute a waiver by the student to present his/her complaint.

All complaints of an instructional nature will be referred by the Vice President for Instruction to an appropriate college official for response. A college official not directly involved in the complaint will review the facts and make the final determination regarding the complaint. A timely response will be given to the student and the Vice President for Instruction by the appropriate college official.

If the student is not satisfied with the resolution of the complaint, the student may appeal the decision in writing to the Vice President for Instruction within three (3) working days of notification of the decision. Failure to give such written notice to the Vice President for Instruction within the timeframe described above shall constitute a waiver by the student of any further consideration of the matter.

Upon receipt of an appeal under the provisions of this complaint policy, the Vice President for Instruction will investigate the complaint. The Vice President for Instruction, in his/her discretion, may require the submission of additional evidence prior to making a decision on the student's complaint or may schedule a meeting with the student to further discuss the complaint. In any meeting with the student to discuss the complaint, the appropriate college official who presented the initial response shall be in attendance to address questions. A timely response will be given to the student by the Vice President for Instruction.

The only instructional matters that may be appealed by a student through due process procedures are those that relate to charges of academic dishonesty (refer to Policy 821, STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AND DUE PROCESS). and perceived errors in the transmittal of grades (refer to Policy 404.3.1., CONTESTING FINAL GRADES). Therefore, the decision of the Vice President for Instruction shall be deemed final with regard to instructional student complaint procedures at East Central Community College.

The above steps shall exhaust full recourse available at the College for all instructional student complaints. No adverse action will be taken against a student filing a complaint or an appeal under the provisions of this policy solely on the basis of the complaint filed.

### ***Documentation***

East Central Community College shall maintain comprehensive records of all non-instructional and instructional complaints received for a period of five years. The records shall contain aggregate data on complaints and specific data on each complaint. Documentation of all non-instructional and instructional complaints required to support this policy shall be maintained in the Vice President for Student Services' office (non-instructional) and the Vice President for Instruction's office (instructional). Documentation will contain the following:

1. Student Handbook, College Catalog, and Policies and Procedures Manual;
2. a log of complaints; and
3. all individual complaint files.

A log of all non-instructional and instructional complaints will be maintained in the Vice President for Student Services' office (non-instructional) and the Vice President for Instruction's office (instructional). Each log will contain the following:

1. a complaint number assigned to each complaint preceded by the last two digits of the calendar year in which the complaint was filed, e.g., 94-001;
2. the date of receipt of the complaint;
3. the name and address of the complainant;
4. the name of the individual(s) assigned to handle the complaint;
5. the date of response to the complaint;
6. the date of resolution; and
7. the final disposition of the complaint.

An individual file for each non-instructional and instructional complaint will be maintained in the Vice President for Student Services' office (non-instructional) and the Vice President for Instruction's office (instructional). Each individual file will include the following information.

1. the initial complaint;
2. all correspondence related to the complaint; and
3. written documentation of the final determination with the signatures of the party or parties who submitted the complaint and the representative(s) of the institution who made the final determination.

## **STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

East Central Community College defines a student grievance as a claim raised by a student, alleging improper, unfair, arbitrary, or discriminatory action by an employee involving the application of a specific provision of a college policy or a state or federal law. A grievance against the College and/or a College official arises when a student believes, based on established administrative policies and procedures, he or she has been subjected to discriminatory behavior by a department or College representative (faculty or staff) acting within their role and duty. A grievance of personal misconduct by a faculty member or other College employee arises when a student believes he or she is the subject of inappropriate behavior outside of the employee's role and duties within the College. Students who wish to file a grievance concerning any of the issues listed above should follow the procedures herein. Student grievances related to sexual misconduct should follow procedures outlined in Policy 740.1, ***SEXUAL MISCONDUCT***.

### ***Informal Grievance Resolution***

Prior to bringing a formal grievance forward against the College or a College official acting within his/her role or duty, students are encouraged to attempt a good-faith resolution of the grievance. This attempt may be made with the party directly involved with the disputed matter, or with the chairperson of the department or division in which the grievance arises. Please note that there are cases when it is appropriate to go directly to the formal grievance resolution process. Attempts at informal resolution should be initiated within thirty (30) calendar days of the incident in dispute.

### ***Formal Grievance Resolution***

Should a situation arise in which a student is unable to resolve his or her grievance informally, the college's formal student grievance process presented in this policy may be employed. The Vice President for Instruction or the Vice President for Student Services will address the student grievance based upon the nature and content of the grievance.



***Discrimination Related Grievance  
(Title VI/Title IX other than Sexual Misconduct)***

A student grievance related to discrimination and perceived non-compliance with provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its amendments or Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and its amendments should be presented to the Vice President for Instruction within thirty (30) calendar days of the occurrence of the incident upon which the grievance is based. Failure to give such written notice to the Vice President for Instruction within this timeframe shall constitute a waiver by the student to present his/her grievance. The written grievance must be signed by the student and contain, at a minimum:

1. name, address, and contact information of the student filing the grievance;
2. the identity of the individual or office against whom the grievance is brought;
3. a description of the specific action(s) or behavior(s) resulting in this grievance including date(s);
4. an explanation of how a law identified above or a college policy was allegedly violated by the action(s) or behavior(s);
5. a brief summary of the evidence supporting the allegation(s) including witness(es), if any; and
6. the remedy sought by the student.

The written student grievance must either be delivered in person or mailed to the Vice President for Instruction, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327; telephone (601) 635-2111, ext. 203.

***Disability-Related Grievance  
(ADA/Section 504)***

A student grievance related to a disability and perceived non-compliance with provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its amendments and/or the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its Amendments should be presented to the Vice President for Student Services within thirty (30) calendar days of the occurrence of the incident upon which the grievance is based. Failure to give such written notice to the Vice President for Student Services within this timeframe shall constitute a waiver by the student to present his/her grievance. The written grievance must be signed by the student and contain, at a minimum,;

1. name, address, and contact information of the student filing the grievance;
2. the identity of the individual or office against whom the grievance is brought;
3. a description of the specific action(s) or behavior(s) resulting in this grievance including date(s);
4. an explanation of how a law identified above or a college policy was allegedly violated by the action(s) or behavior(s);
5. a brief summary of the evidence supporting the allegation(s) including witness(es), if any; and
6. the remedy sought by the student.

The written student grievance must either be delivered in person or mailed to the Vice President for Student Services, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327; telephone (601) 635-2111, ext. 204 or 205.

***Investigation of a Student Grievance***

Upon receipt of a formal grievance by a student (herein after “the Grievant”) under the provisions of this policy, the appropriate Vice President will conduct an investigation to determine if there is reasonable cause to believe a specific provision of a college policy or a state or federal law has been violated by the College or an official of the College. The investigation conducted by the appropriate Vice President may involve interviewing witnesses, meeting with the parties involved, requesting written statements from the witnesses and/or parties, and/or making any other appropriate inquiries. Before any determination is made, the individual whose actions are the subject of the grievance (herein after “the Respondent”) will be informed as to the nature of the grievance and will have an opportunity to respond. The investigation is designed to provide a fair and reliable determination about whether the College’s nondiscrimination policy or a state or federal law has been violated. Following the conclusion of the investigation, the appropriate Vice President will meet with the Grievant and the Respondent to inform each of the results of the investigation. If, based on the preponderance of the evidence, a violation has been confirmed, the College will implement a prompt and effective remedy designed to end the action(s) or behavior(s) that are the subject of the grievance, prevent its recurrence, and address its effects. In addition, the Vice President will notify any other college officials, as appropriate, of the outcome of the investigation to determine a course of action against the Respondent.

***Appeal to a Student Grievance Committee***

If the Grievant is not satisfied with the results of the investigation, he/she may submit an appeal of the decision of the Vice President and request a hearing before a Student Grievance Committee. The appeal must be in writing and signed by the Grievant and must be submitted within three (3) working days of notification of the Vice President’s decision. The appeal must either be delivered in person or mailed to the appropriate Vice President using the mailing address and contact information above. Failure to give such written notice to the appropriate Vice President within the timeframe described above shall constitute a waiver by the Grievant of any further consideration of the grievance. The letter of appeal regarding a student grievance should contain, at a minimum,;

1. name, address, and contact information of the student filing the appeal; and
2. reason(s) for filing the appeal.

Upon receipt of an appeal in the case of a student grievance, the appropriate Vice President will inform the President. At that time, the President will appoint a three (3)-member Student Grievance Committee to hear the student’s appeal of the grievance. The Student Grievance Committee will be made up of one (1) member of the faculty, one (1) member of the professional staff or administration, and (1) currently enrolled student. No member of the Committee may be personally or professionally associated with the grievance. The appropriate Vice President will schedule a hearing before the Student Grievance Committee within ten (10) days of the receipt of the appeal.

At the hearing of the Student Grievance Committee, the appropriate Vice President will serve as the Chairperson of the hearing and shall not cast a vote. As chairperson, the Vice President will be responsible for the conduct of the hearing which may include limiting questioning and testimony to relevant issues. During the hearing, the Grievant and the Respondent shall have the following rights:

1. The right to be advised by a personal advisor of their choice, at their expense, and to be accompanied by that advisor at the hearing. Please note that an advisor may only consult and advise the Grievant or Respondent, but not speak at the hearing. These procedures are entirely administrative in nature and are not considered legal proceedings. The College may remove or dismiss an advisor who becomes disruptive or who does not abide by the restrictions on their participation as explained above. Also, if the Grievant or Respondent will be accompanied by an advisor, he/she must inform the Vice President at least five (5) calendar days before the schedule date of the hearing.
2. The right to present the testimony of witnesses as well as other evidence relevant to the grievance;
3. The right to cross-examine witnesses; and
4. The right to examine all submitted documents and other evidence, subject to confidentiality protections that may apply.

During the hearing, the Student Grievance Committee may ask questions of the Grievant, the Respondent, and any witnesses in order to gather additional information about the grievance. The Student Grievance Committee is not bound by federal or state rules of evidence, but shall make all decisions based on the relevant evidence submitted and/or presented as part of the proceeding. The Vice President conducting the hearing will appoint a college employee to take minutes during the hearing before the Student Grievance Committee.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Student Grievance Committee shall enter into Executive Session and determine whether the preponderance of the evidence submitted or presented as part of the proceeding demonstrates that the Respondent has violated the policy and/or law at issue. Within ten (10) calendar days of the hearing, the Student Grievance Committee will issue a brief written statement to the Vice President as to their determination. If a majority of the Student Grievance Committee finds that no policy or law has been violated, the Committee shall dismiss the grievance and the Vice President shall inform the Grievant and the Respondent of the outcome. If a majority of the Student Grievance Committee finds that the Respondent has violated the policy and/or law at issue, the Vice President shall inform the Grievant and the Respondent of the outcome. In addition, the Vice President will notify any other college officials, as appropriate, of the outcome of the Student Grievance Committee so that a prompt and effective remedy can be formulated to end the action(s) or behavior(s) that are the subject of the grievance, prevent its recurrence, address its effects, and determine an appropriate course of action against the Respondent.

### ***Appeal to the President***

If the Grievant is not satisfied with the determination of the Student Grievance Committee, he/she may submit an appeal to the President of the College. The appeal must be in writing and signed by the Grievant and must be submitted within three (3) working days of notification of the Student Grievance Committee's decision. The appeal must either be delivered in person or mailed to the President, East Central Community College, P. O. Box 129, Decatur, Mississippi 39327; telephone (601) 635-2111, ext. 201.

Failure to give such written notice to the President within the timeframe described above shall constitute a waiver by the Grievant of any further consideration of the grievance. The letter of appeal regarding a student grievance should contain, at a minimum,:

1. name, address, and contact information of the student filing the appeal; and
2. reason(s) for filing the appeal.

Upon receipt of an appeal in the case of a student grievance, the President shall consider the record of the hearing before the Student Grievance Committee in making his/her decision. However, the President, in his/her discretion, may require the submission of additional evidence prior to making a decision on the student's appeal or may schedule a meeting with the Grievant and the Respondent to discuss the grievance. In any meeting with the Grievant and the Respondent to discuss the grievance, the chairperson of the Student Grievance Committee, or the chairperson's designated representative, shall represent the Committee.

The decision of the President shall be transmitted within three (3) working days, in writing, to the Grievant and the Respondent. The decision of the President of East Central Community College on the appeal of a student grievance will be deemed final.

The above steps shall exhaust full recourse available at the College for all student grievances. Documentation of grievances filed under this policy shall be maintained in the office of the appropriate Vice President as described in Policy 822, STUDENT COMPLAINT PROCEDURES.

## **DRUG AND ALCOHOL AWARENESS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Federal law requires that every student and employee of East Central get a copy of this brochure. The intent of the requirement is to make you aware of the risks associated with substance abuse. We have tried to include the basic information in a style, which is easy to use. It is our goal that you use this information as you make personal decisions about your life.

### **EAST CENTRAL'S POLICIES**

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited at East Central Community College. One's employment at East Central is contingent on the acceptance of the terms of this policy, and employees engaging in such activities are subject to a review of their employment status.

The following regulations of student conduct have been developed...Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages, narcotics or other controlled substances are prohibited and are cause for dismissal. Violators will be required to appear before the appropriate authorities for disciplinary action. Students found guilty by the Discipline Committee are subject to expulsion from school.

**AVAILABLE SERVICES**

Please contact one of the following personnel to refer someone who needs assistance:

Mr. John Harris, Campus Police Chief

Mr. James Miller, Dean of Students

Mr. Michael Alexander, Academic Counselor

Mrs. Lanette Hanna, Academic Counselor

TBD, Workforce Education Counselor

**X=FEDERAL SANCTIONS**

*Federal Trafficking Penalties*

*As of January 1, 1996*

CSA	PENALTY		Quantity	DRUG	Quantity	PENALTY		
	2nd Offense	1st Offense				1st Offense	2nd Offense	
I and II	Not less than 10 years, not more than life.  If death or serious injury, not less than life.  Fine of not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years.  If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yers, or more than life.  Fine of not more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	10-99 gm pure or 100-999 gm mixture	METHAMPHETAMINE	100 gm or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture	Not less than 10 years, not more than life.  If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, or more than life  Fine of not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Not less than 20 years, not more than life.  If death or serious injury, not less than life.	
			100-999 gm mixture	HEROINE	1 kg or more mixture			
			500-4,999 gm mixture	COCAINE	5 kg or more mixture			
			5-49 gm mixture	COCAINE BASE	50 gm or more mixture			
			10-99 gm pure or 100-999 gm mixture	PCP	100 gm or more pure or 1 kg or more mixture			
			1-9 gm mixture	LSD	10 gm or more mixture			
			40-399 gm mixture	FENTANYL	400 gm or more mixture			
10-99 gm mixture	FENTANYL ANALOGUE	100 gm or more mixture						
<b>Drug</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>First Offense</b>		<b>Second Offense</b>				
Others (Law does not include marijuana, hashish or hash oil.)	ANY	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine \$1 million individual, \$5 million not individual.		Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million not individual.				
III	ALL	ANY	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual.		Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million not individual.			
IV	ALL	ANY	Not more than 3 years. Fine not more than \$250,000 individual, \$1 million not individual.		Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million not individual.			
V	ALL	ANY	Not more than 1 year. Fine not more than \$100,000 individual, \$250,000 not individual		No more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million not individual			

\*Does not include Marijuana, Hashish or Hash Oil.

*Federal Trafficking Penalties-Marijuana*

*As of January 1, 1996*

Quantity	Description	First Offense	Second Offense
1,000 kg or more mixture; or 1,000 or more plants	Marijuana	Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.	Not less than 20 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not more than life. Fine not more than \$8 million individual, \$20 million other than individual.
100 kg to 999 kg; or 100-999 plants	Marijuana	Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$2 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	Not less than 10 years, not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine not more than \$4 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.
50-99 kg mixture; or 50 to 99 plants	Marijuana	Not more than 20 years. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 years, not more than life. Fine \$1 million individual, \$5 million other than individual.	Not more than 30 years. If death or serious injury, not more than life. Fine \$2 million individual, \$10 million other than individual.
Less than 50 kg mixture	Marijuana	Not more than 5 years. Fine not more than \$250,000, \$1 million other than individual.	Not more than 10 years. Fine \$500,000 individual, \$2 million other than individual.
10 kg or more	Hashish		
1 kg or more	Hashish Oil		

## STATE SANCTIONS

### **Mississippi Drug Trafficking Penalties (Except Marijuana)**

	<b>First Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent Offenses</b>
Schedules I and II	Maximum jail term of 30 years or Maximum fine of \$1,000,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense See notes 1 and 2
Schedules III and IV	Maximum jail term of 20 years or Maximum fine of \$250,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense See notes 1 and 2
Schedule V	Maximum jail term of 10 years or Maximum fine of \$50,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense See notes 1 and 2

Note 1: Sale or transfer of certain amounts of marijuana and other controlled substances within a 12-month period carries a sentence of life imprisonment with no possibility of parole or suspension.

Note 2: Anyone over 21 years old convicted of sale or manufacturing of Schedule I-V drugs to a person under 21 years of age may be fined as set out above, and may be imprisoned for twice the stated time.

### **Mississippi Possession Penalties (Except for Marijuana)**

	<b>First Offense</b>	<b>Subsequent Offenses</b>
1. Schedules I and II	Maximum jail term of 3 years or Maximum fine of \$30,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense.
2. Schedules III, IV, and V	Maximum jail term of 1 year or Maximum fine of \$5,000 or both	Twice the penalty for a first offense.

### **Mississippi Marijuana Penalties**

#### **A. Trafficking**

1. First offense - one ounce or less; Maximum jail term of 3 years; or Maximum fine of \$3,000, or both
2. First offense - less than one kilogram but more than one ounce; Maximum jail term of 20 years; or Maximum fine of \$30,000, or both
3. First offense - one kilogram or more; Maximum jail term of 30 years; or Maximum fine of \$1,000,000, or both
4. Subsequent offenses - Twice the above-stated penalties
5. See Notes 1 and 2 above

#### **B. Possession**

1. One ounce or less
  - \* First Offense - fine of \$100 to \$250
  - \* Second Offense within 2 years - fine of \$250 and 5 to 60 days in jail and mandatory participation in drug education program
  - \* Third offense within 2 years - fine of \$250 to \$500 and 5 days to 6 months in jail
2. More than one ounce but less than one kilogram
  - a. Maximum jail term of one year or maximum fine of \$1,000, or both or
  - b. Maximum jail term of 3 years or maximum fine of \$3,000 or both
3. One kilogram or more  
Maximum jail term of 20 years, or maximum fine of \$1,000,000, or both
4. Possession in a motor vehicle of more than one gram but less than one ounce  
Maximum jail term of 90 days and maximum fine of \$1,000

### **Mississippi Penalties for Illegal Alcohol Sales, Possession, and Driving Under the Influence**

Sale or transfer of alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age

First offense -

Fine of \$500 to \$1,000

Subsequent offenses-

Fine of \$1,000 to \$2,000, or maximum jail term of 1 year, or both

Possession or purchase of alcoholic beverages by a person under the age of 21 years-

Fine of \$100

Misrepresentation of age to purchase alcoholic beverages

Fine of \$25 to \$500, or 30 days of community service, or both

Driving under the influence of alcoholic beverages or other impairing substances

\* First offense - Fine of \$250 to \$1,000, or jail term of 24 hours, or both, and driver's license suspended for 90 days

\* Second offense within 5 years - Fine of \$600 to \$1,000 and jail term of 48 hours to 1 year and driver's license suspended for 2 years

\* Third offense within 5 years - Fine of \$800 to \$1,000 and jail term of 30 days to 1 year and driver's license suspended for 5 years

\* Fourth and subsequent offenses within 5 years - Fine of \$2,000 to \$5,000 and jail term of 90 days to 5 years and driver's license suspended for 5 years

*Note: in addition to the above penalties, an individual driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, and negligently causing death or injury to another, faces a maximum jail term of 10 years.*

## HEALTH RISKS

*Drugs are chemical substances effecting both the mind and body. The use of any drug may affect an unborn child. The prolonged use of any drug may lead to physical and/or psychological dependence. An overdose of any drug may lead to death. The following list includes the various kinds of drugs, common names of drugs, and descriptions of the possible health risks. This list is not extensive, and other risks may be involved.*

<u>DRUG/STREET NAMES</u>	<u>HEALTH EFFECTS</u>	<u>SYMPTOMS</u>
<b>Alcohol</b> , beer, wine, wine coolers, liquor  (1-12 hours effect)	Causes depressions, aggression, slurred speech, muscular incoordination. Frequent use can lead to cirrhosis of liver, pancreatitis, brain disorders, vitamin deficiencies & malnutrition. Can lead to coma or death in large quantities.	Puffiness of face, redness of eyes, depression disorientation, shallow respiration, nausea, cold and clammy skin, dehydration, slurred speech, impairs muscle coordination memory and judgement.
<b>Marijuana</b> /pot, reefer, grass, THC, hash, hash oil, herb, cannabis  (2-4 hours effect)	Can impair memory perception and judgment by destroying brain cells. Raises blood pressure. Contains more known carcinogens (poisons) than cigarettes.	Euphoria, relaxed inhibitions disoriented behavior, staring off into space, hilarity without cause. Time distortion. Bloodshot eyes, dry mouth & throat, increased appetite.
<b>Barbiturates, methaqualone</b> / Quaaludes, ludes, yellow jackets, red devils, blue devils, Nebutal, Seconal, spoores, Valium, Tranxene, Xanax, Librium  (1-16 hours effect)	Can cause slurred speech; staggering gait; poor judgement, and slow uncertain reflexes. Large doses can cause unconsciousness and death. Mixing of these depressants with alcohol causes thousands of accidental deaths in US each year.	Fatigue, hallucinations, depression. Slurred speech, disorientation, drunken behavior with no odor of alcohol. Sedation, fatigue, decreased breathing, pulse and blood pressure.
<b>Cocaine</b> /coke, snow, blow, gold dust, lady, Bernice, C, toot  (1/2 to 2 hours effect)	Causes dilated pupils, increased blood pressure, heart rate, breathing rate & body temperature. Can cause seizures, heart attacks and death.	Apathy, Anxiety, sleeplessness, paranoia, hallucinations, craving for more cocaine. Weight loss. Constant sniffing. Mood swings.
<b>Crack Cocaine</b> /crack, rock (5-10 minute effect)	More & stronger cocaine is getting to the brain quicker, increasing risks of cocaine use.	Same as cocaine
<b>Amphetamines</b> /uppers, speed, black beauties dexies, bennies, crystal meth, crank, crystal, ice, hearts, crossroads, white crosses, caffeine, nicotine, diet pills  (1/2 to 2 hours effect)	Increases heart rate, breathing rate, blood pressure. High doses can cause tremors, loss of coordination & death from stroke or heart failure. Frequent use of large amounts can produce brain damage, ulcers, malnutrition, hallucinations, convulsions and coma.	Decreased appetite, dilated pupils, sleeplessness, agitation, unusual increase in activity, mood swings, paranoia, anti-social behavior, loss of appetite, anxiety, weight loss.
<b>PCP</b> (phencyclidine)/angel dust, killer dust, killer weed, crystal cyclone, elephant tranquilizer, rocket fuel  (Variable effects)	Increased heart rate, and blood pressure. Large doses can cause convulsions, comas, heart & lung failure and ruptured brain vessels. Users may show long-term effects on memory, judgement, concentration & perception.	Sweating, dizziness, numbness, hallucinations, confusion, agitation. Violence and aggression or silence & withdrawn state. Poor perception of time and distance. Over dose can lead to death.
<b>NARCOTICS</b> Heroin/Mexican brown, China White, Persian Porcelain, "H", smack, horse, junk, black tar, Codeine, Morphine, Opium, Meporidine-demoral, Paragoric, Percodan, Fentanyl, Darvon, Talwin, Tussionex (12 -24 hours effect)	Repeated use can lead to infections of the heart lining & valves, skin abscesses & congested lungs. May cause nausea and vomiting. Can lead to convulsions, coma & death.	Watery eyes, runny nose, yawning, loss of appetite, tremors, irritability panic, chills, sweating, cramps, nausea, apathy, euphoria, itching, constricted pupils, reduced vision.
<b>Gas &amp; Glue</b> /rush, Locker Room, aerosol cans, Poppers, snappers, amyl nitrate, gasoline, lighter Fluid, whippets. (Inhaled through a saturated Cloth or in a bag covering nose and mouth.) (Variable effects)	Brain damage occurs when used over a long period of time. All these chemicals carry considerable risk, particularly of cardiac arrhythmia. Nausea, vomiting, Can also cause suffocation the first time or any time used.	Lack of coordination, slurred speech, drowsiness, loss of appetite, fatigue. Hallucinations, dizziness, scrambled words & disconnected sentences. Nausea, running nose, decreased heart rate.
<b>Hallucinogens/LSD</b> , Mescaline, Peyote, Mesc, buttons, Psilocybin, magic mushrooms acid, blotteracid, MDA-love drug  (3-12 hours effect)	Dilated pupils, nausea, increased blood pressure, hallucinations, stomach cramps, blackouts. Flashbacks, a recurrence of the drug effects, may be a problem for some. Overdose can lead to death.	Beady eyes, nervous, erratic behavior, laughing, crying, panic, personality changes, sees" smells, "hears" colors. Marked depersonalization. Psychological changes can be permanent. Poor perception of time and distance. Overdose can lead to death.
<b>MDMA</b> /Adam, Ecstasy, X-TC (A Designer Drug: Structural analogs of controlled substances.) (Variable effect)	Increased heart rate & blood pressure. Blurred vision, chills, sweating. Believed to cause permanent brain damage.	Confusion, depression, sleep problems, anxiety, paranoia, muscle tensions, involuntary teeth clenching, nausea.
<b>Steroids</b> (Variable effect) <i>Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse</i>	Can develop liver cancer, cardiovascular Problems, sterility, sexual dysfunction axnd stunted growth.	Similar to effects of anti-depressants and stimulants. Can increase moodiness and Aggressive behavior.

# **STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT**

## **A CAMPUS POLICY FOR REPORTING EMERGENCIES**

Students, faculty, or staff members may report emergencies of any type by contacting the Campus Police Department at 601-635-6268 or 601-527-8939. Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Faculty, staff, and administration are advised to inform students, employees or visitors to report any crime occurring on campus to the Campus Police Department at the above listed numbers.

## **ECCC CAMPUS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The ECCC Campus Police Department is a fully certified police department with full arrest powers as authorized by Section 37-29-27 Mississippi Code 1972. The department is vested with the authority to enforce all federal, state, and local laws as well as all policies and regulations of East Central Community College.

Full-time campus police officers are certified by the State of Mississippi as professional law enforcement officers. These officers are not only responsible for law enforcement, but also emergency management and support services unique to the college community.

The mission of the ECCC Campus Police Department is to provide a safe, secure environment for all faculty, staff, and students of East Central Community College. To accomplish this mission, the department provides crime prevention, criminal investigation, traffic control, and related services.

## **STUDENT ORIENTATION SESSION**

Students are informed of security procedures and practices through the Student Orientation sessions. The Vice President for Student Services and the Dean of Students conduct a Dormitory Meeting with all Campus Residents at the beginning of each semester.

## **WRITTEN INFORMATION**

Student Handbooks are provided to all dormitory students and are made available to all students. This handbook contains information about campus traffic regulations, reporting, and security procedures.

## **EAST CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FEDERAL CRIME AWARENESS AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT STATISTICAL DATA CALENDAR 2014**

OFFENSE	CASES REPORTED	CASES CLEARED
Homicide	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0
Assault	5	*5
Robbery	0	0
Burglary	2	0
Theft	3	*2
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0
Reckless Driving	45	*45
Liquor Law Violations	5	*5
Destruction of Properties	5	*5

\* Cases cleared via the discipline policies/procedures of East Central Community College

\*\* None of the crimes reported for this period were classified as a hate crime

## **SECURITY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY**

### ***STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:***

- \* Lock the doors and windows to their rooms at all times.
- \* Refrain from allowing strangers to enter their rooms.
- \* Call campus police or residence hall staff for assistance when needed.
- \* Walk with others at night on campus.
- \* Report suspicious persons/activities to residence hall staff or campus police immediately.
- \* Report crimes immediately to campus police.
- \* Take appropriate steps to secure personal property such as bikes, cars, jewelry, etc.
- \* Participate in security-related programs.
- \* Read, understand, and abide by the College and Residence Hall Rules and Regulations.
- \* Provide input to the College about how the campus can be made safer.
- \* Report, in writing, instances of obscene or harassing telephone calls or conversations.
- \* Provide insurance coverage for personal belongings.

**DO YOUR PART!!!**

## **ACCREDITATION**

East Central Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award the associate degree. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of East Central Community College.

## **NONDISCRIMINATION**

East Central Community College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or qualified disability in its educational programs and activities, employment practices, or admissions processes. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies of East Central Community College:

Inquiries regarding compliance with Title VI, ADEA, and Title IX is coordinated by Dr. Teresa Houston, Vice President for Instruction, Walter Arno Vincent Administration Building, Room 171, Post Office Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone: 601-635-6202, Fax: 601-635-4011, [thouston@eccc.edu](mailto:thouston@eccc.edu).

Inquiries regarding compliance with Section 504 and ADA is coordinated by Dr. Randall Lee, Vice President of Student Services, Eddie M. Smith Student Union, Room 201, Post Office Box 129, Decatur, MS 39327, Phone: 601-635-6375, Fax: 601-635-3247, [rlee@eccc.edu](mailto:rlee@eccc.edu).

## **DRUG FREE SCHOOL**

East Central Community College adheres to the requirements of the Drug Free Workplace Act and the Drug Free Schools Act passed by the United States Congress and signed by the President. The possession, manufacture or distribution of controlled substances is a violation of college rules and regulations. Please refer to the appropriate policies and disciplinary procedures outlined in this handbook and/or Health Related handbooks for more details.

## **STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW AND CAMPUS SECURITY ACT**

In compliance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act, Public Law 101-542, November 8, 1990, as amended 1993, East Central Community College provides statistical data on its graduates and the Campus Security Report. For further information, students may contact the Vice President for Student Services.

## **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

This statement provides guidelines for the management of intellectual property resources produced by East Central Community College faculty, administration, staff, students, or anyone utilizing college facilities or engaging under the direction of college personnel.

The Intellectual Property Policy 6.1.4.8.1 is located in the ECCC Policies and Procedures manual on the college website at [www.eccc.edu](http://www.eccc.edu).