

No-Contact Directives (Issued by South Texas College)

South Texas College is authorized to issue a No-Contact Directive prohibiting contact between members of the campus community when there exists a reasonable concern that physical or psychological harm may result from such contact. The facts and circumstances of a particular situation must be considered when determining whether a No-Contact Directive should be issued to an individual who is alleged to have violated the South Texas College Student Code of Conduct. Please note that South Texas College does not issue mutual No-Contact Directives without cause.

Individuals may request a no contact directive at any time before, during or after the completion of a thorough and impartial investigation or the complaint of the Administrative Student Conduct Process. South Texas College reserves the right to place alleged parties on interim suspension pending a hearing with 10 days, in instances where the alleged party has refused to sign the No-Contact Directive, and when the College has reason to believe that refusal to sign the No-Contact Directive may result in repeated unwanted contact or continued disruptive behavior by the alleged party.

South Texas College will consider all facts and circumstances that may be relevant to whether a No-Contact Directive should be issued, including, but not limited to, the following factors:

- When there are allegations, threats, or evidence of physical violence by one student against another.
- When there is an allegation or investigation of conduct that violates the Colleges Title IX Policy on Sexual Assault, Stalking and Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct.
- When there are allegations, threats, or evidence of emotional abuse or harassment by one student of another.
- When there is a substantial risk of emotional harm from continued contact between students.
- When continued contact between students may have a factual impact on campus disciplinary proceedings.
- When requested or agreed to in good faith by both students involved.

Contact includes, but is not limited to, in-person contact, telephone calls, email, texts and other forms of electronic communication, social media-based messages or postings, and third-party communications including communications through the use of proxies or other persons.

No-Contact Directives may include additional protective measures or other terms specific to the safety, well-being, or other needs of either or both students subject to the No-Contact Directive, when deemed necessary by the College. Any additional terms shall be expressly stated in the No-Contact Directive. Additional protective measures or terms need not be reciprocal, and may include, without limitation, the following:

- Restricting a student from being in close proximity to the other student.
- Restricting a student's access to certain campus locations.

- Restricting the times a student may be present in on-campus facilities.
- Requiring that the students not be enrolled in the same academic course(s).
- Requiring that the students not participate in the same co-curricular or extra-curricular activities.

No-Contact Directives may be issued by the Director of Student Conduct or his/her designee; and/or in instances pertaining to Title IX Policy on Sexual Assault, Stalking and Other Forms of Sexual Misconduct the Title IX Coordinator, or his/her designee.

No-Contact Directives remain in effect until the graduation or withdrawal of at least one of the parties, unless the No-Contact Directive expressly provides otherwise, or is modified or rescinded by the College. A student seeking the modification or rescission of a No-Contact Directive shall make such request to the Office of Student Conduct. The Office of Student Conduct shall consult with both parties to gather information pertaining to rescinding a No-Contact Directive; the information will be presented at the time of a scheduled meeting not later than 10 days after the request has been received.

Violations of No-Contact Directive are considered separate violations of the Student Code of Conduct and as such alleged parties are subject to further discipline under the South Texas College Student Code of Conduct.