

JONES COUNTY JUNIOR COLLEGE

Sex Offense Policy

2011-2012

Campus Counseling

Counseling - 601-477-4083
Director of Women's Housing - 601-477-4039
Director of Men's Housing - 601-477-5406
School Nurse - 601-477-4104

Counseling Services

Sexual Assault Crisis Center - (Free) 601-264-7777
South Central Regional Medical Center
601-426-9614
Pine Belt Mental Health Services
(Laurel) - 601-649-7921
(Hattiesburg) - 601-544-4641

Important Telephone Numbers

Emergency: 911
Campus Police: 601-477-4006
Ellisville Police: 601-477-9352
Jones County Sheriff's Department: 601-425-3147

Sexual assault is defined as attempted or actual unwanted sexual activity including "forcible" and "nonforcible" sex offenses. This includes but is not limited to rape.

Programs regarding sexual assault and safety awareness and self-defense are held each semester on the campus of Jones Junior College. The programs are sponsored by the school and conducted by experts in these areas.

Audio visual resources on safety awareness are available in the office of Campus Police. These may be used for curriculum infusion. Pamphlets regarding sexual assault are made available to students as well.

If you are the victim of a sexual offense:

1. Go to a safe place.
2. Try to preserve all physical evidence. Do not shower or bathe, wash your hands, use the toilet, change clothes, or wash your clothing or bedding. If you changed clothes, place all of your clothing in a paper (not plastic) bag.
3. Seek medical attention. A medical exam will provide any needed treatment and collect important evidence. School personnel will assist you in seeking medical attention if needed.
4. Call the Jones Junior College Police Department. To report an incident that has just occurred, or at a later date, call the JCJC police at 477-4006. Campus police are available 24 hours a day.

Note: reporting a crime and prosecuting are two separate procedures. Reporting means you tell the police what happened. Prosecuting means bringing formal charges against the attacker. Jones Junior College strongly recommends all crimes be reported to prevent other students from being endangered.

5. Seek counseling or other support. A victim who wishes to speak to someone confidentially is encouraged to contact the Counseling Center or the Vice President of Students Affairs. These individuals will help coordinate treatment and help change the students academic and/or on-campus living arrangements if requested.

The college has authority to discipline a student for sexual offenses even though the same student may be tried in the criminal courts. The Vice President of Student Affairs by delegated authority is assigned the responsibility of dealing with all disciplinary matters concerning the behavior of individuals, groups and/or student organizations. An attempt will be made to distinguish between careless and irresponsible behavior and predatory and aggressive behavior. Disciplinary probation or other action may be imposed by the Dean when involving minor infractions in lieu of an appearance before a disciplinary committee, provided the student agrees to such action. The student will sign a statement of acceptance which will be kept in a confidential file in the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs. Disciplinary probation as imposed by the Dean may be accompanied by whatever restrictions are deemed appropriate.

If disciplinary procedures are referred to the Student Affairs Committee, the committee may follow several courses of action. Disciplinary probation, provided the student agrees to such action, may be imposed.

Separation from the college may be imposed, which may take any of the following forms:

1. Suspension for the remainder of any semester in progress.
2. Suspension for a longer, but definitely stated, period of time.
3. Indefinite suspension with a date established for the privilege of applying for readmission, such application to be reviewed and acted upon by the committee.
4. To recommend expulsion which implies permanent separation from the college.

The victim has the following rights:

1. The right to have a person or persons of his choice accompany them throughout the disciplinary hearing.
2. The right to remain present during the entire proceeding.
3. The right, as established in state criminal codes, not to have his or her irrelevant past sexual history discussed during the hearing.
4. The right to make a victim impact statement⁶ and to suggest an appropriate penalty if the accused is found in violation of the code.
5. The right to be informed immediately of the outcome of the hearing.
6. The right to change academic or on-campus living conditions.

The student has the options of contacting Campus Police and/or the Jones County Sheriff's Department.

Campus, faculty and staff have the responsibility to report any physical location, etc., on campus that may present unsafe situations.