

Withlacoochee Technical College

Campus Safety and Security Report 2020-2021



INTRODUCTION

Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC) is an integral part of the community it serves. As such, WTC shares many of the same interests and problems, including a concern about crime. The college experiences many of the same risks and threats as the community in which it is located. We are seriously concerned about the safety and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and all visitors who participate in the many activities which we sponsor.

CAMPUS SAFETY & SECURITY POLICIES & PROCEDURES

It is the policy of WTC that all reasonable measures shall be taken to protect students, employees, and visitors. It is expected that all faculty, staff, and students will act in a safe manner and report any unsafe condition or dangerous situation. The college will not tolerate any type of disruptive or inappropriate behavior that interferes with the primary educational mission of WTC or creates a threat to any person or property.

WTC complies with state and federal laws which prohibits the sale, use, or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or weapons on campus. We cooperate fully with authorities in the enforcement of civil laws. WTC is recognized as a "Drug-Free Zone".

The Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) amended the Clery Act to require institutions to compile statistics for incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to include certain policies, procedures, and programs pertaining to these incidents.

SAFETY & SECURITY: EVERYONE'S CONCERN

Cooperation and involvement of teachers, students, staff and visitors is absolutely necessary to ensure maximum safety. All persons must assume responsibility for their own safety and security of personal belongings. No security plan can attain maximum effectiveness unless everyone contributes to making it work. The following is a list of common sense precautions:

- Never leave your purse or valuables unattended, even for a brief moment. Secure valuables whenever possible.
- Always lock your car. Lock valuables in your trunk.
- Do not loiter in the parking lot.
- Be sure to mark or label all property.

If you are on campus at night, take the following precautions:

- Always walk in groups or with at least one other person.

- Avoid working alone in a classroom or isolated location at night.
- Choose the most lighted pathway and stay on the sidewalks.

THERE IS SAFETY IN GROUPS

- Do not engage in any activity that might cause you harm or endanger another person or damage school property.
- Be alert of your surroundings at all times, and if you see anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, notify administration immediately.
- If you witness or are a victim of a crime, you must contact administration. Please be prepared to provide the following information:
 - Your name,
 - Quick description of any injury,
 - The location of the incident you are reporting,
 - A description of the scene,
 - A description of any possible suspects, and
 - A description of the vehicles involved (if any)

Become an involved and alert student. Your ideas, comments and contributions to our safety and security efforts are encouraged and welcomed. Remember, we are always looking for ways to ensure that our school is a safe, secure and healthy place to work and study. We challenge you to make this a personal objective while here.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Any person who believes they are a victim of sexual harassment should report it immediately. WTC will take prompt and appropriate action to end the misconduct and prevent its recurrence. Instructors at WTC are updated throughout the school year with important information on procedures for dealing with any sexual offenses.

An administrator is responsible for handling complaints. Each incident is handled in a private, sensitive manner. You can request to see an administrator in the Student Services Office.

CRIME STATISTICS

The 1990 Federal Campus Security Act requires that all post-secondary institutions make available crime statistics and security measures. In addition to the information contained in this publication, the following criminal statistics have been compiled for the period 2016-2017 through 2019-2020.

These statistics are kept on a year round basis.

CRIMES	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Homicide offenses	0	0	0	0
Sex offenses, forcible	0	0	0	0
Sex offenses, non-forcible	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0
Hate crimes (due to prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, or ethnicity)	0	0	0	0
Minor law violations	0	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0	0
Weapons possession	0	0	0	0
Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA)	0	0	0	0

NON-DISCRIMINATION INFORMATION

No person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, pregnancy, national or ethnic origin, gender/sex, age, disability, marital status, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or genetic information, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity, or in any employment conditions or practices conducted by the Citrus County School Board (CCSB), except as provided by law.

CCSB shall comply with all state and federal laws, which prohibit discrimination and are designed to protect the civil rights of applicants, employees, and/or students, or other persons protected by applicable law.

CCSB prohibits discrimination in the terms and conditions of employment, and in access to educational programs and activities, and prohibits harassment of any individual or group on the basis of race, color, religion, pregnancy, national or ethnic origin, gender/sex, age, disability, marital status, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or genetic information.

Lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation. CCSB may assess each student's ability to benefit from specific programs through placement tests and counseling, and if necessary, will provide services or referrals to better prepare students for successful participation.

CCSB will comply with all Federal requirements regarding discrimination and harassment including, but not limited to, 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 108.

CCSB Equity Contact is [Kit Humbaugh](#), Director of Student Services, Equity and Compliance Officer, 2575 E. Panther Pride Drive, Lecanto, FL 34461.

For more information on the Citrus County School District's non-discrimination and non-harassment policies, please refer to the Citrus County Schools Policy Manual.

All programs at WTC are in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1976, and the federal and the Citrus County School Board policies described above.

WTC MISSION STATEMENT: To provide the highest quality academic and technical education for current and emerging careers in a competitive workforce.

WTC VISION STATEMENT: To be a nationally recognized technical college of choice providing innovative high

tech education to advance the future of our community.