Manhattan School of Music Student Code of Conduct

Manhattan School of Music recognizes that students lie at the heart of our enterprise. The administration is committed to the wellbeing of the student body and the unimpeded functioning of the School, both of which are fundamental to our educational mission. To achieve these ends, and to encourage respect, cooperation, community and integrity, we set forth the following Code of Conduct to clearly outline our expectations of student behavior in our college division.

The Code of Conduct applies to the entire Manhattan School of Music campus, including Andersen Hall. The School also reserves the right to take appropriate action when off-campus behavior of an individual, group or organization interferes with the mission of the School and presents a danger to the health, safety and well-being of others.

This Code of Conduct does not include Sexual Misconduct violations as defined under Title IX of the Higher Education Amendment of 1972. Manhattan School of Music responds to sexual harassment, gender harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking through its Title IX/Sexual Misconduct Policy and the attendant procedures outlined in that policy. The Code of Conduct also does not include academic dishonesty, which is covered under the Academic Honesty Policy and enforced through the procedures described therein.

The Code of Conduct will be enforced through both informal and formal means, including through the Campus Judicial Process. The Dean of Students of Manhattan School of Music may summarily suspend a student from the School when, in his or her best judgment, such immediate action is necessary for protecting the health and safety of the College and/or any member of the College community.

The following Code of Conduct is a list of requirements and of prohibited behaviors which attempts to be comprehensive but is not exhaustive. All students enrolled at Manhattan School of Music are expected to comply with the reasonable requests of school officials and the published policies outlined in the Student Handbook, the Residence Hall Handbook and the Manhattan School of Music Catalogue. The Code does not override the policies set forth in those documents, on the MSM website, in the admission agreement, or by any lease agreement between the student and the School.

**Category A.** MSM finds the following violations extremely serious and subject to the highest sanctions. This category includes, but is not limited to, violation of public laws and criminal offenses on and off campus. Serious criminal offenses shall be defined as behavior which is (a) defined as a felony under New York law, and (b) indicates that the student constitutes a substantial danger to the safety of property of the School or members of the campus community. As stated above, students accused of serious criminal offenses, and other serious
Manhattan School of Music will comply with the law in regards to reporting violation of public laws and criminal offenses to the police.

1. Physical assaults resulting in serious or significant injury
2. Threats of physical or psychological harm, intimidation, harassment, or coercion
3. The sale of drugs in a manner that violates federal or state law and possession of felony quantities of drugs, under state or federal law.
4. Harassment, whether physical or verbal, oral or written, which is directed at an individual and/or member of a protected class, goes beyond protected free speech, or is likely to cause an immediate breach of peace. This includes any harassment done through electronic communications and social media platforms. These actions normally constitute "bias crimes;" more details about these violations are addressed in MSM's Bias Crimes Policy.
5. Undermining campus safety by setting off false fire alarms, discharging fire extinguishers, or tampering with security systems
6. Possessing or introducing dangerous weapons to campus, including but not limited to switchblades, knives with a blade exceeding three inches, straight razors, pistols, guns, mace, pepper spray, martial arts weapons, live ammunition, or paintball guns. Fireworks are considered explosive devices and are also not permitted on campus.
7. Violations of campus alcohol policy that result in injury or damage to property or undermine the safety and security of the campus community
8. Acts of theft or vandalism (including graffiti) against School or private property
9. Hazing, defined as an act which endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student, or which destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of initiation, admission into, affiliation with or as a condition for continued membership in a formal or informal group or organization. The express or implied consent of the victim will not be a defense.

Category B. The School has the obligation and the right to enforce policies which are aimed at ensuring the health and safety of members of the School community and visitors to the School. Manhattan School of Music will hold individuals or groups responsible for actions which endanger the safety, health, or life of any person. Policies and procedures aimed at maintaining an orderly atmosphere, systems and policies which govern health and safety, and proper School functioning are considered Category B violations -- they are matters which, while not as serious as Category A violations, are still subject to sanction. Manhattan School of Music will not tolerate disorderly or disruptive conduct which substantially threatens, harms, or interferes with School personnel or orderly school processes and functions. The School requires that any
individual or group complies with the reasonable requests of authorized personnel or their designees, as well as those of emergency management personnel.

1. At all reasonable times, a student shall comply with a request for identification from an employee or security guard of Manhattan School of Music.
2. Students will respect the building hours and will leave the premises at the appropriate time.
3. Students will cooperate with the staff supervising the facilities of Manhattan School of Music.
4. Students will not engage in acts of fraud. Some examples of these acts include but are not limited to the following: misrepresentation, falsifying records or documents, assuming the identity of another person, or furnishing fraudulent information.
5. Except for actions protected under state or federal law, a student may not willfully obstruct or disrupt any authorized activities on college premises or other Manhattan School of Music activities, including its classes, concerts or other public service functions.
6. When a student has a guest on campus, the appropriate guest procedures must be followed, and the student is responsible for the conduct of his or her guest and for any damages caused by that guest.
7. Obstruction of the rights of others to exercise free speech, press, expression, association and access to the established education facilities and processes.
8. A student may not engage in the prohibited activities outlined in Section 5 of the Academic Computing Policy.
9. A student may not be involved in acts that persons know, or should know, cause physical or psychological harm.
10. A student may not consume, buy, borrow, possess, lend or give as a gift any drug, narcotic, or alcoholic beverage in such a way that would be a violation of any local, state or federal law or the institutional Drug and Alcohol Policy.