

# Goddard College

## Community Life Agreements

We will respect the following agreements in our community life:

- Through our actions, we will maintain a safe and unthreatening environment.
- We will respect each other's limitations and physical needs.
- We will respect Goddard's environment, including its grounds, buildings and property.
- We will comply with the laws of the state with regard to alcohol and other substance use, smoking and other activities.
- We will comply with College policies regarding alcohol and other substance use, harassment and assault, and computer use.

Given these agreements, we further agree that the following behaviors are unacceptable anytime we are at Goddard or engaging with one another as members of the Goddard Community:

- Physical or Sexual Assault (as outlined in the Goddard Sexual Assault policy in this Handbook.
- Physically Endangering Behavior - including but not limited to use or possession of fireworks or weapons, the setting of fires without permission of student affairs staff, candles or incense in dorm rooms, the sale of illegal drugs, reckless driving or speeding, and the throwing of objects in any dangerous manner.
- Threatening and Intimidating Behavior - verbal threats to do violence, psychological intimidation, and/or the harassment of any person is unacceptable including sexual harassment as defined by the College Sexual Harassment policy and the Harassment on the Basis of Protected Class policy outlined in this Handbook. Goddard strongly opposes discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, marital/civil union status, age, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, veteran/uniformed service status, disability or other legally protected classification.
- Vandalism, damage to property, theft - Theft of or damage to personal or College property (due either to malice or carelessness.)

- Improper Upkeep - The College is required by Vermont law to maintain our facilities in accordance with health and fire codes. Rooms, lounges, and offices must be used and cared for in a responsible manner by community members.
- Guests – Overnight guests who are not students participating in the current residency are not permitted. This includes students staying in dorms after check out time for their residency and family members over the age of 18 unless they are childcare aides or are present to provide support to a student with a disability as set out in the student’s Educational Profile. Students may appeal to the Student Affairs Coordinator for exceptions in extraordinary cases (such as inclement weather). In such cases, the student host may be charged a fee. Guests eating in the dining hall must pay for their meals. If they do not, student hosts will be charged for their guest’s meals. In all cases, student hosts are responsible for the behavior of their guests. Guests may be asked to leave campus at the discretion of the Student Affairs Coordinator, Security Staff, or Dean of Planning and Community Life (or designee).
- Noise - excessive noise or noise that seriously infringes on student, staff or faculty working environment at any time, and noise after —quiet hours|| in or around dorms is also not acceptable. Dorm quiet hours are from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. (Socializing after Quiet Hours is welcome in the designated Social Space; however, noise should not be heard outside that space.)
- Use of Strongly Scented Products – many community members are allergic to such products, and may experience physical difficulties when they are in use in such close quarters as a residency.
- Smoking and Open Flames - The College community does not allow smoking of any kind in the dorm rooms or any indoor facility at Goddard College, nor does it permit the use of open flames including incense and candles.

Although this agreement may inconvenience some members of the community, especially those who smoke, the College must follow state laws regarding smoking and safety, and chooses to address the environmental and allergy concerns of other members of the community. Smoking is not permitted near windows or doorways of campus buildings. It is the smoker’s responsibility to dispose of cigarette butts in a safe and appropriate manner to avoid creating either fire hazards or unsightly litter.