

NCCC Board of Trustees Approved Policy

POLICY: Camping and Use of Tents on Campus

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North Country Community College, sponsored by Essex County and Franklin County, is part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system. The establishment of policies is the responsibility of the North Country Community College Board of Trustees, while assisting in the application and compliance with those policies is the responsibility of the College administration. We maintain and affirm that the most equitable and fair policies are those that involve shared governance, and we are committed to engaging the College community in the development/modification of established policies wherever possible. This policy follows that process.

I. POLICY STATEMENT

North Country Community College is committed to maintaining a clean, aesthetically pleasing, healthy, hygienic and safe work, educational, and living environment in order to effectively carry out its educational mission.

II. SCOPE

This policy is applicable to all North Country Community College students and staff.

III. DEFINITIONS

Prohibition of Camping:

- At indoor or outdoor locations, the establishment of, or evidence of an attempt to establish, or maintenance of any temporary or permanent living quarters at any location on College property other than in living quarters in residence halls and living quarters in apartments, or other College-affiliated housing is prohibited. This includes the establishment of any indoor and/or outdoor encampment erected in connection with any assembly of individuals pursuant to North Country Community College policies;
- Sleeping overnight in or under any parked vehicle on College property; or
- Establishing or maintaining indoors or outdoors, or in or under, any structure not designated for human occupancy, at any time during the day or night, or a temporary or permanent place for cooking, storing of personal belongings, or sleeping by setting up any bedding, sleeping bag, mattress, tent, hammock or other sleeping equipment, or by setting up any cooking equipment that has not been previously approved in writing by the Facilities and Grounds Department of the College.

Campus or Campuses is any College owned, leased, licensed or operated space, facility, property, grounds or building.

College refers to North Country Community College.

Tent is any and all structures, enclosure or shelter constructed of any material, including but not limited to fabric or pliable materials supported by any manner.

IV. POLICY

A. Camping is prohibited on North County Community College campuses.

B. Exceptions

1. Actions that constitute “camping” as defined above may be allowed with prior, written permission in the following limited circumstances:
 - a. With the advance written approval of the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs (AVPSA) following the appropriate campus procedures below
 - b. In extraordinary circumstances, such as times of natural disaster, when approved in writing in advance by the College President or their designee.

C. Enforcement and Compliance

1. The Associate Vice President for Student Affairs (AVPSA) office is responsible for addressing non-compliance with this policy by all persons and may address violations of this policy that constitute criminal trespass or any other violation of law.
2. Students may be referred for discipline for alleged violation of this Policy as applicable under the Student Code of Conduct.

D. This Policy shall be effective immediately upon approval.

V. RELATED DOCUMENTS

A. Regulations:

- 8 NYCRR Part 535
- Fire Code of New York State, 2015

B. SUNY Policies:

- 3653 – Rules for the Maintenance of Public Order
- 5607 – Commercial Use Policy
- 5603 – Use of Facilities by Non-Commercial Organizations

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Approved by NCCC College Senate: December 13, 2024

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