

Threatening and Disruptive Behavior

Northwest University prohibits any behavior or statement of any type (on- or off-campus) that threatens the educational environment or the physical wellbeing of students, faculty, or staff. This can include any conduct that (1) causes or threatens harm to a person or property, (2) jeopardizes one's own safety or the safety of others, or (3) poses a substantial disruption to the learning environment—all as determined solely in the judgment of the University. Such conduct may result in immediate removal of the offending student from the campus if such removal is determined by the University to be in the best interests of the campus community and learning environment. The student will not be approved to return until the threat is adequately resolved, safety is established, and proper conduct is assured. Removal from the campus/classroom is considered an interim measure that precedes formal judicial process as outlined in the Community Handbook. In some instances, because of the time required for a thorough investigation, it may be in the student's best interest to voluntarily withdraw from the University until a long-term solution is determined.

If circumstances warrant allowing the student to return to campus prior to the completion of the judicial process, the Dean of Student Development will make a determination regarding when the student may be eligible to return to campus and any conditions that must be satisfied in connection with the student's return. These conditions may be created in conjunction with the student's academic dean, advisor, and/or program director. A student may appeal these interim measures and/or conditions for return using the same process as the disciplinary appeal described in the Community Handbook.