

**Middle Tennessee State University
Office of Student Conduct
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020**

Total Number of Disciplinary Cases: 272

A **disciplinary case** is defined as a student or organization that has been charged with a disciplinary offense. The case number does not reflect the total number of disciplinary referrals made to the office. One student may have multiple cases and one case may have multiple violations.

The following data presents a synopsis of the breakdown by gender and classification of the students who had discipline cases with the Office of Student Conduct during the specified time period.

<u>Gender</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Male	98	36	Freshman	175	64.3
Female	174	64	Sophomore	44	16.2
Organization	0**		Junior	31	11.4
			Senior	18	3.5
			Graduate	4	1.5

<u>Referral Source</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Incident Location</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Residence Life	39	14.3	Off Campus/Online	21	7.7
MTPD	177	65.1	Housing	148	54.4
Faculty	13	4.8	On Campus (Not Housing)	103	37.9
Staff	37	13.6			
Student	2	0.7			
Community	2	0.7			
Title IX	2	0.7			

The following chart presents the number of violation types the office adjudicated. The violation type total number reflects the total number of times this violation was assigned to a student. The total number does not reflect how many times the student was found in violation of that specific rule. *The total number of violation types will exceed the total number of disciplinary cases handled by the office.* One student

may have multiple violation types within one disciplinary case. The percentage reflects the percentage of the total number of all violations.

Violation Type:	Total Number:	Percentage:
A1. Alcoholic Beverages	26	4.2
A2. Drugs	125	20.1
A3. Drug Paraphernalia	55	8.8
A4. Public Intoxication	13	2.1
A5. Explosives, Fireworks, and Flammable Materials	1	.2
A6. Violation of General Policies	138	22.2
A7. Violation of State or Federal Laws	12	1.9
A8. Disorderly Conduct	19	3.1
A9. Misuse of or Damage to Property	17	2.7
A10. Obstruction of or Interference with University Activities or Facilities	8	1.3
A11. Unacceptable Conduct in Disciplinary Proceedings	0	0
A12. Unauthorized Access to University Facilities and/or Grounds	6	1
A13. Pornography or Obscenity	1	.2
A14. Student Identification Cards	0	0
A15. Gambling	0	0
A16. Attempts, Aiding, and Abetting	91	14.6
A17. Litter	0	0
A18. Sirens and Loudspeakers	0	0
A19. Graffiti	0	0
B1. Theft, Misappropriation, or Unauthorized Sale of Property	5	.8
B2. Failure to Cooperate with University Officials	38	6.1
B3. Providing False Information	19	3.1

B4. Misuse of Documents or Identification Cards	6	1
B5. Financial Irresponsibility	0	0
B6. Violation of Imposed Disciplinary Sanctions	3	.5
B7. Unauthorized Surveillance	0	0
B8. Unauthorized Duplication or Possession of Keys	0	0
B9. Fire Drills	0	0
C1. Harassment or Retaliation	0	0
D1. Threatening or Dangerous Conduct	25	4
D2. Hazing	3	.5
D3. Firearms and Other Dangerous Weapons	9	1.4
D4. Sexual Misconduct	2	.3

Sanction Type:	Total Number:	Percentage:
Apology	1	.3
Counseling Referral	3	.9
Educational Req. - Community Pathway	5	1.5
Educational Req. – Integrity Pathway	11	3.2
Educational Req. – Knowledge Pathway	2	.6
Educational Req. – Well-Being Pathway	0	0
Educational Requirement (Non-Pathway)	10	3
Expulsion	0	0
Fine	0	0
Follow-Up (Required Appointment)	7	2
Housing Probation	7	2
Housing Restriction/Removal	46	13.5
No Contact Order	2	.6
Parental Notification	64	18.7
Restriction (Location)	4	1.2
Restriction (Privilege)	3	.9

Organization Cease and Desist	0	0
Disciplinary Probation	91	26.6
Written Reprimand	65	19
Restitution	2	.6
Suspension	3	.9
Tenure Probation	5	1.5
Additional Sanctions/Stipulations	11	3.2

*Additional Sanctions include follow up meetings, requirements to report, and other non-specified sanctions.

The Office of Student Conduct implemented the Policy Education Letter practice in the 2018-2019 AY. Policy Education Letters are sent to students when a violation is suspected but there is no information leading to adjudication. Most frequently, it is used when a smell of marijuana is coming from a residence but contact cannot be made. These letters include information about the potential policy violation. **For the 2019-2020 year, 15 Policy Education Letters were sent.**

The statistics contained in this report represent disciplinary cases adjudicated by the Office of Student Conduct for the time period indicated. Formal charges may have also been filed with the MTSU police department and/or the Department of Housing and Residential Life. It is possible that a single violation may appear in reports from all three departments. Disciplinary matters that were adjudicated solely by the Department of Housing and Residential Life are not reflected in these statistics.

Noteworthy Observations

Compared to the previous academic year:

- This is the first AY where we have used the Maxient system for the entire year.
- Freshmen continue to account for the majority of students seen in the office. In contrast to last year, females made up the majority of the alleged.
- Cases involving drugs continue to *increase* and were higher than the previous year by ~1%. Drug Paraphernalia violations *increased* by less than .5%, Public Intoxication violations *decreased* by ~2.8%, and Alcohol violations *increased* by 2%.
- We continue to have high volumes of drug policy violations resulting in the removal of students from the residence halls, despite the fact that students are made aware that Housing & Residential Life has a zero-tolerance drug policy.
- Due to the Office of Student Conduct's process, University Organizations are noted under a specific individual. The Office of Student Conduct did not implement any organizational cease and desist sanctions in the 2019-2020 AY.
- Not Enrolled is not listed as it was in previous years due to classification in the Maxient system. All students who are charged through the Office of Student Conduct are classified based on their classification rather than enrollment.

Other Noteworthy Observations

- 46 students were removed from housing for violations of the drug and/or drug paraphernalia policies.
- The most common disciplinary sanction is Disciplinary Probation with 91 assignments.
- The referral breakdown is as follows: 177 cases were referred by MTPD, 39 cases were referred by Housing, 13 cases were referred by Faculty, 37 cases were referred by Staff, 2 cases were referred by students, 2 cases were referred by the community, and 2 cases were referred by Title IX.
- 127 of the 177 MTPD-referred disciplinary cases involved suspicion of drugs/drug use within housing facilities. (Not all of those students were found in violation of the drug policies as many times there was insufficient evidence to hold a student responsible)
- 177 of the total 272 disciplinary cases involved residential students for a percentage of 65.1%.

Educational Outreach

The Office of Student Conduct conducted close to 30 educational presentations for the time period specified. The office did educational presentations for University 1010 classes, CUSTOMS staff, athletics, fraternities, sororities, IFC, Panhellenic, study abroad students, graduate teaching assistants, the Scholar's Academy, the STAR Program, faculty members, and special student populations. In addition, the Office of Student Conduct re-framed their training for each of these presentations in order to better educate the current generation of students.

Members from the Office of Student Conduct attended various events on behalf of the office including Convocation and Week of Welcome events.