

The College of Westchester
Campus Security Report
October 1, 2024
(based on 2023 statistics)

Introduction and Purpose

The College of Westchester is proud of its excellent record of creating a safe and comfortable environment in which to work and learn and for keeping our campus as crime free as possible. This Annual Campus Security Report is mandated by the United States Department of Education in accordance with the **Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1992**. In compliance with this mandate, the College has compiled this report in order to keep our campus community aware of important policies, procedures, and statistics. All colleges in the United States are required to compile and distribute these statistics via publication. This report is updated annually in September and is available on the College's website at <https://www.cw.edu/student-consumer-information> and also at <https://www.cw.edu/studentmenu> on the Student Services page. A paper copy will be provided upon request from the Vice President of Student Services and Retention, Maria Gangi, email: MGangi@cw.edu, phone: 914-831-0350.

Campus Security Procedures

Security Staff are available at the front entrance of the building and are available during normal business hours until closing. Security personnel also patrol the campus and provide escorting services to and from vehicles during late hours and/or upon request, vehicle assistance in times of need (when available) and surveillance monitoring. Security personnel can be reached at 914-831-0292. Visitors to The College of Westchester are required to be signed in at the front Security Desk. Students are not allowed to bring in guests without first getting prior approval from the Vice President of Student Success & Retention, her designee, or the Director of Security. Students must display their active student identification upon entry to the building at all times; failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

Description of Campus Security Programs

A variety of crime prevention information is available to students and employees. Student information is provided through their Transformative Learning course, new student orientation, and the Student Handbook. Employee information is available in the Employee Handbook and through various publications made available to the employees. Related programs on sexual assault, alcohol and drug abuse are available through various community organizations. These include Victims Assistance Services (VAS), the Bureau of Sex Crimes Analysis, Al-Anon, Alateen, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Daytop Village. The address and phone numbers for these and other community programs are available from the Counseling Center. Students can access information on registered sex offenders in the White Plains vicinity at <http://www.familywatchdog.us/>

Procedure for Reporting Security Violations

The safety and well-being of all members of our college community is of great concern. The College of

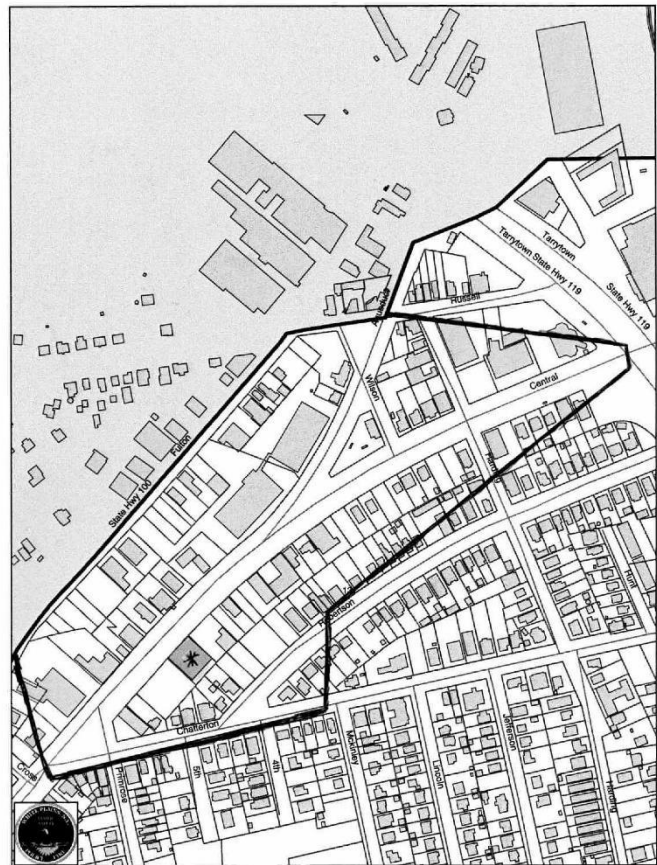
Westchester is devoted to keeping the campus a safe place in which to attend classes. A daily crime log is maintained by the Director of Security. Potential criminal actions and suspicious activity or other emergencies should be reported in person to the front Security Desk, the fourth floor Concierge Desk, or the Director of Security as soon as possible. When a report of an urgent situation is received, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, or the Director of Security will, if appropriate, contact White Plains Fire, Emergency Medical, or Police personnel. If a reported situation is less severe, the Vice President of Student Success and Retention will dispatch a designated employee or employees to lend assistance and conduct the necessary follow-up. This procedure has been established in accordance with the Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act of 1992.

Monitoring of Off Campus Locations

The College of Westchester does not recognize any off-campus student organizations and therefore does not monitor such off-campus activity.

Campus Crime Statistics

According to the Campus Crime and Security Act, The College of Westchester is required to provide statistics on: occurrences on campus concerning criminal offenses reported to local police agencies and to the Public Safety Office; statistics for drug, alcohol, and weapons arrests on campus as reported to local police agencies and to the Public Safety Office; and data provided by the City of White Plains Police Department regarding criminal offenses in the neighborhood and commercial areas surrounding the campus. The area for which local crime statistics are reported is defined as follows: all of Central Avenue from the municipal parking lot (located on the corner of Central Avenue and Tarrytown Road) to the bus stop which is located on Central Avenue and Chatterton Avenue (up to 376 Central Avenue; all of Fulton Street from Cross Street to Aqueduct Road, Chatterton Avenue (from 139-185) and Robertson Avenue (from 107 to 135).



CAMPUS CRIME STATISTICS
2021-2023

Table One: *Criminal Offenses on Campus Property*

Offense	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0
Hate Crimes*	0	0	0
Domestic Violence**	1	0	0
Dating Violence**	0	0	0
Stalking**	0	0	0

**Includes hate crimes in the following categories of bias: race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, ethnicity and national origin)*

***Crime statistics required for Annual Security Report 2018 resulting from the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) amendments to the Clery Act. Not collected prior to 2013.*

Table Two: *Statistics for Drug, Alcohol, and Weapons Arrests on Campus Property*

Arrests Related To:	2021	2022	2023
Liquor law violations	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Weapons possession	0	0	0

Table Three: *Statistics for number of persons referred for disciplinary action for Weapons, Drug Abuse and Liquor Law violations that occurred on Campus Property*

Offense	2021	2022	2023
Liquor law violations	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Weapons possession	0	0	0

Table Four: *Arrests as reported by the City of White Plains Police Department on property surrounding the campus defined as: all of Central Avenue from the municipal parking lot (located on the corner of Central Avenue and Tarrytown Road) to the bus stop (located on Central Avenue and Chatterton Avenue (up to 376 Central Avenue), all of Fulton Street from Cross Street to Aqueduct Road, Chatterton Avenue (from 139 – 185), and Robertson Avenue (from 107 – 135).*

Offense	2021	2022	2023
Murder	0	0	0
Manslaughter	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	2	0
Arson	0	0	0
Hate Crimes*	0	0	0
Domestic Violence**	0	0	0
Dating Violence**	0	0	0
Stalking**	0	0	0

***Includes hate crimes in the following categories of bias: race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, ethnicity and national origin)*

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Table Five: *Statistics for Drug, Alcohol, and Weapons Arrests on Property Surrounding the Campus.*

Arrests Related To:	2021	2022	2023
Liquor law violations	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	0	1	0
Weapons possession	0	0	0

Table Six: *Statistics for number of unfounded crimes that occurred on property surrounding the Campus. This includes all criminal offenses, hate crimes, domestic violence, dating violence or stalking that have been unfounded. Arrests and disciplinary actions cannot be unfounded.*

Offense	2021	2022	2023
Total unfounded crimes	0	0	0

Table Seven: *New York State defines hate crimes as any specified offense committed by an individual or group that either “(a) intentionally selects the person against whom the offense is committed or intended to be committed in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct, or (b) intentionally commits the act or acts constituting the offense in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct.”*

Offense	2021	2022	2023
Total hate crimes	0	0	0

Anti-Drug and Alcohol Policy

The College of Westchester has a no tolerance policy regarding the use of drugs and alcohol or being under the influence of drugs or alcohol on its property or surrounding property. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of alcohol or an illegal drug by a student or employee on property at The College of Westchester is strictly prohibited. New York and Federal law prohibits the unlawful use, manufacture, possession, control, sale and dispensation of any illegal narcotic or dangerous drugs. Both State and Federal laws carry penalties for violations, including monetary fines and/or imprisonment.

Regardless of the legality under New York law, **Cannabis/Marijuana – including “medical marijuana” – is illegal under federal law and may not be used on the College’s property or surrounding property.** All students and employees are prohibited from possessing, distributing, intending to distribute or being under the influence of marijuana while at The College.

Policy for Alcohol and/or Drug Use Amnesty

The health and safety of every student at The College of Westchester is of utmost importance. The College recognizes that students who have been drinking and/or using drugs (whether such use is voluntary or involuntary) at the time that violence, including but not limited to domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault occurs may be hesitant to report such incidents due to fear of potential consequences for their own conduct.

The College strongly encourages students to report domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault to institution officials. A bystander acting in good faith or a reporting individual acting in good faith that discloses any incident of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault to [Institution’s] officials

or law enforcement will not be subject to CW's Code of Conduct action for violations of alcohol and/or drug use policies occurring at or near the time of the commission of the domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault."

The health risks associated with the use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol include physical and mental impairment, emotional and psychological deterioration, fine and gross motor degeneration and death. In addition to the health risks to the abuser of illegal drugs and alcohol are the risks to co-workers, students and the public. The College of Westchester's Counseling Center can provide referral to students with problems related to alcohol and drug use. Information about substance abuse and treatment programs is available in the Counseling Center which has procedures to assure confidentiality. Individuals whose performance is impaired as a result of the use or abuse of drugs or alcohol, who illegally use or abuse drugs or alcohol on campus or at College events, or who have been convicted of violating any criminal drug statute while on The College of Westchester property or at College events will be sanctioned. The sanctions can include required completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program, suspension, dismissal, termination of employment, and referral for prosecution by law enforcement authorities. As a condition of enrollment and employment, each student, faculty member and staff member will abide by the terms of this policy and will notify the Director of Administration no later than five days after any conviction for a criminal drug offense committed on The College of Westchester property. Failure to comply with these conditions will constitute unsatisfactory conduct and will lead to appropriate sanctions.

Description of Drug or Alcohol Abuse Education Programs

A number of counseling and treatment options are available to students of The College of Westchester. A list of these agencies is available in the Office of Student Services and is available to all students and employees. Students and employees are encouraged to seek counseling and/or treatment in dealing with personal issues of substance abuse relating to themselves, their family, or their friends.

Conviction for Possession or Sale of Drugs

A federal or state drug conviction can disqualify a student for Federal Student Aid (FSA) funds. Convictions count if they were for an offense that occurred during a period of enrollment for which a student was receiving Title IV aid. In addition, a conviction that was reversed, set aside, or removed from a student's record does not count, nor does one received when he/she was a juvenile, unless tried as an adult.

The chart that follows illustrates the period of ineligibility for FSA funds, depending on whether the conviction was for sale or possession and whether a student had previous offenses. A conviction for sale of drugs includes convictions for conspiring to sell drugs.

	<u>Possession of illegal drugs</u>	<u>Sale of illegal drugs</u>
1st offense	1 year from date of conviction	2 years of conviction
2nd offense	2 years from date of conviction	Indefinite period
3+ offenses	Indefinite period	Indefinite period

If a student is convicted of both possessing and selling illegal drugs, and the periods of ineligibility are different, the student will be ineligible for the longer period. A student regains eligibility the day after the period of ineligibility ends or when he or she successfully completes a qualified drug rehabilitation program. Further drug convictions will make him or her ineligible again. Students denied eligibility for an indefinite period can regain it only after successfully completing a rehabilitation program (as described below), or if a conviction is reversed, set aside, or removed from the student's record so that fewer than two convictions for sale or three convictions for possession remain on the record. In these cases, the nature and dates of the remaining convictions will determine when the student regains eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to certify to the College that he or she has successfully completed the rehabilitation program.

Standards for a qualified drug rehabilitation program

A qualified drug rehabilitation program must include at least two unannounced drug tests and must satisfy at least one of the following requirements:

- Be qualified to receive funds directly or indirectly from a federal, state, or local government program.
- Be qualified to receive payment directly or indirectly from a federally or state-licensed insurance company.
- Be administered or recognized by a federal, state, or local government agency or court.
- Be administered or recognized by a federally or state-licensed hospital, health clinic, or medical doctor.

Policy Against Hate Crimes and Bias Incidents

The College strictly prohibits hate crimes and bias crimes. Pursuant to New York Law 129-A, the College tracks, reports and posts incidents of hate and bias crimes to the College website, available under Campus Security Information: <https://www.cw.edu/consumer-information>. In addition, hate and bias crimes violate CW's Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment detailed in this Handbook. New York State defines hate crimes as any specified offense committed by an individual or group that either "(a) intentionally selects the person against whom the offense is committed or intended to be committed in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct, or (b) intentionally commits the act or acts constituting the offense in whole or in substantial part because of a belief or perception regarding the race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation of a person, regardless of whether the belief or perception is correct."

The College encourages the prompt reporting of hate and bias crimes or incidents to any of the following individuals: Charles Boklan Director of Security 914-831-0409, cboklan@cw.edu, Janna Gullery Title IX Coordinator 914-831-0401, jgullery@cw.edu.

Hate or bias crimes or incidents may also be reported directly to Law Enforcement by calling 911. The College investigates any reports of hate crimes or bias incidents, and when necessary, will do so in coordination with local law enforcement. The College will assist in investigating reports of bias-related incidents that do not rise to the level of a crime.

Legal penalties for bias-related crimes are very serious and range from fines to imprisonment for lengthy periods, depending on the nature of the underlying criminal offense, the use of violence or previous convictions of the offender. Perpetrators who are students will be subject to campus disciplinary procedures as detailed in Disciplinary Grievance Procedures for Conduct Violations as detailed in the Student Handbook

The College provides hate and bias crime prevention information to incoming students during the first-year seminar class as well as other programming and communications, which includes information about how to report a hate crime.

Investigation of Violent Felony Offenses

Violent felony offenses include: murder; kidnapping; manslaughter; rape; aggravated sexual abuse; sexual conduct against a child; assault; arson; robbery; criminal possession of a weapon; criminal use of a firearm; criminal sale of a firearm; aggravated assault upon a peace officer, fireman, or emergency services professional; gang assault; burglary; and intimidating a witness or witnesses.

Pursuant to Article 129-A of the New York State Education Law, the College will take the following steps after a report of any Violent felony offense occurring on campus:

- Immediately notify the White Plains Police Department upon receiving and reviewing any report of an alleged violent crime that occurred on campus.
- The College will collaborate fully with the White Plains Police Department or other law enforcement agencies in the investigation of such a crime.
- If the offender(s) are no longer on campus and the immediate threat has ended, the College will take the appropriate measures to provide support to victims.

The College of Westchester's Statement on Annual Training of Personnel

The Violence Against Women Act amendments to the Clery Act require that certain college officials charged with responding to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking be trained annually in a number of areas. This college/university is a member of the SUNY Student Conduct Institute. As part of that membership, covered officials who investigate or conduct proceedings to address allegations of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking receive at least eight hours of training annually through attendance at the SUNY Student Conduct Institute's Basic Compliance Training and/or live Advanced Trainings and/or digital Basic or Advanced Trainings. These in-person and digital courses address topics including how to determine the relevancy of evidence and use it during the proceeding, proper techniques for questioning witnesses, basic procedural rules for conducting a proceeding, and avoiding actual and perceived conflicts of interest. These trainings also address how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims, properly employs trauma-informed practice, and promotes accountability, while protecting the due process rights of the respondent. Finally, these trainings provide comprehensive reviews of federal and state laws and regulations on point as well as relevant court and administrative opinions.

TITLE IX POLICY PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT ON THE BASIS OF SEX

In accordance with Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, New York Education Law Section 129-b, the New York State Human Rights Law and other federal and state laws, the College of Westchester does not discriminate against students or employees on the basis of sex/gender in its educational programs and activities and prohibits students, employees and third parties from engaging in sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. The College does not discriminate in its admissions practices except as permitted by law, in its employment practices, or in its educational programs or activities on the basis of sex.

The protections in this policy apply regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, age, disability, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, familial status, pregnancy, predisposing genetic characteristics, military status, domestic violence victim status, or criminal conviction.

Any attempt to engage in prohibited conduct may itself constitute a violation of this policy. Any actions knowingly taken to aid, facilitate or encourage another to engage in prohibited conduct and any actions taken for the purpose of interfering in the investigation of an allegation of prohibited conduct shall constitute a violation of the CW Code of Conduct, available in the Student Handbook. Anyone found to have violated this policy will be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in the procedures below. The College is committed to provide those who disclose harm mechanisms for seeking redress and resources for support. Accordingly, the College of Westchester prohibits retaliation against any person for complaining of a violation of this policy or for participating in any investigation or proceedings related to an alleged violation.

Community members, including students, employees (faculty and staff), interns (paid and unpaid), vendors and contractors, are protected from sex discrimination regardless of their sex, sexual orientation, immigration status, citizenship status or national origin, or any other protected characteristic.

The College of Westchester's Title IX Policy Prohibiting Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Sex is available at <https://www.cw.edu/title-ix-policy>.