In the event of a classroom disruption, when should I contact Florida Atlantic University Police Department (FAUPD)?

If a student is posing a threat to self and/or others or becomes physically and/or verbally abusive, FAUPD should be contacted immediately and a report should be submitted to the Dean of Students office. Do not assume that aggressive behavior will stop on its own. Err on the side of caution.

If I call the police or refer someone for disciplinary reasons and it turns out I made an honest mistake will I be held liable?

The risk of liability is almost nonexistent. You cannot be held liable unless you act in bad faith, with knowledge the information was false, or act with malice (proven by previous ill-will, hostility, threats or rivalry).

What should I do if a student is causing a disruption?

If the disruptive behavior does not stop you may ask a particular student to refrain from the disruptive behavior and ask he/she come see you after class, so you can address the problem(s) in private. If the disruptive behavior continues, you may ask the student to leave the class. If the student refuses to leave, call FAUPD for assistance.

When interacting with a distressed student what should I be aware of?

It is important to know how to identify the distress and how to interact and handle the situation. Sometimes a student’s behavior will become disruptive and endanger others or interfere with classroom functioning. In this situation remember you have the right to control the class for the good of all involved.

Safety is always the top priority. You should call the FAUPD whenever you feel there is a threat of violence and/or unlawful behavior. This includes a student’s refusal to leave after being asked to do so.

If there is a concern about a student, am I in violation of FERPA if I contact FAUPD, Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) or another University unit?

No, FERPA does not prevent you from talking to another University employee or unit about a student in distress, in order to assist the student or protect yourself/class from disruption or threat of violence.
### UNIVERSITY POLICE

If a student is exhibiting aggressive behavior or you perceive a threat of violence or other unlawful behavior, call **FAUPD** immediately. **FAUPD** Boca Raton campus patrol officers are on duty 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. In case of emergency, call 911.

**Website**: [www.fau.edu/police](http://www.fau.edu/police)

- **Boca Raton Campus**: 561-297-3500
- **Broward Campuses**: 954-236-1140
- **Jupiter Campus**: 561-799-8678

### STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

If a student is injured, behaving erratically or exhibiting symptoms of an illness that prevents him/her from participating in class:
- Contact **FAUPD** or call 911 if the condition is serious or after hours
- Send the student to Student Health Services if the situation is less serious

**Website**: [www.fau.edu/shs](http://www.fau.edu/shs)

- **Boca Raton Campus**: 561-297-3512
- **Broward Campuses**: 954-236-1210
- **Jupiter Campus**: 561-799-8678

### COUNSELING & PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

For concerns such as depression, anxiety, agitation, disorientation and thoughts of harming self and/or others, respond promptly and contact Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) for support.

Individual, couple and group therapy, drug and alcohol services, medication referral and crisis intervention are provided.

**Website**: [www.fau.edu/counseling](http://www.fau.edu/counseling)

- **Boca Raton Campus**: 561-297-3540
- **Broward Campuses**: 954-236-1210
- **Jupiter Campus**: 561-799-8678

### DEAN OF STUDENTS

If a parent is concerned about a student’s welfare or a missing student, contact the Dean of Students Office. If the student resides on campus, contact the Housing & Residential Life Office or contact **FAUPD** outside of office hours.

**Website**: [www.fau.edu/dean](http://www.fau.edu/dean)

- **Dean of Students**
  - **Boca Raton Campus**: 561-297-3542
  - **Associate Dean of Students**
    - **Broward Campuses**: 954-236-1236
    - **Jupiter Campus**: 561-799-8521
- **Housing & Residential Life**
  - **Boca Raton Campus**: 561-297-2880
  - **Jupiter Campus**: 561-799-8828

### DISABILITY SERVICE

If a diagnosed or possible undiagnosed disability could be negatively affecting a student’s academic performance, contact the Office for Students with Disabilities.

**Website**: [www.osd.fau.edu](http://www.osd.fau.edu)

- **Boca Raton Campus**: 561-297-3880
- **Broward Campuses**: 954-236-1222
- **Jupiter Campus**: 561-799-8010
The Student Code of Conduct contains University Conduct Regulations which describe prohibited behaviors for students. The following excerpt is taken from Florida Atlantic University Student Code of Conduct Regulation 4.007.

- Disorderly Conduct: Breach of peace, such as causing a disturbance or being unruly.
- Disruption or obstruction of teaching, research, administration, disciplinary proceedings, or other University activities, including its public service functions, whether on or off-campus, and other authorized non-University activities that occur on University premises.
- Physical abuse, verbal abuse, threats, stalking, intimidation, harassment, sexual misconduct, coercion, and/or other conduct which threatens or includes any contact or communication which threatens, harasses or injures a person.
- Failure to comply with directions of University officials or law enforcement officers acting in performance of their duties and/or failure to identify oneself to these persons when requested to do so.
- Conduct which is disorderly, lewd, or indecent; breach of peace; or aiding, abetting, or procuring another person to breach the peace on University premises or at functions sponsored by, or participated in by the University.

The complete Student Code of Conduct can be found online at: www.fau.edu/studentconduct.