

QUICK GUIDE FOR DISRUPTIVE CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION

A student is considered disruptive when he or she engages in behaviors that interfere in a significant way with normal teaching or administrative duties. Disruptive behavior comes in many forms and this guide serves as a quick reference for intervention. If you are unsure about what to do, or uncomfortable dealing with problematic behavior, please contact the Southeastern Threat Assessment & Response Team or START (985.549.2213) for advice. START meets regularly to discuss and plan appropriate responses to potential student psychological/mental health and behavioral issues.

RUDE BEHAVIOR

PROACTIVE STRATEGIES

EXAMPLES:

- ☐ Unauthorized cell phone use
- ☐ Excessive talking
- ☐ Argumentative

Stage I: Outline expectations in syllabus and on the first day of class.

Stage II: Be subtle-Ask the student to meet with you after class or send the student an email to establish an appointment. Discuss how the behavior makes it difficult to teach, and explain the consequences should the behavior continue.

Stage III: Ask the student to leave the class for the remainder of the class period. Refer the student to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability: www.southeastern.edu/reportit or 985.549.2213.

ODD BEHAVIOR

PROACTIVE STRATEGIES

EXAMPLES:

- ☐ Distressful behavior
- ☐ Emotional outburst
- ☐ Rambling/incoherent emails

Stage I: Outline campus resources in syllabus and on the first day of class.

Stage II: Be subtle-Ask the student to meet with you after class or send the student an email to establish an appointment: A. Explain your concerns in a caring but direct way. B. Listen to the student's issue. C. Refer the student to the appropriate resource. D. Follow-up with the student. E. Report the incident to START: www.southeastern.edu/reportit or 985.549.2213.

Stage III: Consult with your Academic Department Head, the Office of Disability Services, the University Counseling Center, and/or START.

THREATENING BEHAVIOR

PROACTIVE STRATEGIES

EXAMPLES:

- ☐ Aggression and/or intimidation
- ☐ Harassment and/or stalking
- ☐ Threatening remarks or correspondence

Stage I: Immediately contact the University Police Department at 985.549.2222. After the Police action, refer the student to the Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability: www.southeastern.edu/reportit or 985.549.2213.

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Campus Police: 985.549.2222 (Emergency)

Office of Disability Services: 985.549.2247 (Accommodations)

Office of Student Advocacy and Accountability: 985.549.2213 (Violation of Campus Rules & Regulations)

University Counseling Center: 985.549.3894 (Counseling)

START: 985.549.2213 (Behavior Intervention)