

**WAC 174-123-230 Notice of determination of responsibility and required resolution and sanctions.** (1) If a complaint is not resolved by entering into an agreement of accountability, the student conduct official will issue a determination of responsibility based on a preponderance of the evidence standard. Preponderance of the evidence standard means it is more likely than not that the information and evidence shows that an alleged policy violation did or did not occur.

(2) The student conduct official may take any of the following actions:

(a) Determine the respondent is not responsible for violating the code and end the conduct proceedings.

(b) Determine the available information is inconclusive at this time. The student conduct official may revisit the determination if additional relevant information becomes available.

(c) Determine the respondent is responsible for violating the code and issue required resolution(s) and sanction(s) as described in WAC 174-123-240.

(3) The determination of responsibility will identify the specific conduct that has violated the code. The required resolution and sanction(s) will state the tasks or actions, and associated deadlines, the respondent must execute to address violations of the code.

(4) The student conduct official's determination of responsibility and required resolution and sanction(s) will be final unless the respondent files a timely appeal to the senior college official. If a complaint alleges assault, non-Title IX sexual misconduct, or Title IX sexual harassment, the complainant is to be informed of the final determination and any required resolution and sanction imposed against the respondent and may file a timely appeal to the senior college official.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.40.120(12). WSR 21-10-022, § 174-123-230, filed 4/26/21, effective 5/27/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 28B.40.120. WSR 18-17-102, § 174-123-230, filed 8/15/18, effective 9/15/18; WSR 12-03-040, § 174-123-230, filed 1/10/12, effective 2/10/12.]