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Sexual Assault

Hagerstown Community College complies with Section 485(F) of the Higher Education Act of 1965 as amended by Section 486(C)(2) of the Higher Education Amendments of 1992, Subtitle 7, Sexual Assault Policy, and the addition of the Violence Against Women Act passed in 1994 and reauthorized in 2013, and is committed to taking necessary measures in an effort to prevent incidents of sexual assault on campus and to taking action to support victims, involve police and take appropriate disciplinary action should an incident occur.

A victim of sexual assault will receive the full and prompt cooperation from campus personnel in obtaining appropriate medical attention, including transporting the victim to Meritus Medical Center, which is equipped with the Department of State Police Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit. The victim is entitled to file criminal charges with the appropriate law enforcement official.

Sexual assault is defined as being coerced to engage in a sexual act by force, threat of force, against one's will and without consent as defined in the Maryland Annotated Code, Criminal Offenses. The Violence Against Women Act expands the definition of sexual assault to include domestic violence, dating violence and stalking as reportable offenses.

Hagerstown Community College will not tolerate sexual assault in any form, including date or acquaintance rape. Making reports and taking action in response to a sexual assault against a student or employee will be limited to incidents occurring on College property or facilities or at College-sponsored functions, regardless of where these events take place.