

ANNUAL HEOA & CAMPUS POLICY NOTICE

Fort Hays Tech | Northwest

2026-2027 Academic Year

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

FERPA gives students rights regarding their education records. Students may inspect and review their education records within 45 days after FHNW receives a request; request amendment of records they believe are inaccurate or misleading; consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information except where FERPA permits disclosure without consent; and file a complaint regarding alleged FERPA violations.

Requests to inspect or amend education records should be submitted in writing to the Fort Hays Tech Northwest Registrar. FHNW may disclose records without consent to school officials who have legitimate educational interests, to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, and in other circumstances permitted by FERPA. The catalog specifically includes certain employees, contractors, committee members, affiliated organizations, and academic/student-support partners within its definition of school officials when they have a legitimate educational interest.

Student Directory Information

FHNW designates the following as directory information:

- Name; local and permanent address; email address; telephone number
- Grade level/classification and major field(s) of study
- Participation in officially recognized activities; weight and height of athletic team members
- Dates of attendance; degrees and dates awarded; awards and academic honors
- Most recent previous educational institution attended; enrollment status (full/part time); photograph or likeness

Students may notify the College in writing that they do not want any or all of these items treated as directory information. Written notification must be received by the Registrar prior to the beginning of the academic semester. The Registrar is the Student Privacy Officer.

FERPA complaints may be directed to the FHNW Office of the Registrar, 1209 Harrison, Goodland, KS 67735, or to the U.S. Department of Education as described in the College Catalog.

Campus Security and the Clery Act

Fort Hays Tech Northwest is committed to a safe, secure, and welcoming environment and complies with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and other applicable laws. Campus safety is a shared responsibility.

Reporting Crimes and Emergencies

For police, fire, or medical emergencies, dial 911. Crimes or safety concerns may also be reported to the Vice President of Student and Academic Advancement, Housing Manager, Title IX Coordinator, or another College administrator designated as a Campus Security Authority (CSA). Reports may be made whether or not a victim chooses to pursue criminal charges.

Under the Clery Act, designated College officials serve as CSAs. The current catalog identifies designated Student Affairs personnel, Housing staff, athletic administrators, student organization advisors, and other officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities as CSAs. CSAs receive reports of Clery-reportable crimes and forward information for statistical reporting and evaluation of campus safety concerns.

Annual Security Report

FHNW publishes an Annual Security Report each year. It includes campus crime statistics for the previous three calendar years and information about campus security policies, emergency response and evacuation, missing-student notification, fire safety, crime prevention, and sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. The report is available at www.fhnw.edu/crime-data. Printed copies may be requested from the Vice President of Student and Academic Advancement.

Registered Sex Offender Information

In compliance with the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act, FHNW makes information about registered sex offenders accessible to the campus community. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation maintains the Kansas registered offender registry.

Timely Warnings and Emergency Notifications

FHNW will issue a Timely Warning when it determines that a Clery-reportable crime represents a serious or continuing threat to students or employees. Warnings may be distributed through College email, text message alerts, website notifications, campus communication systems, or other appropriate methods. Personally identifying information of victims will not be included.

If the College confirms a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of the campus community, FHNW will issue an emergency notification without unnecessary delay unless doing so would compromise emergency response efforts. Notifications may include evacuation instructions, shelter-in-place guidance, or other protective actions.

The College emergency notification system sends emergency action information by phone, text, or email to enrolled faculty, staff, and students. Enrollment is conducted twice each year, in the fall and spring, and enrollment is also available through the College website.

Campus Safety, Housing, Fire Safety, and Evacuation

Students living in College-owned housing are expected to keep rooms secured, promptly report maintenance or safety concerns, follow fire-safety and evacuation procedures, report suspicious persons or criminal activity, and become familiar with residence-hall emergency procedures. Residence halls are equipped with fire-safety systems. Tampering with fire-safety equipment or intentionally causing false alarms is prohibited.

Students living in campus housing may confidentially identify an emergency contact to be notified if the student is determined to be missing, in accordance with federal law. The Annual Security Report contains the College's missing-student notification procedures.

Emergency Shelter and Evacuation

The Student Union basement is the primary emergency shelter area for emergencies requiring evacuation to a storm shelter. Building-specific shelter locations are posted near building entrances. During a fire or evacuation, occupants should leave in an orderly manner, assist individuals who need help, move away from the

building so emergency responders have access, and remain outside until proper authorities indicate it is safe to return. Students and employees should follow instructions communicated through the College emergency notification system and by College or public-safety officials.

Crime Prevention and Safety Education

FHNW provides educational programs throughout the academic year to promote personal safety and crime prevention. Topics may include personal safety awareness, active-threat preparedness, alcohol and drug awareness, sexual-assault prevention, bystander intervention, relationship-violence prevention, fire safety, and mental-health awareness.

Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, and Title IX

FHNW prohibits sexual misconduct and maintains separate Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment policies in the College Catalog. The Sexual Misconduct policy addresses conduct including rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, sexual harassment, sexual violence, and retaliation. The policy applies in the College's education programs and activities as described in the catalog.

Reporting and Support

Sexual assault victims are urged to report incidents promptly. Reports may be made to the Goodland Police Department by calling 911, the Sherman County Sheriff at 785-890-4575, or the Vice President of Student and Academic Advancement at 785-890-1584. Campus security personnel do not have arrest privileges; criminal complaints should be made to local law enforcement.

A person may decline to make a formal report to law enforcement and still have access to support and counseling services. FHNW can assist with changes to campus housing, class schedules, or campus employment even when a person chooses not to formally report an incident to authorities. The College will make efforts to protect confidentiality consistent with its obligations and applicable law.

Title IX Coordinator

Questions or reports regarding Title IX, sex discrimination, sexual harassment, or sexual misconduct may be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, Fort Hays Tech Northwest, at 785-890-1584. The College's nondiscrimination statement identifies this position as the Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer and the Title VI, Title VII, and Title IX Compliance Officer. The current catalog contains the full complaint, investigation, resolution, supportive/interim measure, privacy, determination, and appeal procedures.

Alcohol and Other Drugs / Substance Abuse

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requires the College to distribute information annually concerning possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs. FHNW's Substance Abuse Policy applies to students and employees and to College-sponsored events and activities.

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances is prohibited on College premises, facilities, functions, and sponsored programs. Violations may result in College disciplinary action, including probation, suspension, expulsion, or discharge, and may also result in criminal prosecution or consequences for federal student aid. FHNW may cooperate with law enforcement when conduct violates applicable law.

Persons under the legal drinking age may not possess alcoholic beverages at FHNW or at College-sponsored events. Student and employee consumption of alcoholic beverages is not allowed on College property, regardless of age,

except as specifically permitted under the College's policy for approved events. The Price Convention Center has separate provisions for non-College-sponsored events, which must comply with applicable state and local licensing and permitting requirements.

Students or employees who need assistance with alcohol or other drug-related concerns may access College counseling support and information about services available in the local community.

Security Cameras and Law Enforcement

FHNW uses security cameras in portions of campus to enhance safety and assist in criminal investigations and recovery. The cameras are not actively monitored. Surveillance records are handled under the College's Security Camera Policy, which addresses installation, viewing, retention, dissemination, destruction, and privacy. Recordings are stored securely and ordinarily erased or overwritten unless retained for a criminal investigation, court proceeding, or another approved bona fide use.

FHNW campus security personnel do not have arrest privileges. Criminal matters should be reported to the Goodland Police Department or Sherman County Sheriff's Office, and emergency situations should be reported through 911.

Student Rights and Additional Information

Students have the right to learn and work in an environment that promotes safety and security, receive timely information about significant threats, report crimes or suspicious activity without fear of retaliation, access campus safety resources and support services, and review the College's Annual Security Report.

This notice is a summary. The 2026-27 Fort Hays Tech Northwest College Catalog and the current Annual Security Report contain the controlling institutional policy language and additional procedures. Questions about campus safety, crime reporting, or Clery Act compliance may be directed to the Vice President of Student and Academic Advancement at 785-890-1584.

2023-2025 CAMPUS CRIME AND FIRE STATISTICS

Fort Hays Tech Northwest | 2026 Campus Safety and Security Survey

The following tables incorporate the crime, arrest, disciplinary-referral, VAWA, hate-crime, unfounded-crime, and fire statistics reported in the College's 2026 Campus Safety and Security Survey for calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025. Student-housing figures are a subset of the on-campus totals and should not be added to the on-campus figures when calculating campus-wide totals.

Clery Criminal Offenses

Offense	On Campus 2023	2024	2025	Student Housing 2023	2024	2025	Noncampus 2023	2024	2025	Public Property 2023	2024	2025
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by negligence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fondling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Motor vehicle theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

VAWA Offenses

Offense	On Campus 2023	2024	2025	Student Housing 2023	2024	2025	Noncampus 2023	2024	2025	Public Property 2023	2024	2025
Domestic violence	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dating violence	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stalking	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Arrests

Offense	On Campus 2023	2024	2025	Student Housing 2023	2024	2025	Noncampus 2023	2024	2025	Public Property 2023	2024	2025
Weapons: carrying/possessing, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	2	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Disciplinary Referrals

Offense	On Campus 2023	2024	2025	Student Housing 2023	2024	2025	Noncampus 2023	2024	2025	Public Property 2023	2024	2025
Weapons: carrying/possessing, etc.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Drug abuse violations	10	4	3	6	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	4	14	12	4	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	0

Hate Crimes

No hate crimes were reported for 2023, 2024, or 2025 in the on-campus, on-campus student housing, noncampus, or public-property geographic categories for the reportable offense and bias categories included in the 2026 survey.

Unfounded Crimes

Category	2023	2024	2025
Total unfounded crimes	0	0	0

Fire Statistics - On-Campus Student Housing

Facility	2023 Fires	Injuries	Deaths	2024 Fires	Injuries	Deaths	2025 Fires	Injuries	Deaths
Village 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Village 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Village 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maverick Suites - facility 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maverick Suites - facility 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Annual Distribution and Additional Information

This combined notice is intended for annual distribution to current students and employees. It summarizes student consumer information and campus safety policies and incorporates the institution's reported three-year campus crime and fire statistics. The current Fort Hays Tech Northwest College Catalog and Annual Security Report contain the controlling institutional policy language and additional procedures. Questions about campus safety, crime reporting, or Clery Act compliance may be directed to the Vice President of Student and Academic Advancement at 785-890-1584.