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Information Sheet

Attendance at Discipline Hearings

All visitors (including media):

- Contact the College's Hearings Officer 416-972-9882 ext. 210 or by email at akokolakis@ocswssw.org if you would like to attend a hearing as seating may be limited.
- Please arrive by 9 a.m. (hearings start at 9:30)* and sign in at the front desk to obtain a visitor badge or a media badge if you are a media representative.
- Wear your badge at all times while on College premises.
- Please turn off all pagers, alarms, cell phones and other electronic devices before entering the hearing room.
- If you arrive while the hearing is in progress, please wait for a recess before entering the hearing room.
- Please check all coats at the front desk. Coats are not permitted in the hearing room.

The following is prohibited at a hearing:

- Filming, recording or photography of any kind.
- Eating and drinking (bottled water excepted).
- Disruptive behavior of any kind; i.e. talking loudly, gesturing.
- Smoking.

Note: The College reserves the right to remove persons who are disrupting the hearing.

Publication Bans

In some cases, a Discipline Panel may order a publication ban or close the hearing to prevent the disclosure of certain information. Publication bans may be ordered for all or part of a hearing.

Interviews and media requests

Media may request an interview with the College by contacting the College's Communications Department at ext. 420. Please do not approach any of the participants during the hearing.

*In rare cases a Discipline Hearing may start at a time other than 9:30 a.m. Please confirm the time by checking the College's hearings schedule.