

## APPENDIX

US News 2011 Ranking	School Name	Public/Private	Standard of Evidence used prior to April 4, 2011	If Other, Please Specify	Has the policy been updated since 4/4/11?	New Standard, If Applicable
1	Harvard University	Private	Other	“Sufficiently persuaded.”	No	
2	Princeton University	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence	“Clear and Persuasive Evidence.”	No	
3	Yale University	Private	Other	“Clear preponderance of the evidence.”	No	
4	Columbia University	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		Yes	“More likely than not”
5	Stanford University	Private	Beyond a Reasonable Doubt		Yes	“Preponderance of the evidence”
5	University of Pennsylvania	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
7	California Institute of Technology	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
7	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
9	Duke University	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
9	University of Chicago	Private	Other	“The Committee presumes the innocence of the student charged, assumes no facts or conclusions, ignores any previous history of disciplinary action with respect to the student charged, and reaches its decision as to whether the student has engaged in the prohibited act solely on the basis of the evidence actually before it.”	Yes	“More likely than not”
9	Dartmouth College	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
12	Northwestern University	Private	Other	“Sufficient information.”	No	

13	Johns Hopkins University	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
13	Washington University in St. Louis	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
15	Brown University	Private	Other	“Reasonable basis.”	No	
15	Cornell University	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
17	Rice University	Private	Other	“Informed and fair decision.”	No	
17	Vanderbilt University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
19	University of Notre Dame	Private	Other	Not specified.	Yes	
20	Emory University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
21	Georgetown University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
22	University of California at Berkeley	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
23	Carnegie Mellon University	Private	Other	Not specified.	Yes	“Preponderance of the evidence”
23	University of Southern California	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not	“The burden of proof shall at all times rest upon the complainant. The standard of proof for deciding against the accused student shall be such evidence that, when weighed against that opposed to it, has the more convincing force and the greater probability of truth.”	No	
25	University of California at Los Angeles	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

25	University of Virginia	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		Yes	“Preponderance of the evidence”; “More likely than not”
25	Wake Forest University	Private	Other	“The University officer must be persuaded the charges are true in order to find the student responsible for the conduct charged.”	No	
28	Tufts University	Private	Other	“The Dean must be sufficiently persuaded that the student has violated the rules of the University.”	No	
29	University of Michigan – Ann Arbor	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
30	University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
31	Boston College	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
31	College of William and Mary	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
33	New York University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
34	Brandeis University	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
35	Georgia Institute of Technology	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
35	University of California at San Diego	Public	Other	Determination by the investigator as to whether University policy has been violated.	Yes	“Preponderance of the evidence”

37	Lehigh University	Private	Other	“The Harassment Policy Officer and the Manager of Employee Relations and Training will forward a detailed written report to the appropriate Vice President, including findings of fact and a judgment concerning the evidence and a recommended resolution of the complaint.”	No	
37	University of Rochester	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
39	University of California, Davis	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
39	University of California, Santa Barbara	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
41	Case Western Reserve University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
41	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
41	University of California, Irvine	Public	Other	A determination by the investigator as to whether University policy has been violated.	No	
41	University of Washington	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

45	University of Texas – Austin	Public	Other	“Within fifteen working days from that meeting, the dean of students shall take one of the following actions: (1) request further investigation into the complaint; (2) dismiss the complaint if the results of the completed investigation are inconclusive or there is insufficient reasonable, credible evidence to support the allegation(s); or (3) find that this policy was violated.”	No	
45	University of Wisconsin – Madison	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
47	Pennsylvania State University – University Park	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		Yes	“Preponderance of the evidence”
47	University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
47	University of Miami	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
50	Yeshiva University	Private	Other	“The facts as found by the Hearing Board, and their determination of whether unlawful harassment has taken place along with any other conclusions drawn from the facts.”	No	
51	George Washington University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
51	Tulane University	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	

53	Pepperdine University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
53	University of Florida	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
55	Syracuse University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
56	Boston University	Private	Other	“The hearing will be conducted with emphasis on common sense in attempting to ascertain the truth and reach a finding appropriate to the rights of the student and the University community.”	No	
56	Fordham University	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
56	Ohio State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
56	Purdue University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
56	Southern Methodist University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
56	University of Georgia	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
56	University of Maryland	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
63	Texas A&M University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

64	Clemson University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
64	Rutgers University	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
64	University of Minnesota	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
64	University of Pittsburgh	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
64	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
69	Northeastern University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
69	University of Connecticut	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
69	Virginia Tech	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
72	Colorado School of Mines	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not	The Associate Dean of Students makes “a factual determination based upon the perceived credibility of the parties and witnesses [and] a statement addressing whether or not a violation of the policy has been found to have occurred.”	No	
72	University of California Santa Cruz	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

72	University of Iowa	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
75	Brigham Young University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
75	Indiana University – Bloomington	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
75	Marquette University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
75	University of Delaware	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
79	American University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
79	Baylor University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
79	Miami University – Oxford	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
79	Michigan State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
79	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
79	University of Alabama	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
85	Auburn University	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	



86	Binghamton University – SUNY	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
86	Clark University	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
86	Drexel University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
86	Saint Louis University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
86	Stevens Institute of Technology	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
86	University of Colorado – Boulder	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
86	University of Denver	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
93	University of Tulsa	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
94	Iowa State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
94	University of California – Riverside	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
94	University of Missouri	Public	Other	Not specified.	No	
94	University of San Diego	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
94	University of Vermont	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

99	Stony Brook University - SUNY	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
99	University of Dayton	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
99	University of Massachusetts – Amherst	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
99	University of the Pacific	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
99	Texas Christian University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
104	Florida State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
104	Howard University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
104	Samford University	Private	Other	Not specified.	Yes	“Preponderance of the evidence”
104	University of Kansas	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
104	University of Nebraska – Lincoln	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
104	University of New Hampshire	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
104	University of Tennessee	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
111	Illinois Institute of Technology	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	

111	North Carolina State University – Raleigh	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
111	University of Oklahoma	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
111	University of Oregon	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
111	University of South Carolina	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
111	Washington State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
117	Loyola University Chicago	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
117	Michigan Technological University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
117	University of San Francisco	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
120	Catholic University of America	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
120	Duquesne University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
120	University at Buffalo – SUNY	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

120	University of Arizona	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
124	Clarkson University	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
124	Colorado State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
126	Louisiana State University – Baton Rouge	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
127	Ohio University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
128	University of St. Thomas	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
129	Missouri University of Science and Technology	Public	Other	“Reasonably convinced.”	No	
130	University of Kentucky	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
131	University of Utah	Public	Other	“Reasonable basis for believing that a violation of the Standards of Behavior.”	No	
132	Kansas State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
132	Oklahoma State University	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
132	Temple University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

132	University of Arkansas	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
136	DePaul University	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
136	Seton Hall University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
136	University of La Verne	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
139	Hofstra University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
139	New Jersey Institute of Technology	Public	Other	“Reasonable certainty.”	No	
139	Oregon State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not	“Greater weight of the evidence.”	No	
139	The New School	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
143	Arizona State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
143	George Mason University	Public	Other	Not specified.	No	
143	Rutgers the State University of New Jersey – Newark	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
143	St. John's University	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
143	University at Albany – State University of New York system	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
143	University of Illinois – Chicago	Public	Other	Not specified.	No	
143	University of Mississippi	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

143	University of Texas – Dallas	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not	“Greater weight of the evidence.”	No	
151	Mississippi State University	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
151	University of Alabama Birmingham	Public	Other	Determination of “adequate cause for disciplinary action.”	No	
153	Polytechnic Institute of New York University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
153	University of Idaho	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
153	University of Wyoming	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
156	Illinois State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
156	Pacific University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
156	University of Cincinnati	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
159	Adelphi University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
159	Florida Institute of Technology	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
159	Texas Tech University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

159	University of Hawaii at Manoa	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
159	University of Maine	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
159	University of Maryland Baltimore County	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
159	University of North Dakota	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
159	Widener University	Private	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
167	Azusa Pacific University	Private	Other	“Reasonable belief.”	No	
167	The University of Rhode Island	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
167	Virginia Commonwealth University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
170	Biola University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
170	Bowling Green State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
170	George Fox University	Private	Other	Decisions are made regarding “appropriate pieces of accountability.”	No	
170	Pace University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
170	South Carolina State University	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	

170	Utah State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
176	Immaculata University	Private	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
176	University of Louisville	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
176	West Virginia University	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence	“In cases where expulsion is likely to be sought, the Student Conduct Board’s determination shall be made on the basis of whether there is clear and convincing evidence that the Accused Student violated the Student Code. For all other cases, such determination shall be made on the basis of whether it is more likely than not that the Accused Student violated the Student Code.”	No	
179	Ball State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
179	University of Alabama in Huntsville	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
179	University of Central Florida	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
179	Western Michigan University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	



183	Kent State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
183	Montana State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
183	San Diego State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
183	Southern Illinois University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
183	St. Mary's University of Minnesota	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
183	University of Hartford	Private	Other	Not specified.	No	
183	University of Massachusetts – Lowell	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
183	University of South Florida	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
191	Andrews University	Private	Other	“The vice president will determine what type of disciplinary action, if any, is appropriate.”	No	
191	North Dakota State University	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
191	University of Colorado – Denver	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
191	University of Montana	Public	Clear and Convincing Evidence		No	
191	University of Nevada – Reno	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

191	University of North Carolina – Charlotte	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	
191	University of North Carolina – Greensboro	Public	Preponderance of the Evidence / More Likely than Not		No	

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