

POLICY: 3.3.2

Use of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus

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POLICY:

The presence of alcohol on college campuses shall be governed by the provisions of federal, state, and local laws and applicable State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia policies and procedures. All persons entering the campus, or any facility owned or operated by the Technical College System of Georgia or any of its Technical Colleges must comply with these laws, policies, and procedures.

A Technical College may permit the service of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the operation of a business conference center, provided the center can accommodate 200 or more people. Alcohol may be served only at events sponsored by a third party (e.g., an organization, individual, etc.) possessing the appropriate federal, state, and local licenses. Additionally, the event must serve a business, economic development, civic, social, or educational purpose.

Alcoholic beverages may not be served or sold at any student-sponsored function, nor may a Technical College sponsor an event at which alcohol is sold or otherwise provided.

Any sale or service of alcoholic beverages must comply with applicable law and may only be conducted by properly licensed third parties as authorized by this policy and corresponding procedures.

An Agreement setting forth the requirements for the service of alcoholic beverages shall be signed by any third party sponsoring an event at which alcohol will be served. The agreement shall include provisions requiring the third party to indemnify and hold harmless TCSG and the Technical College to the extent permitted by Georgia law and to maintain adequate liability insurance.

For purposes of regulating alcoholic beverages, the campus shall be within a municipality if the campus, or a more significant part of the campus, is within the limits of a municipality. When a campus, or a more significant part of the campus, is located within an unincorporated area of a county, the campus shall be considered to be within the county's unincorporated area.

Any advertisement or promotional materials which indicate that alcohol will be available at an event/function held on a Technical College campus shall not contain any information which would suggest that the event is sponsored by the Technical College or any Technical

College employee. College logos, names, etc., shall not be used as an endorsement for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

No State or Federal funds may be used to purchase alcohol for service at a Technical College. However, this prohibition does not apply to purchasing alcohol for exclusive use in a college's culinary arts programs. In these instances, the college must adopt written procedures to strictly regulate the purchase, storage, and use of alcohol in these academic programs.

A Technical College President may decline to allow alcoholic beverages at events; any approval must be consistent with applicable law, Board policy, and established procedures.

RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties

TCSG Procedure 3.3.6p – Use of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus

TCSG Procedure 4.3.2p4 – Standards of Business Conduct

O.C.G.A. §3-8-6 – Technical Institutes; Services of Alcoholic Beverages; Regulation and Tax

O.C.G.A. §3-3-21.1 – Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on the Grounds of a Public School