

POLICY: 6.7.1

Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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POLICY:

This policy has been developed in concert with the federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act which was enacted to ensure that any institution of higher education that receives funds under any federal program has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol by students. It also incorporates the statutory mandates required under the state Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 (O.C.G.A. § 20-1-20 et seq.)

No student may engage in the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on the Technical College's property or as part of its sponsored activities.

Such unlawful activity may be considered sufficient grounds for serious punitive action, including expulsion. Disciplinary sanctions for students convicted of a felony offense involving alcohol or the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, controlled substances, or other illegal or dangerous drugs shall be immediate suspension and denial of further state and/or federal funds from the date of conviction. Specifically, in the case of a drug-related offense, the student shall minimally be suspended for the remainder of the semester and forfeit all academic credit for that period.

The Technical College shall notify the appropriate state/federal funding agency within ten days of receiving notice of the conviction from the student or the actual notice of conviction.

Within 30 days of notification of conviction, the Technical College shall, concerning any student so convicted:

1. Take additional appropriate action against such students, including expulsion as necessary.
2. Provide such student with a description of any drug or alcohol counseling treatment, rehabilitation, or re-entry programs available by a federal, state, local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

The Technical College is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a drug-free awareness program to inform students of the

following:

1. The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse on the campus and elsewhere.
2. Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation, and assistance programs.
3. Any penalties to be imposed upon students for drug and alcohol abuse violations occurring on the campus.

Each Technical College shall conduct a biennial review of its program to determine its effectiveness, implement changes to the program if needed, and ensure that the program's sanctions are consistently enforced.

Each Technical College shall maintain and make available to the U. S. Secretary of Education and the public a copy of each item in the program as required by this policy and applicable law, as well as the results of the biennial review.

RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board

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

34 C.F.R. § 86 – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention

20 U.S.C. § 1101i – Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention

20 U.S.C. § 1091(r) – Federal Student Aid Penalties for Drug Convictions.

Attachment: 6.7.3a. Compliance Checklist

Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 (O.C.G.A. § 20-1-20 et seq.)

U.S. Department of Education's Higher Education Center for Alcohol and other Drug Prevention

Attachment: 6.7.1.a1.

Checklist - Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Compliance (Regulations 34 C.F.R. 86)



Name: _____

Title: _____

Department: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

1. Does the institution maintain a copy of its drug prevention program?

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

If yes, where is it located? _____

2. Does the institution provide annually to each employee and each student who is taking one or more classes for any type of academic credit except for continuing education units written materials that adequately describe and contain the following:

a. Standards of conduct that prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on its property or as a part of its activities;

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

b. A description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol;

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

c. A description of applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law;

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

d. A description of applicable counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs;

Students: yes () no () Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

e. A clear statement of the disciplinary sanctions the institution will impose on students and employees, and a description of those sanctions

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

3. How are the above materials distributed to students?

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| a. Mailed to each student (separately or included in another mailing) | yes () no () |
| b. Through campus post office boxes and/or email | yes () no () |
| c. Class schedules which are mailed to each student | yes () no () |
| d. During freshman orientation | yes () no () |
| e. During new student orientation | yes () no () |
| f. In another manner (describe) | yes () no () |
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4. Do the means of distribution provide adequate assurance that each student receives the materials annually?

yes () no ()

5. Does the institution's distribution plan provide these materials to students who enroll at some date after the initial distribution?

yes () no ()

6. How are the above materials distributed to staff and faculty?

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| a. Mailed | yes () no () |
| b. Through campus post office boxes and/or email | yes () no () |
| c. During new employees orientation | yes () no () |
| d. In another manner (describe) | yes () no () |
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7. Do the means of distribution provide adequate assurance that each staff and faculty member receives the materials annually?

yes () no ()

8. Does the institution's distribution plan provide these materials to staff and faculty hired after the initial distribution?

yes () no ()

9. How and by whom does the institution conduct biennial reviews of its drug prevention program to determine effectiveness, implement necessary changes, and ensure that disciplinary sanctions are enforced?

a. Conduct student AOD use survey

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

b. Conduct opinion survey of its students, staff and faculty

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

c. Evaluate comments obtained from a suggestion box

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

d. Conduct focus groups

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

e. Conduct intercept interviews

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

f. Assess effectiveness of documented mandatory drug treatment referrals for students and employees

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

g. Assess the effectiveness of documented cases of disciplinary sanctions imposed on students and employees

Students: yes () no ()

Staff & Faculty: yes () no ()

h. Other (please list)

i. By whom _____

10. If requested, has the institution made available to the public a copy of each required item in the drug prevention program and the results of the biennial review?

yes () no ()

11. Where is the biennial review documentation located?

Name _____

Title _____

Department _____

Phone_____ Email_____

12. Comments _____

References:
State Board Policy 6.7.3. Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act

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