

Alcohol

The use of intoxicating beverages will be prohibited in classroom buildings; laboratories; auditoriums; library buildings; faculty and administrative offices; intercollegiate and intramural athletic facilities; and all other public campus areas. The District President is authorized by the Board to permit the serving and consumption of alcohol at special fundraising functions for the College District, at specially designated events in College District facilities, and as a part of specifically defined and approved academic curricular programs/classes (e.g., culinary arts). With the prior consent of the Board, the provisions herein may be waived with respect to any specific affair that is sponsored by the institution and/or the College District Foundation. State law will be strictly enforced at all times on all property controlled by the College District in regard to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Controlled Substances

When on College District property or while attending College District-sponsored activities on- or off-campus, a student will not, or attempt to, possess, have under his or her control, manufacture, deliver, distribute, sell, purchase, use, or be under the influence of:

1. Alcohol;
2. Any controlled substance as defined by the Texas Controlled Substances Act;
3. Abusable volatile chemicals in violation of the manufacturer's directions;
4. A dangerous drug, as defined by state or federal law;
5. Steroids;
6. Substances referred to as designer drugs; or
7. Any other intoxicant or mood-changing, mind-altering, or behavior-altering drugs.

In addition, a student will not inappropriately or illegally use over-the-counter medications, prescription medications, inhalants, herbal/natural euphorants, and/or look-alike products or anything represented to be one of these substances.

Paraphernalia

A student will not possess any pipe, instrument of contrivance, hypodermic syringe, needle, or any instrument adapted for the use of smoking, injecting, or ingesting any narcotic or hallucinatory drug.

Definition of Possession

Possession means actual care, custody, control, or management and includes the act of taking control or occupancy of property without regard to the ownership of the property. Possession is a voluntary act if the possessor knowingly obtains or receives the item possessed or is aware of his or her control over the item for a

sufficient time to permit the student to terminate his or her control. In addition, items in a car under the care, custody, control, or management of the student will be in the student's possession.

Exceptions

It will not be considered a violation of this policy if the student:

1. Uses or possesses a controlled substance or drug authorized by a licensed physician through a prescription specifically for that student's use;
2. Possesses a controlled substance or drug that a licensed physician has prescribed for the student's child or other individual for whom the student is a legal guardian;
3. Cultivates, possesses, transports, or sells hemp as authorized by law; or
4. Possesses, sells, or distributes Dextromethorphan.

Violation

Students who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action as defined in the College District's Student Code of Conduct (Code).

Notice

Disciplinary action may include referral to drug and alcohol counseling or rehabilitation programs or student assistance programs, suspension, expulsion, and referral to appropriate law enforcement officials for prosecution. Each student taking one or more classes for any type of academic credit, except for continuing education units, will be given a copy of the College District's policy prohibiting the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol; a description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law; and a description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol. [See FLBE(EXHIBIT)]

Tobacco

The College District is a smoke- and tobacco-free institution. The use of any tobacco product or other electronic smoking device (including, but not limited to, electronic cigarettes or personal vaporizers) will be strictly prohibited anywhere on College District property or in College District facilities. A student who violates this policy may be issued a citation by the College District Police Department and may face legal fines. Violators of this policy are also subject to disciplinary action as defined in the Code.

[For more information and smoking cessation assistance, see the College District's Student Handbook or contact the College District's counseling services.]

Drug Testing

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Student participation in certain academic and extracurricular programs may require drug testing. A student may be tested upon beginning participation in the identified programs and/or a random basis. The requirements are defined and available for review prior to a student enrolling in the College District or participating in the affected programs and activities.