ALCOHOL

The use of intoxicating beverages shall 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 College President is authorized by the Board to permit the serving and consumption of alcohol at special fund-raising 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 shall 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 shall 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. Controlled substances as defined in the Texas Controlled Substances Act;
3. Abusable volatile chemicals in violation of manufacturer’s directions;
4. Dangerous drugs as defined by state or federal law;
5. Steroids;
6. Substances referred to as designer drugs; and
7. Any other intoxicant or mood-changing, mind-altering, or behavior-altering drugs.

In addition, a student shall not inappropriately or illegally use over-the-counter medications, prescription medications, inhalants, herbal/natural euphoriants, and look-alike products or that which is represented to be any of these substances.

PARAPHERNALIA

A student shall 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 addi-
tion, items in a car under the care, custody, control, or management of the student will be in the student’s possession.

EXCEPTION
A student who uses a drug authorized by a licensed physician in accordance with a prescription specifically for that student’s use shall not be considered to have violated this rule.

VIOLATION
Students who violate this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

NOTICE
Such 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 shall be given a copy of the 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 prohibits smoking or the use of any tobacco product or other electronic smoking device on all College District property, except in designated areas. Violators of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action [see section 26, Smoking/Tobacco, of the student handbook]. Students seeking assistance or educational materials about alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or other substances should contact counseling services.

DRUG TESTING
Certain academic and extra-curricular programs may require entrance and/or random drug testing. The requirements are defined and available for review prior to enrollment and participation in these programs/activities.