



DRUG FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT 2020 ANNUAL NOTICE

RESOURCES

Collin College Counseling Services

Counseling/consultation, assessment, and referral for students

972.881.5126

Personalcounseling@collin.edu

Free Online Screening

A tool to assess substance use



KNOW NOW

Collin College's substance abuse prevention & information resource

Collin College Dean of Students

Disciplinary actions and advocacy for students

LifePath Systems

Collin County Mental Health Authority
Collin County 24/7 Mental Health
Crisis hotline: 1.877.422.5939

MHMR

Denton County Mental Health Services
Denton County 24/7 MHMR Crisis
Hotline: 1.800.762.0157

Collin College supports the requirements of the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. The college also endorses the Standards of the Commission of Colleges and Universities Committed to the Elimination of Drug and Alcohol Use.

In compliance with the act, the college annually informs each student about the following subjects related to use of illegal drugs, alcohol abuse, inhalants and unauthorized use of prescription and over the counter (OTC) drugs:

- Standards of conduct
- College sanctions for violation of the *Student Code of Conduct*
- Legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law
- Associated health risks
- Substance abuse counseling, treatment, and prevention programs available to students

Standards of Conduct & College Sanctions

Individual students and organizations violating the college's policies or engaging in conduct which is prohibited by local, state or federal law are subject to discipline under the provisions of policies stated in the *Student Code of Conduct* published in the Student Handbook (This Code allows the College to initiate disciplinary proceedings against any student who violates the policies. Students found responsible for these offenses will be subject to immediate disciplinary action as described in the 2020-2021 Student Handbook). In addition, college officials may refer any

evidence of illegal activities to the proper governmental authorities for review and potential prosecution.

To view the *Student Code of Conduct*, see page 97 of the [Student Handbook](#).

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 district president is authorized by the Board of Trustees to permit the serving and consumption of alcohol at special fundraising functions for Collin College, at specially designated events in Collin College 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 Collin College and/or the College District Foundation. State law will be strictly enforced at all times on all property controlled by Collin College in regard to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Controlled Substances: When on Collin College property or while attending Collin College-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 manufacturer's directions
4. A dangerous drug as defined by state or federal law
5. Steroids
6. Substances referred to as designer drugs; and/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.

Notice Regarding Steroids: In accordance with the [Texas Higher Education Code Section 51.921](#), anabolic steroids and growth hormones are for medical use only. State law prohibits possessing, dispensing, delivering, or administering an anabolic steroid or growth hormones in any manner not allowed by state law. State law provides that body building, muscle enhancement, or increasing muscle bulk or strength through the use of an anabolic steroid is not a valid medical purpose. Only a medical doctor may prescribe an anabolic steroid or human growth hormone for a person. A violation of state law concerning anabolic steroids or human growth hormones is a criminal offense punishable by confinement in jail or imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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.

Exception: A student who uses a drug authorized by a licensed physician through a prescription specifically for that student's use will not be considered to have violated this rule.

Violation: Students who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, as defined in [Chapter 9: Disciplinary Procedures](#) in this *Student Code of Conduct*. 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.

Smoking, Tobacco, and/or Electronic Smoking Devices: Collin College 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 Collin College property or in Collin College facilities. A student who violates this policy may be issued a citation by the Collin College Police Department and may face legal fines. Violators of this policy are also subject to disciplinary action as defined in [Chapter 9: Disciplinary Procedures](#) in the *Student Code of Conduct*. A definition of electronic smoking devices is listed in the [College Terminology](#) section of the student handbook. For assistance with cessation, contact Counseling Services at 972.881.5126 or personalcounseling@collin.edu.

Drug Testing: Student participation in certain academic and extra-curricular programs may require drug testing. The 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 Collin College or participating in the affected programs and activities.

Legal Sanctions

Summary: Penalties Under State Law

Offense	Minimum Punishment	Maximum Punishment
Minor driving with any detectable alcohol in system	Fine up to \$500, 60 days license suspension, 20-40 hours of community service	180 days license suspension, up to \$2000 fine, jail term of 180 days or both
Manufacture or delivery of controlled substances (drugs)	180 days to two years in jail and up to \$10,000 fine	Texas Department of Correction (TDC) life jail term of 15 to 99 years and up to \$250,000 fine

Possession of controlled substances (drugs)	180 days to two years in jail and up to \$10,000 fine	TDC life jail term of 10 to 99 years and up to \$100,000 fine
Possession or delivery of marijuana	Up to 180 days in jail and up to \$2,000 fine	TDC life jail term of 10 to 99 years and up to \$100,000 fine
Driving while intoxicated (alcohol, drugs or both)	72 hours to 180 days in jail and fine of \$100 to \$2,000, Loss of license 90 days to one year	2-10 year jail term in TDC and fine up to \$10,000, Loss of License of 180 days to two years
Purchase, consumption or possession of alcohol by a minor	Fine up to \$500, 8-12 hours of community service, Loss of License 30 days	Subsequent violation or offense, fine of \$250 to \$2,000, Loss of License of 180 days, Up to 180 days in jail
Sale of alcohol to a minor	Fine up to \$4,000, jail term of up to one year or both	

DUIA by Minors Under 17 Years of Age

The consequences of receiving a DUIA vary depending on the driver’s age. For a motorist who is less than 17 years old, DUIA is a Class C misdemeanor. A First conviction carries a fine of up to \$500, a minimum 60-day license suspension, and 20-40 hours of community service.

Attendance in an “Alcohol Awareness Course” – for the minor and possibly the parent – is also required.

DUIA by Minors 17 to 20 Years of Age

For a motorist age 17 to 20, DUIA is a Class B Misdemeanor. Depending on whether the underage driver has prior infractions, a conviction carries up to \$2,000 in fines, jail time from 72 hours to 180 days, and a minimum 1-year license suspension. The suspension can be reduced to 90 days when coupled with community supervision and use of an ignition interlock device (IID).

For detailed information, consult the following links:

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/drugs/controlled-substances.aspx>

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.481.htm>

Federal Penalties and Sanctions for Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance

21 U.S.C. 844(a)

1st conviction: Up to one year of imprisonment and fined at least \$1,000 but not more than \$100,000, or both.

After one prior drug conviction: At least 15 days in prison, not to exceed two years and fined at least \$2,500 but not more than \$250,000, or both.

After two or more prior drug convictions: At least 90 days in prison, not to exceed three years and fined at least \$5,000 but not more than \$250,000, or both.

Special sentencing provision for possession of crack cocaine: Mandatory at least five years in prison, not to exceed 20 years and fined up to \$250,000, or both, if:

(a) First conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceed 5 grams.

- (b) Second crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceed 3 grams.
- (c) Third or subsequent crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceed 1 gram.

21 U.S.C. 853(a)(2) and 881(a)(7)

Forfeiture of personal and real property used to possess or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance if that offense is punishable by more than one year imprisonment. (See special sentencing provisions re: crack)

21 U.S.C. 881(a)(4)

Forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft or any other conveyance used to transport or conceal a controlled substance.

21 U.S.C. 844a

Civil fine of up to \$10,000 (pending adoption of final regulations).

21 U.S.C. 853a

Denial of Federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to one year for first offense, up to five years for second and subsequent offenses.

18 U.S.C. 922(g)

Ineligible to receive or purchase a firearm.

Miscellaneous

Revocation of certain Federal license and benefits, e.g., pilot licenses, public housing tenancy, etc., are vested within the authorities of individual Federal agencies.

Health Risks

Alcohol

- taken orally
- impedes memory and coordination
- dangers include physical and psychological dependency; impaired coordination and judgment; fatal respiratory or heart failure from consuming large quantities in a short time period; damage to liver, heart, pancreas, brain and nervous system by excessive and continuous consumption; increased likelihood of injury or death from car or equipment accidents; death due to withdrawal

Amphetamines

- taken orally, injected or inhaled
- effects include increases in blood pressure, heart and respiratory rates; dilates pupils; decreases appetite and blurs vision
- dangers include dizziness; insomnia; high doses cause loss of coordination, tremors and physical collapse; injection causes sudden increase in blood pressure that can result in stroke, fever or heart failure, false sense of indestructibility, hallucinations and acute anxiety

Barbiturates

- taken orally
- effects include slurred speech in large doses, impaired judgment, coordination and altered perception; even larger doses may lead to respiratory depression, coma and death

- dangers include being highly addictive; withdrawal symptoms include restlessness, insomnia, anxiety, convulsions and death; increased accident risk due to impaired judgment and motor skills

Cocaine

- taken by inhaling through nasal passages, injection or smoked
- effects include elevated blood pressure, heart and respiratory rate and temperature; dilated pupils
- dangers include psychological and physical dependency; death caused by heart or respiratory failure; paranoid psychosis; ulceration of nasal passages; injection of drug with infected equipment may lead to onset of AIDS or hepatitis

Crack Cocaine

- taken by smoking
- effects include dilated pupils; increased pulse rate; elevated blood pressure; leads to insomnia, loss of appetite, paranoia, tactile hallucinations and seizures
- dangers include extreme addiction; death caused by disruption of brain's control of the heart and respiratory functions

Inhalants

- effects include nausea, vomiting, dizziness, headaches, lack of coordination and control
- dangers include unconsciousness; suffocation and death from respiratory arrest; permanent brain and central nervous system damage may result from long-term effects of toxins

Marijuana

- taken by smoking in hand-rolled cigarettes or water pipes or orally
- effects include increased heart rate; bloodshot eyes; dry mouth and throat; increased appetite
- Dangers include impaired coordination, concentration and memory; paranoia and psychosis; damaged lungs and pulmonary systems; brain damage; safety risks while driving or operating equipment due to impaired judgment and motor skills; depression, self-absorption and confusion

K2 (Spice, Synthetic Marijuana)

- taken by smoking
- effects similar to marijuana, although stronger and more severe; head buzz that spreads through body; short-term anxiety and/or paranoia
- dangers include: very rapid heart rate; possible seizures; increased blood pressure; chemical stored in the body longer than marijuana

Tobacco/Nicotine

- taken by smoking cigarettes, e-cigs/vape pens, cigars, pipe; leaves "dipped" or "chewed"
- effects include changes in heart rate, blood pressure, respiration; addiction and withdrawal symptoms when stopped; depression and fatigue
- dangers include harm to every organ of the body; leading to illness and death from cancer, cardiovascular and respiratory disease; adverse reproductive effects

Heroin & Opiates

- taken by injection, inhaling
- effects include impaired judgment, slurred speech and drowsiness
- dangers include physical addiction; overdose can cause coma, shock and depressed respiration or death; withdrawal problems include sweating, diarrhea, fever, insomnia, irritability, nausea, vomiting, muscle/joint pains; abrupt withdrawal may cause death

- injection of illegal opiates is associated with AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus and infections of the heart

LSD/PCP/Magic Mushrooms/Mescaline/Peyote

- taken orally
- effects include severe hallucinations; feelings of detachment; incoherent speech; cold hands and feet, crying, laughing and vomiting
- dangers include flashback, suicidal tendencies, loss of sense of self, impaired judgment, and unpredictable behavior

MDMA/Ecstasy

- effects include heightened sense of well-being and closeness towards others; euphoria; suppresses need to eat, drink, sleep; increased blood pressure, heart and respiratory rates; dehydration; muscle spasms and cramps; grinding of teeth.
- dangers include extreme body temperatures that can cause internal bleeding; liver damage; destruction of nerve fibers in the brain, coma, and death

Anabolic Steroids

- taken orally or by injection
- effects include aggression, acne, dizziness, diarrhea, hives and insomnia
- dangers include medical complications including sterility, impotence, liver cancer, heart disease and death

Information About AIDS and Drugs

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) is the final stage of an infection caused by the HIV virus. This virus may be transmitted to others through the direct contact with an infected person's blood, semen or vaginal fluids. HIV is also transmitted through the sharing of needles, syringes or sharps by users of illegal intravenous drugs.

Collin Counseling/Prevention Services

Collin's proactive prevention, education and counseling program seeks to eliminate the use and abuse of substances. Collin College is dedicated to providing quality education in a wholesome environment for its student body. Know Now, Collin's substance abuse initiative, serves as a resource for the college community for prevention as well as the following in conjunction with Counseling Services:

- Assessment and referral
- Educational presentations and materials
- Resource Information
- Consultation