

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 standards of conduct and health risks associated with the use of illegal drugs, alcohol abuse, inhalants and unauthorized use of prescription and over the counter (OTC) drugs; a description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs, alcohol, inhalants, OTC and prescription drugs; college sanctions for violation of the Student Code of Conduct and a description of substance abuse counseling, treatment, and prevention programs available to students.

## Health Risks of Substance Use and Abuse

### 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, Legal 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, cigars, pipe; leaves "dipped" or "chewed"
- effects include changes in heart rate, blood pressure, respiration; addiction and withdrawal symptoms when stopped; depression, 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 hallucination; 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

Collin's proactive prevention, education and counseling program seeks to eliminate the use and abuse of substances.

### Components include:

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

### 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 College is dedicated to providing quality education in a wholesome environment for its student body, and therefore provides information for the college community in the identification of substance abuse as well as appropriate referrals. The college provides assessment, referral, and counseling by licensed counselors for students through Collin's Counseling Services. Educational materials, programs and resources are available.

Counseling Services: (972) 881-5126  
Email: [Personalcounseling@collin.edu](mailto:Personalcounseling@collin.edu)

## Code Violations

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 Code (pages 98-118 of the 2015-2016 Student Handbook). In addition, college officials may refer any evidence of illegal activities to the proper governmental authorities for review and potential prosecution.

The use of alcohol and 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, provided, however, that with the prior consent and approval of the Board, the provisions herein may be waived for specified culinary instructional programs, or with respect to any specific event that is sponsored by Collin College and/or the Collin College Foundation. State law shall be strictly enforced at all times on all property controlled by Collin College in regard to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (Public Law 101-226) and state law, no student shall, or attempt to, possess, have under their control, manufacture, deliver, distribute, sell, purchase, use, or be under the influence of the following: alcohol, controlled substances or drugs (as defined by federal law or in the Texas Controlled Substance Act); abuseable volatile chemicals (in violation of manufacturer's directions), dangerous drugs (as defined by state or federal law); steroids; substance referred to as "designer drugs;" and the inappropriate or illegal use of over-the-counter medications, prescription medications, inhalants, herbal/"natural" euphorants; look-alike products (what is represented to be any of the above-listed substances); any other intoxicant or mood-changing, mind-altering, or behavior-altering drugs at Collin College, on Collin College property, or while attending Collin College-sponsored activities that are on or off campus.

A student who uses a prescription drug authorized by a licensed physician, in accordance with a prescription specifically for that student's use shall not be considered to have violated the prohibition against controlled substances.

Students shall not possess any pipe, instrument of contrivance, hypodermic syringe, needle, or any instrument adapted for the use of smoking, injecting, and ingesting, any narcotic or hallucinatory drug at Collin College, on Collin College property, or while attending Collin College-sponsored activities that are on or off campus. Look-alike drug paraphernalia is also prohibited.

Collin College is a smoke- and tobacco-free institution. Smoking and/or using tobacco products or other electronic smoking devices is strictly prohibited anywhere on Collin College property or in campus buildings (see Section 7-2.1, Alcohol, Drugs, Smoking, Tobacco, or Electronic Devices Prohibited). Violators of tobacco regulations may be issued a citation by the Collin College Police Department and may face legal fines up to \$200. Additionally, violators may be subject to disciplinary action by Collin College. For assistance with cessation, contact the Counseling Services at 972.881.5126.

For purposes of this policy, 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 things possessed or is aware of his or her control over the thing for a sufficient time to permit him or her to terminate his or her control. In addition, items in a car under the care, custody, control or management of the student will be considered to be the student's possession.

Students who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Students will be provided the opportunity to show if they were using a prescription drug in accordance with the prescription provided by a licensed physician.

Such disciplinary action may include suspension, expulsion, and referral to appropriate law enforcement officials for prosecution. Each student taking one (1) or more classes for any type of academic credit except for continuing

education units, shall be given a copy of Collin College'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.

## Penalties Under State Law

Offense	Minimum Punishment	Maximum Punishment
Minor Driving with any detectable alcohol in system	Fine up \$500, 60 days license suspension, 20-40 hrs 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 2 years in jail and up to \$10,000 fine	Texas Department of Correction (TDC) life term of 15 to 99 years and up to \$250,000 fine
Possession of controlled substances (drugs)	180 days to 2 years in jail and up to \$10,000 fine	TDC life term of 10 to 99 years and up to \$100,000 fine
Possession or delivery of marihuana	Up to 180 days in jail and up to \$2,000 fine	TDC life 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 1 year	2-10 years in TDC and fine up to \$10,000, Loss of License 180 days to 2 years
Purchase, consumption or possession of alcohol by a minor	Fine up to \$500, 8-12 hrs community service, Loss of License 30 days	Subsequent violation or offense, fine of \$250 to \$2000, Loss of License 180 days, Up to 180 days in jail
Sale of alcohol to a minor	Fine up to \$4,000, jail term of up to 1 year or both	

## Federal Penalties and Sanctions for Illegal Possession of a Controlled Substance

### 21 U.S.C. 844(a)

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

After 1 prior drug conviction: At least 15 days in prison, not to exceed 2 years and fined at least \$2,500 but not more than \$250,000, or both.

After 2 or more prior drug convictions: At least 90 days in prison, not to exceed 3 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 5 years in prison, not to exceed 20 years and fined up to \$250,000, or both, if:

(a) 1<sup>st</sup> conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceed 5 grams.

(b) 2<sup>nd</sup> crack conviction and the amount of crack possessed exceed 3 gram.

(c) 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1 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 1 year for first offense, up to 5 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.

