

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Title: Alcohol and Drug Document Number: SS 102

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Department: Student Services

Purpose

Information about laws and college rules governing the use of alcohol and drugs at Louisiana Delta Community College.

Scope

The entire college community.

Policy

The **Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989** (Public Law 101-226) requires the College to certify to the Department of Education that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees.

This program must include the following:

- 1. Standards of conduct concerning the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs, and the illegal use of alcohol by students and employees on College property or at any College activity
- 2. Description of legal sanctions
- 3. Clear statement of the College's sanctions for violations
- 4. Description of any drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation services;
- 5. Description of the health risks associated with use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol.

The information below is in compliance with the requirements of the Act.

It is unlawful to possess, use, or distribute illicit drugs on LDCC property or at any College-sponsored event. Alcohol and drug use is a major issue in the community and on college campuses. Alcohol and drugs can seriously damage physical and mental health, as well as jeopardize personal and public safety. In addition, excessive alcohol consumption may lead to physical abuse, date rape, auto accidents, violence, and other behaviors which lead to self-destruction.

The College abides by all state, federal, and local laws pertaining to alcohol and will enforce underage drinking laws. LDCC policy prohibits the consumption, possession, or distribution of

alcoholic beverages or other drugs in or on any College property or while participating in any College-sponsored trip or activity. All state, local, and federal laws are enforced and may result in disciplinary action by the College as well as criminal prosecution. Violation of the underage drinking laws **will be** enforced.

The College provides drug awareness seminars throughout the year as well as referral services to students, faculty, and staff who seek help with substance abuse problems.

LDCC is a drug and alcohol free campus and recognizes that drug and alcohol abuse is a major societal concern and problem. Such abuse leads to health problems, decreased productivity, crime and general weakening of our nation's social fabric. Alcohol and drug abuse is especially destructive to education and learning, inhibiting educational, social and interpersonal development. It is the purpose of this policy to establish a comprehensive program to address the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

The following conduct is prohibited:

- a. The use, consumption, possession, manufacture, furnishing, sale and/or distribution of illicit drugs, narcotics or other controlled substances, including marijuana.
- b. The use, possession, manufacture, purchase, sale, furnishing and/or distribution of drug paraphernalia.
- c. The use, consumption, possession, manufacture, purchase, sale, furnishing, and/or distribution of alcoholic beverages on College property, or at any of its activities, except as expressly permitted by College regulations and the law.
- d. The use, consumption, possession and/or purchase of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 years of age.
- e. Operating or attempting to operate a motor vehicle while intoxicated.
- f. Public intoxication on College property.
- g. Furnishing, serving and/or otherwise providing alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 years of age.

College Sanctions

Students who violate the provision of this policy will be subject to sanctions, which could include criminal prosecution, suspension and/or expulsion.

Drug and Alcohol Prevention: AREA PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL COUNSELING, TREATMENT, REHABILITATION OR SUPPORT SERVICES CAN BE LOCATED BY CONTACTING THE OFFICE OF STUDENT COUNSELING AND DISABILITY SERVICES, LOCATED IN SUITE 144 OF STUDENT SERVICES; PHONE 318-345-9152.

Additionally, informational literature is available as well as various educational activities are provided annually to increase student's awareness of alcohol and other drug related problems.