

## General Institution

**BP 3550 DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE ENVIRONMENT AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM (DAAPP)****References:**

- 20 U.S. Code Section 1011i (Drug Free Schools and Communities Act);
- 41 U.S. Code Section 8103 (Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988);
- 34 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 86.1 et seq.

The District shall be free from the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs, prescription drugs, and alcohol by students and employees.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in all facilities under the control and use of the District.

Any student or employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action consistent with local, state, or federal law, which may include referral to an appropriate rehabilitation program, suspension, demotion, expulsion, or dismissal.

Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant. Aside from the health risks of alcohol, drugs (legal or illegal) carry their own risks.

- Since everyone's brain and body chemistry is different and tolerance for drugs is different, it cannot be predicted how any individual may be affected, especially if it is a first time use and even if it is a small amount or dose.
- Using drugs or alcohol can lead to abuse, addiction, serious health problems, and even death.
- Drugs that are legal - prescription and over-the counter (OTC Medications) can be just as dangerous as illegal drugs.

More information on the health risks associated with alcohol, drugs, and/or the mixing of alcohol and drugs may be found on the College's website by searching Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program (DAAPP).

On November 8, 2016 California voters passed Proposition 64 legalizing the use of recreational marijuana by people over the age of 21. The change in law does not permit any person to possess or use recreational or medical marijuana on a community college campus. Using and possessing marijuana is still illegal under federal law. The federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act require that the District, which receives federal funding, have policies and procedures that prohibit marijuana use, possession and distribution on campus and in the workplace.

The District prohibits the use, possession and sale of marijuana, in any form, on all college property, including college owned and leased buildings, and parking lots. Marijuana is also not permitted at District sponsored events or while conducting college business.

The Superintendent/President shall ensure that the District distributes annually to each student and employee the information required by the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and complies with other requirements of the Act.

See BP/AP 3560 Alcohol on Campus

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