

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	STUDENT SERVICES <b>STUDENT DRUG FREE POLICY</b>	Policy 6.03.04
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Southwestern Community College is committed to providing each of its students a drug-free **teaching and learning** environment. ~~in which to attend classes and study.~~ From a safety perspective, ~~the users of~~ drugs or alcohol may impair the well-being of students, interfere with the College's educational environment, and result in damage to College property. Therefore, it is the College's policy that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of narcotics, drugs, other controlled substances or alcohol is prohibited on College premises or as part of any College-sponsored activity. The specifics of this policy are as follows:

1. No student shall distribute, dispense, possess, use **or be under the influence** of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor or unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use **or be under the influence** of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid or any other "controlled substance" before, during, or after school hours on College premises, or at any other College locations, **or at any College sponsored activity.**
2. "Controlled substance" means any drug listed in Title 21 of the United States Code and other federal regulations, as well as those listed in Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes. Generally, these are drugs which have a high potential for abuse and include "legal drugs" which are not prescribed by a licensed physician. Student use of drugs as prescribed by a licensed physician is not a violation of policy; however, individuals shall be held strictly accountable for their behavior while under the influence of prescribed drugs.
3. "College location" means in any College building or on any College premises; in any College-owned vehicle or in any other College-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from College or College activities; and off College property at any College-sponsored or College-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the College's jurisdiction.
4. The College does not differentiate between drug users, drug pushers, or sellers. Any student who possesses, uses, sells, gives, or in any way transfers a controlled substance or manufactures a controlled substance while on College premises or as part of any College-sponsored activity will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including ~~termination~~ **suspension** or expulsion and referral for prosecution.
5. A student who violates the terms of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Policy 6.03.02 - Standards of Student Conduct. At his or her discretion, the Executive Vice President of Instruction and Student Services may require any student who violates the terms of this policy to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse rehabilitation program or an alcoholic rehabilitation program sponsored by an approved private or governmental institution **at the students' expense** as a precondition of continued enrollment at the College.

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6. Each student is required to inform the College, in writing, within five (5) days after he or she is convicted for violation of any federal, state, or local criminal drug statute or alcoholic beverage control statute where such violation occurred while on College premises or as part of any College-sponsored activity. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action.

Cross Reference: Policy 6.03.02 – Standards of Student Conduct

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