

Drug Free Workplace

The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students or employees on the property of NCCC or as part of any of the activities of the college is strictly prohibited. College vehicles are covered under this policy. Alcohol may not be transported in any College vehicle without the express written prior approval of the President. Students who violate this policy will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials and are subject to the following: probation, suspension, or expulsion depending upon the severity of the offense.

Students subject to these penalties will be afforded due process. In addition to the above sanctions, a student may be required to meet with a campus counselor. A student may be required to complete a drug or alcohol abuse education or treatment program as a condition of continued enrollment. The cost of completing such a program will be the responsibility of the student.

As a condition of employment, employees will notify the institution of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than five (5) days after such conviction.

Employees of the college who violate this policy will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement officials and are subject to the following:

1. Short-term suspension with pay;
2. Short-term suspension without pay;
3. Long-term suspension without pay;
4. Required participation in a drug and alcohol education, treatment, counseling, or rehabilitation program; or,
5. Termination or dismissal from employment.

Prior to applying sanctions under this policy, employees will be afforded all due process rights to which they are entitled under their contracts or the provisions of Kansas law. Nothing in this policy is intended to diminish the right of the college to take any other disciplinary action which is provided for in college policies or the negotiated agreement. If an employee should enter a drug education or rehabilitation program, the cost of such program will be the responsibility of the employee.

In order to ensure that students and employees of the college are aware of the standard of conduct established by this policy, the sanctions for violation of that standard, the health risks associated with drug and alcohol use and abuse, the legal sanctions for unlawful possession and distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol, and the drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation or re-entry programs that are available in the area for employees and students, the following documents will be distributed to all employees, including part-time and adjunct faculty, and all students.

1. A copy of this policy;
2. A document which describes the applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol;
3. A document which describes the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol; and,

4. A document which lists the drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation or re-entry programs that are available to employees or students.

This program will be reviewed biennially by an appropriately appointed committee. The purpose of the review will be to determine the effectiveness of the program, to recommend the implementation of changes in the program, and to ensure that the sanctions are consistently enforced. The review committee will make its findings and recommendations in a written report which will be presented to the board of trustees for its consideration.

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