

**SOUTHWEST TENNESSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE****SUBJECT:** Drugs and Alcohol**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2000; Revised: January 24, 2012

Southwest Tennessee Community College views its role as one of assisting the individual student to achieve academic goals. The College will assist any individual whose mental or physical health is threatened by the use or abuse of alcohol and/or drugs.

The Southwest Tennessee Community College Advising/Counseling is available for counseling and/or referral services to those individuals whose lives may be adversely affected by the use and/or abuse of alcohol and/or drugs. The Office of Student Activities and Multicultural Affairs periodically sponsor programs of interest to the faculty, staff, and students that highlight the effects of drug and/or alcohol abuse. The Behavior Intervention Team, a college committee will conduct a biennial review of the College's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program to determine its effectiveness and to implement changes to the program, as deemed necessary, and to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.

Southwest Tennessee Community College expects all students, faculty, and staff to comply with Tennessee Board of Regents policy and with state and local laws relating to alcoholic beverages and drugs, including those pertaining to their possession and use. Students, faculty, and staff are subject to arrest and prosecution by civil authorities for violations on campus.

The use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages on the Southwest Tennessee Community College campus is prohibited.

The following guidelines apply to the use of alcoholic beverages by individuals, groups, or an organization's members and invited guests at functions sponsored by the College at off-campus locations.

1. At no time will an alcoholic beverage be served to persons under 21 years of age;
2. The officers of an organization or individual(s) hosting a social function are responsible for compliance with applicable state and local laws as well as with College and TBR policies; and

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3. Organizations, as well as individuals, will be subject to College disciplinary action and to arrest and prosecution when they fail to comply with College and/or TBR policies regarding drugs and alcohol.

Possession of drugs, such as narcotics, hallucinogens, stimulants, depressants and the like, except as authorized by prescription, is prohibited and will subject the individual to appropriate disciplinary action. Southwest Tennessee Community College will cooperate fully with the investigation by state and/or local law enforcement agency of any violation of the law.