

## **V. E. Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act**

### **A. POLICY:**

1. The Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (Public Law 102-226) contains Section 22, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses, which was enacted to ensure that any College of higher education that receives funds under any federal program has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol by students.

2. No student may engage in the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on the College's property or as part of any of its sponsored activities. Such unlawful activity may be considered sufficient grounds for serious punitive action, including expulsion.

3. If a student is convicted (including a plea of nolo contendere) of committing certain felony offenses involving any criminal drug and/or alcohol statute of any jurisdiction, regardless of whether the alleged violations occurred at the College or elsewhere, the student will be suspended immediately and denied state and/or federal financial aid funds from the date of conviction.

4. The College shall notify the appropriate state/federal funding agency within 10 days after receiving notice of the conviction from the student or otherwise after receiving the actual notice of conviction.

5. Within 30 days of notification of conviction, the College shall with respect to any student so convicted:

a. Take additional appropriate action against such student up to and including expulsion as it deems necessary.

b. Provide such student with a description of any drug or alcohol counseling treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs that are available for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement or other appropriate agency.

### **B. RESPONSIBILITY:**

1. The College is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a drug-free awareness program to inform students of the following:

a. The dangers of drug and alcohol abuse on the campus and elsewhere.

b. Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation and assistance programs.

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- c. Any penalties to be imposed upon students for drug and alcohol abuse violations occurring on the campus.
2. Each College shall conduct a biennial review of its program to determine its effectiveness and implement changes to the program if they are needed and to ensure that the sanctions required by the program are consistently enforced.
3. Each College shall maintain and make available to the U. S. Secretary of Education and to the public a copy of each item in the program as required by this policy and applicable law as well as results of the biennial review.

**C. ALCOHOL, DRUGS, AND NARCOTICS:**

1. The use, possession, or distribution of alcohol, narcotics, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, hallucinogens, and any other dangerous or controlled drugs, not prescribed by a physician, is prohibited on College property or at College-sponsored events.
2. Title 20-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated states that any student of a public educational College who is convicted, under the laws of the state, the United States, or any other state, of any felony offense involving the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous drug shall as of the date of conviction be suspended from the public educational institution in which such person is enrolled. Except for cases in which the College has previously taken disciplinary action against a student for the same offense, such suspension shall be effective as of the date of conviction, even though the educational College may not complete all administrative actions necessary to implement such suspension until a later date. Except for cases in which the College has already imposed disciplinary sanctions for the same offense, such suspension shall continue through the end of the term, quarter, semester, or other similar period for which the student was enrolled as of the date of conviction. The student shall forfeit any right to any academic credit otherwise earned or earnable for such term, quarter, semester, or other similar period; and the educational College shall subsequently revoke any such academic credit which is granted prior to the completion of administrative actions necessary to implement such suspension.

\*The above Drug-Free Policy was approved by the State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia, July 1990.

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Drug and/or alcohol counseling, treatment and rehabilitation programs are available at:

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Houston Drug Action	(478) 953-5675
Governor's Hotline-Toll free 24 hours hotline	(800) 338-6745
Phoenix Center Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Services - open 24 hours	(478) 988-1222
Parkside Lodge of Dublin, GA	(478) 275-0353
Houston Medical Center	(478) 542-7777
VA Hospital Highway 80, Dublin Georgia	(478) 272-1210
Psychiatric Health Services, Warner Robins, Georgia	(478) 923-3762
Alcohol Hotline	(800) ALCOHOL 252-6465
AL-Anon for Families of Alcoholics	(800) 334-2666
Narcotics Anonymous	(818) 780-3951
Nar-Anon for Families of Drug Users	(213) 547-5800
Cocaine Hotline	(800) COCAINE 262-2463
National Institute on Drug Abuse Prevention Branch	(800) 638-2045
NIDA Helpline	(800) 622-HELP 4357
National Federation of Parents	(800) 544-KIDS 5437

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“JUST SAY NO” Hotline	(800) 258-2766
Dooly County Alcoholics Anonymous	(229) 273-9045
Pulaski County Alcoholics Anonymous	(478) 783-1149
Narcotics Anonymous	(800) 342-3487
National Secret Witness Hotline To Report rug Activity	(800) 732-7463
If other assistance is needed, contact the Student Affairs division at	(478) 988-6850

Middle Georgia Technical College will impose sanctions on students who violate institutional rules by:

1. Temporary or permanent dismissal; and/or
2. Referral for prosecution.

Use of a drug authorized by a medical prescription from a registered physician shall not be considered a violation of this rule.

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