

TITLE: ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

POLICY NO: 1-17

EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/15/18

VCCS POLICY NO: [3.14.3](#)

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I. Purpose:

To provide guidance on information actions the college will take with regard to educating students about drug and alcohol abuse, and the how the college will manage violations of college policy with regard to drug and alcohol abuse.

II. Definitions: N/A

III. Policy:

In accordance with the spirit and intent of the *Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989*, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College (Reynolds) prohibits the illegal use, manufacture, and/or distribution of drugs and alcohol on campus by its students. This policy outlines those actions that Reynolds will take to educate students about the negative impact of drugs and alcohol use.

A. Annual Notice

Reynolds will provide annual notice to its students regarding information about the effects of the use of drugs and alcohol, including:

- standards of conduct;
- a description of sanctions for violating federal, state, and local law and campus policy;
- a description of health risks associated with alcohol and drug use;
- a description of treatment options; and
- a biennial review of the program's effectiveness and the consistency of the enforcement of sanctions.

B. Education

Each year the college will provide information and programs that educate students on the effects of the use of alcohol and drugs.

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C. Enforcement

Students who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary actions that may include expulsion from the college, referral for prosecution, and/or referral for participation in appropriate evaluation and/or rehabilitation. Violations of this policy will be handled in accordance with [Reynolds Policy No. 1-35](#), Student Conduct.

D. Review

Each year an ad hoc committee (to include the Vice President of Student Affairs, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, Chief of Police, Dean of Students, and the Counselor for Student Life) will convene to review the policies, educational materials, programs, and violations, and make recommendations on how to improve programming (where applicable). A report will be generated and published.

IV. Procedures: N/A

V. Other Information:

Organizations

National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependence (NCADD), <https://www.ncadd.org/>

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), <https://www.niaaa.nih.gov/>

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), <https://www.drugabuse.gov/>

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), <http://saddonline.com/>

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Article on Underage Drinking <https://www.samhsa.gov/underage-drinking-topic>

Article on Prescription Drug Misuse and Abuse

<https://www.samhsa.gov/topics/prescription-drug-misuse-abuse>

Related Law and Policies

Federal Drug Offense Sanctions and Penalties, <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles/denybene.pdf>

Code of Virginia, Virginia Drug Control Act, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodepopularnames/drug-control-act/>

Code of Virginia, Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Act, <https://vacode.org/2016/4.1/>

[Virginia Community College System \(VCCS\) Policy 3.14.3](#), Illegal Substance Policy

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Support Groups

Alcohol Anonymous (AA), <https://www.aarichmond.org/index.php>

Al-Anon Family Groups, <http://alanonrichmond.org/>

Narcotics Anonymous, <https://rvana.org/>