Drug Free Campus

INTRODUCTION
The use of alcohol and/or other drugs by students, faculty or staff affects Cabrillo College's ability to provide an environment of excellence in teaching and learning. As members of the Cabrillo College community, we all share in the responsibility for creating and maintaining a healthy and productive environment for work and study alike. With this responsibility comes the obligation to be involved in preventing problems caused by the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

Cabrillo's comprehensive approach to addressing substance abuse emphasizes:

• Taking effective steps to create and maintain a drug-free workplace and educational environment for students, faculty and staff.
• Providing prevention, education and counseling services along with referrals to off-campus treatment facilities as appropriate.
• Encouraging individuals who are experiencing problems associated with alcohol and other drugs to seek assessment, counseling and/or treatment voluntarily, with the understanding that this assistance is confidential and will not be used against them.
• Assessing college sanctions for the manufacture, distribution, use or possession of illegal drugs or the unlawful use or possession of alcohol, which may include prosecution under applicable state and federal laws. Such sanctions may include educational intervention, mandated community service, suspension, expulsion and termination of employment.

The college expects all students and student groups to comply with all the current laws of the state of California and the county of Santa Cruz. It is the responsibility of each individual to be aware of, and abide by, all state and local ordinances and college regulations. Current laws provide for severe penalties for violations that may result in a criminal record. Violations may be prosecuted under applicable local, state and federal laws, as well as through college disciplinary action.

ALCOHOL
The consumption of alcoholic beverages is generally prohibited on campus. Wine and beer may only be served under the following special circumstances and within the following guidelines:

• As part of an educational curriculum
• For special events approved by the Office of the President/Superintendent

Only those students 21 years of age or older may possess or consume alcoholic beverages within the college community, and then in a responsible manner. Students are expected to assume responsibility for their own behavior while drinking and must understand that being under the influence of alcohol in no way lessens their accountability to the college community.

Alcoholic beverages may not be provided to those under 21 years of age. For purposes of this policy, the terms ‘campus’ and ‘college community’ shall be interpreted to include all events sponsored by college-recognized groups, including field trips, work-experience sites, club events, and extracurricular activities.

The use of college funds to provide alcohol to students is prohibited. Accordingly, student program fees may not be used to purchase alcohol.

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABUSE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS
There are many well-documented risks associated with the abuse of alcohol and other drugs, affecting not only the individual user but also his or her family, friends and roommates. Alcohol abuse is frequently implicated in cases of rape on campus, for example, and the misuse of drugs is often a factor in workplace or domestic violence. Other problems associated with alcohol and other drug abuse include poor academic or job performance; relationship difficulties, including sexual dysfunction; a tendency to engage in verbal and physical violence; financial stress; injuries or accidents; and violations of the law such as driving under the influence and willfully destroying property.

ACTION TAKEN WHEN A STUDENT HAS VIOLATED THE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS POLICY
As an academic community, Cabrillo exercises certain disciplinary and discretionary powers and is charged with protecting the educational environment by establishing and enforcing standards of conduct that students and student groups are expected to follow. These standards contain sanctions related to the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs and are available for review in the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Students are expected to respect these standards, the authority of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board license, is prohibited. This includes selling glasses, mixers, ice, etc.

The serving of alcohol to someone to the point of intoxication is prohibited.

The manufacture, use or provision of a false identification card, driver’s license, or certification of birth or baptism is prohibited.

The act(s) of being drunk and/or disorderly in public view, including on public sidewalks and walkways, is prohibited.

The act of driving a motor vehicle or a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.

The possession of an alcoholic beverage in an open container in a motor vehicle or on a bicycle is prohibited.

STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES
The following provisions of state and municipal law serve as the foundation of Cabrillo’s policy on alcohol.

• The consumption of alcoholic beverages in a public place is prohibited. This includes a prohibition of alcoholic beverages in public areas of the College, including the parking lots and stadium.
• The purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages (including beer and wine) by any person under the age of 21 is prohibited.
• The selling, either directly or indirectly, of alcoholic beverages (including beer and wine) except under the authority of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Board license, is prohibited. This includes selling glasses, mixers, ice, etc.
• The serving of alcohol to an intoxicated person is prohibited.
• The serving of alcohol to someone to the point of intoxication is prohibited.
• The act(s) of being drunk and/or disorderly in public view, including on public sidewalks and walkways, is prohibited.

The act of driving a motor vehicle or a bicycle while under the influence of alcohol is prohibited.
• The possession of an alcoholic beverage in an open container in a motor vehicle or on a bicycle is prohibited.
SANCTIONS FOR VIOLATION

- A violation of California law for the unlawful sale of alcohol may include imprisonment in the county jail for six months, plus fines and penalties.
- A violation of California law for the use of alcohol by obviously intoxicated persons will vary with the particular circumstances, but may include imprisonment in the county jail and substantial fines and penalties. In addition, minors who are arrested for violations concerning the use of alcohol run the risk of having their driving privileges suspended or revoked for up to three years.
- A violation of federal law for the possession, use, and/or sale of narcotics, marijuana and/or other illicit drugs may include imprisonment in the federal penitentiary for one to 15 years plus substantial financial penalties, and may include the loss of federal financial aid for students.
- A violation of the law involving an individual being under the influence of a combination of alcohol and other drugs (itself potentially deadly), may result in an increase in criminal sanctions and penalties. (Note: this is not a complete summary of relevant laws and ordinances.)
- Student involvement in the manufacture, use, possession, distribution, or sale of alcohol and/or drugs is a matter of concern to the college and will subject a student so involved to disciplinary action by the college, up to and including suspension or expulsion from the college. College action may be taken whether or not independent action is taken by civil authorities. In addition to the sanctions imposed by the college, individuals who have violated Cabrillo policies and procedures regarding possession, use, and/or distribution of alcohol and other drugs may be referred by the college to the appropriate authorities for arrest and prosecution.

For more information about alcohol and other drugs, referrals to on- and off-campus counseling, or treatment, please contact Student Health Services at 479-6435, located in room 912 on the Aptos Campus.

Cabrillo College, an institution of higher education, complies with the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations of 1989 and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 which state that “as a condition of receiving funds or any other form of financial assistance under any federal program, an institution of higher education must certify that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.” This summary of services, policies and procedures is mailed to each member of the Cabrillo community in accordance with this regulation.