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Drug-Free Program

Taylor College is committed to the development and implementation of a comprehensive plan to establish and maintain a drug-free environment. Therefore, the institution has adopted a “Drug-Free Program” in compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (including Section 22, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses).

Use or possession of alcohol and illegal use or possession of controlled drugs by students while on school premises or while engaged in institution-sponsored activities off-campus is prohibited. No student shall report to class or a part of its off-campus activities while intoxicated, impaired, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The institution will impose disciplinary sanctions on students consistent with local, state, and Federal law, up to and reporting to local law enforcement agencies for abuses of drugs and alcohol.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

Taylor College complies with and embraces the policies contained in the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 (including Section 22, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses). Unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs while on school premises or a part of its off-campus activities is prohibited.

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989, Taylor College prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by all students and employees. No student or employee shall be on school premises or a part of its off-campus activities while intoxicated, impaired, or under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol. The institution will impose sanctions for violation of this policy that are consistent with state and Federal laws and may include up to dismissal from the institution. The institution may also report alleged violations to local law enforcement authorities for investigation and prosecution as appropriate.

Sanctions

The institution will impose sanctions on students and employees for any violation of the Drug and Alcohol Policy consistent with state and Federal law. Possible sanctions include suspension, termination, expulsion, participation in a drug rehabilitation program, referral for prosecution, or other such action the institution deems appropriate. Primary candidates who test positive for the illegal use of drugs will be ineligible for employment at the institution for a minimum of six months following the institution’s receipt of the confirmed positive test results. Refusal to submit to a drug/alcohol test will be treated as a confirmed positive test result for purposes of employment and employee discipline. The following minimum penalties shall be imposed for the particular offenses described.

Manufacture, Sale, or Delivery of Illicit Drugs

For the illegal sale, delivery, or possession with the intent to deliver, of any controlled substance identified in Schedules I and II of Chapter 893.03 of the Florida Statutes (including but not limited to heroin, cannabis, mescaline, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), opium, cocaine, amphetamine, and MDA (ecstasy) any student shall be expelled and any employee shall be discharged for the illegal manufacture sale or delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver, of any controlled substance identified in Schedules III through V of Chapter 893.03 of the Florida Statutes (including, but not limited to steroids, diazepam and Phenobarbital) the penalty may include suspension from enrollment or employment. For a second offense, any student shall be dismissed and any employee shall be terminated.

Possession, Sale, or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

Possession, sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages on school premises or a part of its off-campus activities is prohibited. Alcoholic beverages include, but are not limited to beer, wine, distilled spirits, wine coolers and liqueurs. Students and employees in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions.

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Illegal Possession of Drugs

For a first offense involving the illegal possession of any controlled substance identified in Schedules I or II of Chapter 893.03 of the Florida Statutes, the minimum penalty for students and employees shall be suspension. For a first offense involving the illegal possession of any controlled substance identified in Schedules III through V of Chapter 893.03 of the Florida Statutes, the minimum penalty shall be probation for a period to be determined on a case-by-case basis. A person on probation must agree to participate in a drug education and counseling program, consent to follow-up drug testing, and accept other conditions as the institution deems appropriate. For refusal or failure to abide by the terms of probation or for subsequent offenses involving the illegal possession of drugs, progressively more severe penalties shall be imposed, including expulsion of students and discharge of employees. These penalties will be imposed in accordance with college disciplinary procedures.

State of Florida Sanctions

Drinking Age

The legal drinking age in Florida is 21. Selling, giving, or serving alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 is unlawful. The possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under 21 is unlawful. It is unlawful for a person under 21 to misrepresent his or her age in order to obtain alcohol. This includes the manufacture or use of false identification. It is unlawful to use altered identification for the purpose of procuring alcoholic beverages. Possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under the age of 21 may also result in the curtailment of driving privileges.

DUI (Driving while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs):

Possible penalties include mandatory driver's license suspension, fines, community service, and imprisonment.

Drug Related Offenses

Under state law, it is a crime for any person to possess or distribute controlled substances/drugs as described in Section 893.03, Florida Statutes, except as authorized by law. Punishment for such crime ranges from first-degree misdemeanors (up to one year imprisonment and up to a \$1,000. fine) to first-degree felonies (up to 30 years imprisonment and up to a \$10,000. fine). The driving privilege may also be affected if any of these crimes are committed. Convictions on drug-related charges may result in forfeiture of federal financial aid.

Trafficking (distributing specified large quantities of various controlled substances)

Is punishable by a prison term of between 3-25 years and a fine of between \$25,000 - \$500,000 depending on the particular illicit drug and the quantity involved.

Federal Sanctions

Possible federal sanctions for illegal possession of a controlled substance or drug trafficking range from 1-20 years in prison and between \$1,000 and \$8,000,000 in fines depending on the particular substance and quantity involved, whether death or serious bodily injury resulted and the number of previous felony drug convictions. Additional sanctions may include forfeiture of personal and real property, denial of federal benefits and loss of eligibility to receive or purchase a firearm. Drug possessors may also be subject to a civil fine of up to \$10,000.

Reporting

If a student or employee believes that another individual is violating any part of this policy to please inform authorized personnel of the institution. If the institution finds that an individual associated with the school (employee) has violated this policy, it must notify the Department of Education of any learning of an employee's conviction under any criminal drug status.

Health Risks

Taylor College believes that there are many detrimental health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol, including but not limited to psychological and physical addiction, insomnia, disorientation, depression, hallucinations, hypertension, increased anxiety and paranoia, damage to unborn fetuses, convulsions, cancer, psychosis, respiratory failure, brain damage, and death.

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Taylor College encourages anyone with a drug or alcohol problem to seek help at one of the local agencies which include but are not limited to the following:

Alcoholics Anonymous
904-399-8535

U.S Drug Enforcement Administration
www.dea.gov

The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment and Referral Hotline
1-800-662-HELP

The Drug Free Workplace Helpline
1-800-967-5752

The National Clearing House for Alcohol and Drug Information
1-301-468-2600

The Centers
352-291-5580

Review of Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program

The institution must review its prevention once every two years to determine its effectiveness and to ensure that its sanctions are being enforced. The effectiveness of a school's drug and alcohol prevention program may be measured by tracking:

- The number of drug and alcohol-related disciplinary actions
- The number of drug and alcohol-related treatment referrals
- The number of drug and alcohol-related incidents recorded by campus police or other law enforcement officials
- The number of drug and alcohol-related incidents of vandalism
- The number of students or employees attending self-help or other counseling groups related to alcohol or drug abuse
- Student and employee attitudes and perceptions about the drug and alcohol problem on campus.

To view identified controlled substance of Chapter 893.03 of the Florida Status, go to:

http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=Ch0893/SEC03.HTM&Title=->1999->Ch0893->Section%2003#0893.03