2020

Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program

Los Angeles City College
POLICY REGARDING POSSESSION, USE, AND SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLICIT DRUGS

The LACCD is committed to drug-free and alcohol-free campuses. Students and employees are prohibited from unlawfully possessing, using or distributing illicit drugs and alcohol on District premises, in District vehicles, or as part of any activity of the District or colleges of the District.

LACCD Board Rule 9803.19 prohibits the following: “Alcohol and Drugs. Any possession of controlled substances which would constitute a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11350 or Business and Professions Code section 4230, any use of controlled substances the possession of which are prohibited by the same, or any possession or use of alcoholic beverages while on any property owned or used by the District or colleges of the District or while participating in any District or college-sponsored function or field trip. "Controlled substances," as used in this section, include but are not limited to the following drugs and narcotics: (a) opiates, opium and opium derivatives; (b) mescaline; (c) hallucinogenic substances; (d) peyote; (e) marijuana; (f) stimulants and depressants; (g) cocaine.”

Penalties

Federal and state laws regarding alcohol and illicit drugs allow for fines and/or imprisonment. Other legal problems include the loss of one’s driver’s license and limitations of career choices. A summary of federal penalties for drug related offenses is available at:

www.dea.gov

The federal Controlled Substances Act is available at:

www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/21usc/index.html

In addition to criminal prosecution, violators are also subject to disciplinary action by LACC. Student discipline actions may include the following: warning, reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension, and/or expulsion.

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Resources for Counseling, Treatment and Rehabilitation

The following counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation resources are available for the treatment of alcohol and drug dependence and abuse.

Los Angeles Community College District Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
www.laccd.edu/Departments/HumanResources/Total-Wellness-Program/Pages/HR-ARFLbenefits.aspx
(800) 342-8111

LACC Health and Wellness Center
www.lacitycollege.edu/services/hwc/index.html
(323) 953-4000 ext. 2485

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
ncaddms.org/
(601) 899-5880

California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
www.ca2c.org/california-department-of-alcohol-and-drug-programs/
(800) 879-2772

Los Angeles County Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/
(800) 564-6600

Alcoholics Anonymous
www.aa.org
Distribution Policy

The Student Services Division is responsible for the disclosure and distribution of the LACC Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program to the campus community. A copy of the document is posted on the Consumer Information & Student Disclosure section of the college website. A message with a link to the document will be sent to the campus email address of all currently enrolled student right after census, which is on the third week of each term. To capture students enrolled only in late start classes, another message will be sent to the campus email address on the 12th week of the semester.

The Administrative Services Division through the Personnel Office will disseminate a similar message with the link to document via email to all campus employees on an annual basis at the beginning of the fall term.

Biennial Review

Under the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA), Los Angeles City College is charged with conducting a Biennial Review of its drug and alcohol abuse program, and completing a report, to (1) determine the effectiveness and (2) implement changes if they are needed and to ensure that the sanctions developed are enforced consistently.

In coordination with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness, LACC will conduct a survey to determine the effectiveness of its Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program on campus employees and students. The LACC Biennial Review Committee (BRC) will review and analyze the survey outcomes and make the appropriate recommendations to improve future program effectiveness. The survey was conducted in Fall 2020 in preparation for the biennial review that is due on December 2020.

The LACC Biennial Review Committee (BRC) will meet on a biennial basis to review the campus Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program and issue a report. The report will be completed no later than December 31 in 2022, 2024, 2026 etc.

The Biennial Review documents and report will be available on the Consumer Information and Student Disclosure section of the college website. The campus Student Services Division will coordinate and ensure the Biennial Review and reports are completed.
Where to Find this Policy

A physical written copy of this policy is available in the following location:

- The Office of the President
- The Office of the Vice-President of Academic Affairs
- The Office of the Vice-President of Administration
- The Office of the Vice-President of Student Services
- The Office of Financial Aid

A digital copy of the policy is available on the following campus website:

www.lacitycollege.edu/About-LACC/Campus-Disclosures/Consumer-Information-Student-Right-to-Know

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