

## **10:02:03:00 Alcohol, Illegal drugs, and Other Controlled Substances**

### **Purpose:**

Dyersburg State Community College (DSCC) is committed to the welfare of its community, students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Accordingly, a policy was developed regarding the use of alcohol, illegal drugs, and other controlled substances on DSCC campuses and property.

### **Scope:**

This policy is applicable to all DSCC students, faculty, staff and visitors.

### **Policy:**

The possession, consumption, manufacture, sale or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs and or any controlled substance on any DSCC campuses or property including an affiliated clinical site, an institution sponsored event, or as part of any activity of Dyersburg State, is illegal under both federal and state laws and prohibited by this policy.

It is unlawful to sell, furnish or provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21. The possession of alcohol by anyone less than 21 years of age in a public place or a place open to the public is illegal. Such offense is classified as a Class A misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for up to 11 months, 29 days, or a \$2,500 fine, or both. The offense of public intoxication is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment of up to thirty (30) days or a \$50, or both.

The enforcement of alcohol, illegal drugs and other controlled substances regulations on college campuses and property is the primary responsibility of Campus Police & Security DSCC has been designated "Drug free" and only under certain circumstances is the consumption of alcohol permitted with presidential approval.

**Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Programs:** DSCC has developed a program to prevent the illicit use of drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees. The program provides services related to drug use and abuse including dissemination of informational materials, educational programs, counseling services, referrals and college disciplinary actions. These include:

**Alcohol and Drug Education:** DSCC Counseling Office, Employee Assistance Program

**Counseling Services:** DSCC Counseling Office, Employee Assistance Program

**Referral Services:** JACOA (Jackson), Northwest Counseling Center (Dyersburg), Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous

**College Disciplinary Actions:** Faculty/Student Judicial Review Committee.

Specific ordinances regarding violations of alcohol laws, including driving under the influence, are available from the Tennessee Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security website at <https://www.tn.gov/content/tn/safety.html>. Instructional sessions are offered through the College Wellness Program to inform students and staff regarding the dangers of drug or alcohol-abuse. Informational posters are displayed in all campus and center buildings. In addition, educational information is provided in the Student Handbook.

### **Compliance:**

Faculty, staff and students are expected to adhere to this policy.

### **Definitions:**

**Controlled Substance** drug which has been declared by federal or state law to be illegal for sale or use, but may be dispensed under a physician's prescription

### **Revision History:**

Policy written September, 2012; approved by Administrative Council on 4/25/2024.