

DRUG AND ALCOHOL

Trinity Valley Community College strongly believes the use and abuse of drugs and/or alcohol can be detrimental to the health of individuals and disruptive to the proper functioning of the College. Therefore, the College has an important responsibility to prevent, assist and correct any alcohol or drug related activity that might be present among the students and has established the following policy.

1. Drug Violations – Students who are found to have violated the school's drug policy must submit to the following sanctions, at a minimum:
 - a. First Offense:
 - i. The student will be placed on disciplinary warning.
 - ii. The student must enroll in a drug education counseling course as arranged by the judicial officer. The cost of this course will be the sole responsibility of the student.
 - iii. The student must submit to a drug test between 30 and 45 days after the date of the initial incident.
 - b. Second Offense:
 - i. The student will be placed on disciplinary probation.
 - ii. The student will be fined \$150.
 - iii. The student must submit to a drug test between 30 and 45 days after the second offense. If the student is an athlete or a member of a performing group they will immediately be suspended for the subsequent 25% of their team's remaining regular season schedule as determined by the judicial officer and that group's coach or director and must pass a drug test before reinstatement.
 - c. Third Offense:
 - i. If the student is found to have violated the policy for a third time (regardless of time elapsed between violations) the student will automatically be suspended from TVCC for a minimum of two long semesters.
 - ii. Additional requirements pertaining to substance abuse may be required as a condition of readmission.
2. Use and/or possession of marijuana or any illegal drugs in the residential halls will result in suspension from the residential halls.
 - a. Drug Testing:
 - i. All students who are members of college sponsored programs (as determined by the vice president of student services) must be drug tested within four weeks of the beginning of the fall semester and before the first regular season game. Students who enter in the spring must be tested before they are allowed to participate in any organized activities.
 - ii. College sponsored groups will also submit to a random drug testing schedule (at least two times per semester) with 20% of each group's roster subject to testing. These will be randomly selected through a drawing selection process conducted by the judicial officer and communicated to the athletic director.

This is a minimum random testing procedure. The athletic director maintains the authority to drug test any athlete, if sufficient evidence exists. Students testing positive will be found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct and must adhere to the sanctions listed above.

- iii. The judicial officer, if sufficient evidence exists, may request that any student be drug tested. If the student passes the test, he/she will be assumed innocent and the cost of the test will be the responsibility of the College. If the student should fail the test, the cost of the test will be the responsibility of the student. A student may refuse the test and therefore will be assumed guilty and must adhere to the sanctions listed above.
3. Alcohol Violations – Students who are found to have violated the school's alcohol policy must submit to the following sanctions, at a minimum:
- a. First Offense:
 - i. The student will be placed on disciplinary warning
 - ii. The student must enroll in an alcohol education counseling course as arranged by the judicial officer. The cost of this course will be the sole responsibility of the student.
 - b. Second Offense:
 - i. The student will be placed on disciplinary probation.
 - ii. The student will be fined \$150.
 - iii. If the student is an athlete or a member of a performing group, they will immediately be suspended for the subsequent 10% of their team's remaining regular season schedule as determined by the judicial officer and that groups coach or director.
 - c. Third Offense:
 - i. If the student is found to have violated the policy for a third time (regardless of time elapsed between violations), the student will automatically be suspended from TVCC for a minimum of two long semesters.
 - ii. Additional requirements pertaining to substance abuse may be required as a condition of readmission.