

Policy No. 2-85

Subject: Substance Abuse

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Division	Policy Manager	Administrative Supervisor	Reference
Instruction and Student Services	Dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management	Vice President of Instruction and Student Services	VCCS Policy Sections 6.5.2 and 6.5.3

I. POLICY

It is the policy of Virginia Highlands Community College (VHCC) that VHCC students and employees shall not possess, sell, use, manufacture, give away, or otherwise distribute illegal substances while on campus, attending a College sponsored off-campus event, or while serving as a representative of the College at off-campus meetings.

II. PERTINENT INFORMATION

A. The purpose of this policy is to comply with Public Law 101-226 - Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act as amended in 1989.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Illegal Substance: any drug which is not legally obtainable, or which is legally obtainable but has not been legally obtained. The term includes prescribed drugs not being used for prescribed purposes.
- B. Substance Abuse: uncontrolled use of alcohol, marijuana and other products containing THC, illegal drugs, or prescribed drugs that affects normal daily life.

IV. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A. VHCC has developed a substance abuse module for SDV 101 that includes drug and alcohol education and substance abuse counseling and referral services.

V. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

A. The College President has the authority and delegates to the Vice President of Instruction and Student Services the responsibility to establish procedures to meet the requirements of this policy.

APPENDIX

VI. RELATED STANDARDS, LEGAL CITATIONS, OR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A. Public Law 101-226 - Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act amendments of 1989.
- B. VCCS Policy 6.5.2.
- C. VCCS Policy 6.5.3.

VII. OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

- A. VHCC will develop substance abuse programs, including drug and alcohol education and substance abuse counseling and referral services, for students and employees.
- B. Drug and Alcohol Education
 - 1. Student Orientation - At each College orientation, VHCC representatives or other selected groups inform students of the issues related to substance abuse. Students are provided with prevention and treatment information.
 - 2. Substance Abuse Materials - Print and/or electronic materials are available to inform students and employees of substance abuse issues. In addition to publication in the VHCC Student Handbook, this information is communicated to students via official student email.
- C. Substance Abuse Counseling and Referral
 - 1. VHCC's Office of Student Services maintains referral information on substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services available in the community. Substance abuse inquiries and referrals are handled in a confidential manner.