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**Biennial Review of Drug and Alcohol Abuse
Prevention Programs (DAAPP)**

**For the
Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations
EDGAR Part 86**

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Certification Letter

September 17, 2026

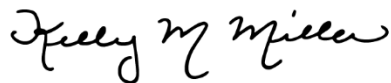
Linda McMahon
Secretary of Education
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary McMahon:

I have reviewed the Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi 2024-2026 biennial review to meet the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations (EDGAR Part 86) and agree with its findings and recommendations. We have implemented a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) to educate students about the dangers of substance abuse.

As the biennial report suggests, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi has done significant work to address these issues. Our continued work in this area will help ensure the well-being of our students, faculty and staff. If you have any questions about the enclosed report, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Kelly M. Miller, Ph.D.
President/CEO

Introduction

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) worked diligently to increase substance abuse education and prevention activities over the past two years. Alcohol and other drug rules are detailed in the university rules and procedures and the Student Code of Conduct. The offices responsible for the alcohol and other drug prevention education, as well as those tasked with enforcing alcohol and other drug rules, support the mission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi by promoting healthy choices and reducing the harmful effects caused by abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

The Biennial Review Committee

The Biennial Review Committee consists of staff from across the university campus including the members of the division of Student Engagement and Success, Student Conduct and Advocacy, Counseling Center, Health Center and Health Promotions, Human Resources, Intercollegiate Athletics, Compliance Services and the University Police. The committee reviews the requirements and goals of the Drug-free Schools and Campuses Regulations (EDGAR Part 86) and collects campus information to evaluate the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP), reviews publications, and creates the Biennial Review including recommendations for future actions.

The Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) Elements

What follows is a general outline of prevention efforts currently in place. Additional information on these programs is available in the appendices.

THRIVE 365

The THRIVE 365 Student Wellbeing program focuses on promoting a healthy Islander community while providing opportunities for learning and engagement for students focused on the eight dimensions of wellness. THRIVE 365 collaborates with several departments and organizations on campus as well as off campus agencies to bring educational programs and events to campus.

Health Promotions

In addition to general wellness programs, the Health Promotions program works in conjunction with THRIVE 365 and other departments on campus to sponsor alternative activities so that students have an opportunity to engage in fun alternative activities that do not involve alcohol or drugs.

Islander Peer Educators

Islander Peer Educators is a peer education program committed to educating the Islander community in all dimensions of wellness. The group strives to help students succeed by promoting healthy behaviors through presentations and events (in-person and virtually via social media) focused on education and prevention.

Online Education

Beginning fall 2009, all incoming students under the age of 21 were required to complete an online alcohol education program before or during the first semester of attendance. In this biennium, the university utilized the *AlcoholEdu for College* course from Vector Solutions. The course was completed by 2,635 students over the biennium.

All faculty, staff and student employees are required to complete annual online training on the university's alcohol and drug policy and related resources. During the biennium, 4,331 employees completed the *Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program (DAAPP) & Standards of Conduct Notification* course.

Screening and Brief Intervention (SBI) Project

In 2011, the university partnered with Texans Standing Tall on a project to deliver and determine the effectiveness of Screening and Brief Interventions (SBI) with at-risk students in a non-judicial setting. While the funding partnership has ended, the university continues to hold an annual SBI event. Alcohol and cannabis interventions were conducted with 200 students in 2024-26. Twenty-five staff participated in a two-hour training course on how to administer and interpret the AUDIT and CUBIT assessments to prepare them to serve as volunteer screeners during the Screening and Brief Intervention event.

Alcohol and Drug Education Programming

The university offers several programs on alcohol and drug education annually. Evidence suggests that learning is taking place during several of these programs. These programs are included in the program inventory in Appendix D.

Alcohol Free Programs and Services:

There are many programs on campus for students. Some programs are specifically designed to offer alcohol-free alternatives to students. These programs are included in the program inventory in Appendix D.

Illegal substances are not permitted in on-campus housing under any circumstances. Students who are age 21 or over may have alcohol in the privacy of their room if they conform to all local, state and federal laws as well as the Student Code of Conduct.

Bystander Intervention Training

The Office of Student Conduct and Advocacy facilitates a bystander intervention program based upon the national Step Up! Campaign was created by The University of Arizona and the NCAA. The program is designed to educate participants regarding the bystander effect, pluralistic ignorance, the five-step decision making process, and safe intervention strategies. The Step Up! Bystander Intervention Program has significantly expanded over the biennium. More than 297 individuals completed the training during the time period of 2024-2026.

Student Counseling Services

The University Counseling Center (UCC) offers individual counseling, assessments, and referrals for outpatient and inpatient care for students seeking treatment for AOD (alcohol and other drugs) issues. All UCC clinicians are trained in brief motivational interviewing and actively participate in the SBI project (Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment). UCC staff also participate in the Great American Smokeout event.

Most students who use UCC services participate in 1 to 4 brief supportive consultations and are not assigned a diagnosis; diagnoses are only assigned to students who complete a comprehensive counseling intake appointment. Between September 1, 2024, and August 31, 2026, the UCC assigned a substance abuse diagnosis to 22 students. The most prevalent diagnoses were alcohol related. The breakdown is as follows: Alcohol abuse in remission (4), cannabis abuse (2), alcohol dependence (4), and alcohol abuse (12).

AOD assessment options include on-site screenings at the UCC or anonymous online screenings via the TELUS Student Support app. Prior to every counseling appointment, students complete the CCAPS assessment which includes a four-item scale related to alcohol use (“I drink alcohol frequently,” “When I drink alcohol I can’t remember what happened,” “I drink more than I should,” and “I have done something that I regretted because of my drinking”). Between September 1, 2024, and June 18, 2026, a total of 5,499 counseling appointments included completion of the alcohol use scale embedded in the CCAPS assessment. Any elevations in the alcohol use scale are addressed in the counseling session.

Occasionally, students with incidents involving substance abuse or misuse may be referred to the UCC by Student Conduct, I-CARE or Athletics for mandated assessment. From September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2026, the UCC completed three mandated assessments for students referred to by I-CARE due to mental health crises involving alcohol.

From September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2026, 28 alcohol use screenings and 26 drug use screenings were completed via the TELUS app. The TELUS platform also features psychoeducational articles; between August 1, 2025, and May 31, 2026, the following articles were among the top 10 most viewed: “Overcoming Addictive Behaviors and Finding Help” (3 page views) and “Understanding Addictive Behaviors” (3 page views).

In Spring 2024, the Dean of Students Office and the UCC began sponsoring weekly Al-Anon meetings for students, facilitated by two community Al-Anon peer facilitators. Al-Anon focuses on supporting friends and family members affected by someone else’s drinking or drug use.

Sixty-two sessions were offered between September 2024 and August 2026. Information about campus Al-Anon meetings was featured in the January-February 2026 edition of the TAMU-CC Mental Health Restroom project and posted in approximately 250 campus restroom stalls. The Al-Anon peer facilitators led informational sessions for two student organizations in Spring 2026 and hosted info tables at the Wild and Wacky (Safe Spring Break) event (March 2026), Wellness Extravaganza event (April 2026), and Wellness Extravaganza event (April 2025).

The UCC's printed community resource guide provides information about a variety of local, state, and online AOD treatment and support resources. The Community Resources page of the UCC website also offers contact information for local, state, and national substance abuse resources: <https://www.tamucc.edu/counseling/community-resources.php>. In June 2026, UCC clinical staff visited the local Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (COADA) to meet with COADA staff, and to learn more about COADA services/resources/referrals.

The TELUS student support app which was launched and made available to TAMU-CC students in February 2024, includes online assessments for alcohol use and drug use. This app is advertised on the University Counseling Center website and throughout campus on marquees, bulletin boards and posters.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

All budgeted benefits eligible faculty and staff have free confidential access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This program is provided to help employees with various personal problems that may arise, including substance abuse for employees or a dependent. The service provides employees with someone to talk to and resources to consult whenever and wherever they may need them. The EAP also hosts a website with resources, a guidance consultant, or to consult articles, podcasts, videos and other helpful tools.

Other Resources

The University Health Center provides information to students about the health risks of drug and alcohol abuse whenever they utilize services in the clinic for general medical care visits. Other resources include University Police Department services and the Annual Security Report.

Early Intervention for Students

The campus is patrolled by state licensed and certified peace officers. These officers have completed all required training to become peace officers in the state of Texas and to maintain their license. In addition, the University Police Department conducts regular training with officers on campus enforcement and safety. In most cases, university police officers are the first responders in the event of a violation of the alcohol or other drug policies and standards of conduct. These violations are discovered through regular patrols, noise violation responses, reports from community members and case investigation/follow-up.

In some cases, the violation is first discovered by a member of the Islander Housing staff. All campus housing staff is trained in identifying the presence, or potential presence, of alcohol or

other drugs. Upon identification of an alcohol or other drug violation, the campus housing staff notifies the University Police Department so that they may address the matter.

In addition to legal proceedings related to law enforcement, alleged individuals of alcohol and drug rules are referred to the Office of Student Conduct and Advocacy. For consistency, all students found in violation of the rules and regulations are subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses and any aggravating and mitigating circumstances. Disciplinary actions in cases involving alcohol and drug-related violations result in sanctions up to and including suspension or expulsion from the university. Students accused of violating the Student Code of Conduct, regardless of status or affiliation, receive their due process rights during the adjudication process. Any disciplinary action imposed by the university may precede and be in addition to any penalty imposed by an off-campus authority. Students are advised of available alcohol and drug counseling at the University Counseling Center and/or referred to a community organization. The University Counseling Center and the University Health Center can also help and refer to appropriate community agencies.

The university enforces parental notification for students found in violation of the university alcohol and drug rule and Student Code of Conduct as allowed by FERPA. When a student has been found in violation, a letter is sent to the permanent address of the student to notify parents/guardians. Students and parents are notified of this policy through the Student Code of Conduct and new student orientation sessions addressing alcohol and other drug issues and concerns.

The Biennial Review Committee reviewed the types and number of sanctions assigned for various alcohol violations (see Appendix I) and found that sanctions are assigned consistently. Registration holds are placed on student accounts when a student fails to complete a sanction in the prescribed timeline.

The university generally sanctions students found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct to an online alcohol and/or drug education course. This is a program the students must pay for. There were 99 students sanctioned to the *AlcoholEdu for College* course due to an alcohol violation and 81 (81.82%) completed it. Thirteen students were sanctioned to take the *Alcohol and Other Drugs* course due to a drug violation and 9 (69.23%) completed it. Other common sanctions for alcohol offenses include conduct warning, community service, disciplinary probation, parental notification, and/or a research or reflection paper depending upon the severity of the offense.

Texas A&M University System policy and Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi rules indicate that a reentry program must be in place for suspension from the university following a drug or alcohol violation. The campus considers reentry on a case-by-case basis upon completion of all required sanctions. If a student fails to complete sanctions, a hold is placed on their academic record, and they are not permitted to reenroll. Once all sanctions are completed, the hold is removed. If a student does not enroll for a period of one year or longer, they must reapply to the university as a returning/former student under current admission standards. If not enrolled for a period of less than a year, they need to contact the Registrar's Office to reinstate their enrollment. Provided all sanctions are completed, their conduct record will not prohibit them from reenrollment.

Early Intervention for Student Athletes

In addition to the early intervention methods for students, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics offers procedures for addressing drug and alcohol abuse issues with student athletes. Preventative measures used by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics include drug screening combined with an alcohol and drug education program.

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics uses urine drug testing to help detect those student-athletes who are abusing drugs or alcohol. It is the policy of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics to allow student-athletes to participate who are following institutional policies, and to restrict those who are not. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics works closely with the University Counseling Center to address concerns for those student-athletes identified through the drug tests. In addition to the proactive measures used by the university Intercollegiate Athletics program, the NCAA also conducts drug testing. During 2024-26 the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and NCAA administered a combined total of 100 drug tests. One (1) test was returned with positive results for amphetamines. For a complete copy of the Student-Athlete Drug Testing Policy, see Appendix F.

Early Intervention for Employees

The Texas A&M University System strictly prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of illicit drugs or alcohol on system property, and/or while on official duty and/or as part of any system activities.

If a supervisor reasonably suspects that use of a controlled substance or alcohol has resulted in absenteeism, tardiness, or impairment of work performance or is the cause of workplace accidents, the supervisor shall immediately notify the appropriate department head or other designated administrator. Upon direction from the department head or designated administrator, the supervisor or other designated administrator shall discuss with the employee the suspected alcohol or drug-related concerns. The employee is advised of any available alcohol and drug counseling, rehabilitation, or employee assistance programs, and the terms of any applicable disciplinary sanctions. The employee may be required to participate in an assistance program and be subject to discipline (up to and including termination of employment) if he or she rejects participation in the program. All meetings between the employee and the supervisor or other administrator to address the suspected alcohol or drug-related problem and/or its resolution are documented in a memorandum to the record and filed in the employee's personnel file.

If discussion and/or participation in available alcohol or drug counseling, rehabilitation, or employee assistance program fail to resolve the suspected alcohol or drug-related problems or if the employee fails to meet the terms of any applicable disciplinary sanctions, the employee may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Testing of employees, other than those occupying DOD-funded sensitive positions or those required to have a commercial driver's license, may be undertaken only when there is reasonable suspicion that the employee is under the influence of alcohol or illicit drugs while on the job, the employee's job performance has been affected by the use of alcohol or illicit drugs, and such impairment presents a risk to the physical safety of the employee or another person. The decision

to test an employee in these circumstances is made by the chief executive officer or designee with the advice of the Office of General Counsel. The employee is informed that a refusal to submit to a test, combined with a reasonable suspicion of usage, may be a sufficient basis for termination.

Statement of AOD Program Goals and a Discussion of Goal Achievement

THRIVE 365 and the Health Promotions program supports the mission of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi by creating a vibrant campus experience focused on wellbeing and promoting healthy choices. These programs are offered with the goal of reducing the harmful effects caused by abusing alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. The programs currently operate under the Islander Impact 2030 Strategic Plan that aligns with the university mission. Program goals focus on creating a campus community that is aware and knowledgeable and supportive of reducing the negative impact of alcohol and other drugs.

The Health Promotions program is strongly tied to the greater Coastal Bend community through collaboration with the Coastal Bend Wellness Center, Project Hope, and The Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse of the Coastal Bend. Each of the local agencies participates in coalition meetings and supports campus programs and initiatives. In addition, the Health Promotions Coordinator attended the NASPA Strategies conference in 2026. The NASPA Strategies Conferences provide student affairs practitioners with the knowledge and skills to effectively address collegiate alcohol and drug misuse prevention, mental health, sexual violence prevention and response, peer education and well-being through a variety of comprehensive and integrative approaches.

The University Police Department (UPD) continues to proactively enforce alcohol and drug violations. Liquor and Drug Law violations as reported in the Campus Security Report are available in Appendix H.

University Student Conduct and Advocacy data indicates that the number of alcohol charges has decreased, and drug charges have increased during the 2024-2026 biennium. The university practices parental notification for drug and alcohol violations. Other sanctions for violations of drug and alcohol rules include, but are not limited to, online education courses, community service, disciplinary probation, termination from housing and suspension. If a student is suspended or expelled for violating the Student Code of Conduct, it is noted on the student's transcript. The combination and severity of sanctions is determined based on the level of violation and record of the violator. A breakdown of this data can be found in Appendix I.

Human Resources data shows that the most popular health topic utilized in the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) was for emotional wellbeing concerns and secondary topic being lawyers and court. There is no data outlined for substance abuse during the reporting period.

Summaries of AOD Program Strengths and Weaknesses

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has made significant progress in substance abuse prevention efforts. Resources have been directed to developing and implementing a program focused on student wellbeing for our campus community. The position of Associate Vice President for Student Wellbeing was created in 2022 to lead these efforts. A full-time Health Promotions Coordinator and a graduate assistant work exclusively in student wellness programming. This has enabled the university to better facilitate programming and direct resources where needed. Although additional funds have been identified to support staff and programming efforts, even more additional funds are needed to pay for additional peer educators.

Despite efforts, alcohol and other drug use is prevalent among, and accepted by, many students at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and continues to negatively impact students.

While the DAAPP receives university funding, outside funding and grant programs are increasingly difficult to obtain. New sources of revenue and opportunities for collaboration will continue to be investigated.

Procedures for Distributing the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program (DAAPP) Notification to Students and Employees

The Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Standards of Conduct policy notification (Appendices A and B) is distributed via university email to all students each fall by the Division of Student Engagement and Success. It is then re-sent to each student at the beginning of the Spring and Summer terms. This assures that each student receives the notification as they join the campus community.

Faculty and staff receive the notification each October via the university online training system known as TrainTraq. The TrainTraq system enables the Compliance Services department to verify receipt of the notification by each employee. New employees receive the TrainTraq assignment in the first month of employment and then annually each October.

Content of the Notification Distributed to Students and Employees

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a written rule (Rule 34.02.01.C1) that describes standards of conduct that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on university property or as part of any of university sponsored activities.

The Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program (DAAPP) Standards of Conduct meets the requirement of distributing a notification of the DAAPP to all members of the university community. The notification includes:

- A description of legal sanctions under federal, state, or local laws for the unlawful possession use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol;

- A clear statement of disciplinary sanctions Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will impose on students and employees for violations of the standards of conduct.
- A description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol; and
- A description of drug and alcohol programs/resources available to employees or students.
- The full notification for both years may be found in Appendices A and B.

Recommendations for Revising AOD Programs

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has made significant progress in substance abuse prevention efforts. The Student Wellbeing program, THRIVE 365, has adopted and implemented its strategic plan and participates in on-going program review and assessment of student learning outcomes.

Ongoing program needs and goals include:

- Increase funding to meet goals and objectives.
- Funding for a dedicated AOD counselor/program coordinator at the University Counseling Center
- Funding for an embedded counselor in Housing who would provide AOD education and programming
- On-campus late night venue for students.
- Increase funding to continue efforts previously funded by grants.
- Support suicide prevention initiatives and sexual assault prevention efforts from a drug and alcohol use/abuse perspective.
- Increase social norming efforts through social media.
- Increase social media following and virtual programming to reach students at a distance.
- Increase overall wellness programming.
- Provide state-of-the-art facilities for both the University Counseling Center and University Health Center which will support programs and services related to alcohol and drug education.

APPENDIX A: Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Standards of Conduct, 2024-2025

From: all-current-students On Behalf Of TAMU-CC All Students Distribution List via all-current-students

Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 9:18:25 AM (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

To: all-current-students@listserv.tamucc.edu

Cc: TAMU-CC All Students Distribution List

Subject: [all-current-students] TAMU-CC Official Notice: Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program (DAAPP) & Standards of Conduct: Summer 2024



June 25, 2024

MEMORANDUM: Official Notice

TO: Islander Students

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi complies with the Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989 and the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988. The below information pertains to the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi policy regarding the abuse and/or distribution of alcohol and drugs by students, faculty and staff. In addition, information pertaining to the University's standards of conduct; the penalties associated with the unlawful use, manufacture, sale, possession, or distribution of drugs or alcohol; health risks; types of education programs; and available drug or alcohol counseling services on campus is provided.

**DRUG AND ALCOHOL PREVENTION PROGRAM (DAAPP) &
STANDARDS OF CONDUCT NOTIFICATION
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI
2023-2024**

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to a campus wide plan to educate students and employees about alcohol and drug issues, discourage the irresponsible use of alcoholic beverages, and prohibit the unlawful use, possession, or distribution of controlled substances. The University will act to ensure compliance with all local, state, and federal laws and A&M University System policies dealing with controlled substances, illicit drugs, and the use of alcohol.

The University prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus by any individual under the age of 21. Failure to comply with this rule violates state law and the rules governing student conduct and will subject the individual to disciplinary action. Additionally, students are cautioned that if an individual is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs to the point where they cannot make a rational decision, they are unable to give or receive consent for sexual activity.

Students of lawful age under Texas Statute may possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their room or apartment in campus residence facilities. However, occupants and their guests must comply with state and local statutes concerning possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Any use of alcoholic beverages should be in moderation.

Therefore, bulk quantities of alcohol (kegs, cases, party balls, etc.) are not allowed on campus or in residence facilities. Loud or disruptive behaviors, interference with the cleanliness of residence facilities, or drinking habits that are harmful to the health or education of an individual or those around the individual are reasons for appropriate disciplinary action by the University.

Except for the limited circumstances specified in University Rule 34.02.01.C1 *Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs*, the possession of open containers and the consumption of beer, wine, and/or distilled spirits are prohibited in all public areas of the campus. For the purposes of this rule, residence facilities' balconies and patios are considered public areas. Although students of lawful age may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their room or apartment, all alcoholic beverages transported through public areas on the University grounds and in residence facilities must be unopened and concealed.

All members of the University community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illicit drugs. Standards of conduct strictly prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of controlled substances, illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia on University property, at University-sponsored activities, and/or while working as an employee of the university. Individuals may use prescription medications that are medically necessary and prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner.

While the University has limited jurisdiction when alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are consumed off-campus, members of the University community are encouraged to consider these regulations as a guideline for responsible and lawful behavior. Any registered student organization that plans to include alcohol at an official function off-campus should consult with the Student Activities office for guidance to ensure risk management guidelines are followed. Failure to comply with risk management guidelines may be the reason for appropriate disciplinary action by the University.

To implement an effective alcohol and other drug abuse prevention plan, the University will use both formal and informal channels of communication to:

- 1) disseminate information describing patterns of addiction and the physical, mental, and emotional consequences that result from the abuse of alcohol and controlled/illegal substances,

- 2) distribute information describing and encouraging the use of counseling and treatment modalities available to both students and employees in the local and regional area, and
- 3) make available to the campus population referrals to local treatment centers and counseling programs. These referrals will be made within a supportive, confidential, and non-punitive environment under the auspices of the University Health Center, University Counseling Center, and/or Human Resources.

This information is prepared in compliance with the Drug Free Schools & Communities Act of 1989 and is distributed annually to all University students and employees.

LEGAL SANCTIONS

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi enforces all local, state and federal laws and ordinances. Information contained in this document is referenced from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission at <https://www.tabc.texas.gov>, the Campus Drug Prevention resource page at <https://www.campusdrugprevention.gov> and the DEA Resource for Parents, Educators, & Caregivers at <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/publications>. The following information is to be used as a reference guide. For the specific laws and most updated information pertaining to drug abuse and health risks, you may refer to the above-mentioned websites.

Underage Drinking Laws

Minors who purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages, as well as minors who are intoxicated in public or misrepresent their age to obtain alcoholic beverages, face the following consequences:

- Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.
- Alcohol awareness class.
- 8 to 40 hours community service.
- 30 to 180 days loss or denial of driver's license.

If a minor is 17 years of age or older and the violation is the third offense, the offense is:

- punishable by a fine of \$250 to \$2,000,
- confinement in jail for up to 180 days or both, as well as
- automatic driver's license suspension.

A minor with previous alcohol-related convictions will have one's driver's license suspended for one year if the minor does not attend alcohol awareness training that has been required by the judge.

Penalties for Providing Alcohol to a Minor

Adults and minors who give alcohol to a minor also face a stiff penalty. The punishment for making alcoholic beverages available to a minor is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$4,000, confinement in jail for up to a year, or both. Additionally, the violator will have his or her driver's license automatically suspended for 180 days upon conviction.

Persons 21 or older (other than the parent or guardian) can be held liable for damages caused by intoxication of a minor under 18 if the adult knowingly provided alcoholic beverages to a minor or knowingly allowed the minor to be served or provided alcoholic beverages on the premises owned or leased by the adult.

Sale to a minor is a class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$4,000, confinement up to a year in jail, or both.

Zero Tolerance Law

In Texas it is illegal for a person under 21 to operate a motor vehicle in a public place while having ANY detectable amount of alcohol in their system. On September 1, 2009, this law was expanded to include watercraft in addition to motor vehicles.

The consequences for the minor on the first offense of driving under the influence of alcohol:

- Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500
- Attendance at an alcohol awareness class
- 20 to 40 hours of mandatory community service
- 60 days driver's license suspension. The minor would not be eligible for an occupational license for the first 30 days.

A second offense increases the consequences to:

- Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500
- Attendance at an alcohol awareness class at the judge's discretion
- 40 to 60 hours of mandatory community service
- 120 days driver's license suspension. The minor would not be eligible for an occupational license for the first 90 days.

A third offense is not eligible for deferred adjudication. The minor's driver's license is suspended for 180 days and an occupational license may not be obtained for the entire suspension period. If the minor is 17 years of age or older, the fine increases to \$500 to \$2,000, confinement in jail for up to 180 days, or both.

Possession/Manufacture/Delivery/Trafficking of a Controlled Substance

Penalties for possessing or delivering a controlled substance range according to type of substance, amount possessed or delivered, and number and type of previous violations. On the state level, misdemeanors may be punishable by up to \$2,000 in fines and up to one year in jail or both. Felonies are punishable by 5-99 years, or life in prison and up to \$20,000 in fines. On the federal level, a first conviction for possession of a controlled substance can result in imprisonment of up to one year, a fine of \$1,000-\$100,000 or both. Subsequent convictions can result in longer prison sentences, larger fines, or both. Possession of crack cocaine can result in mandatory federal prison terms of 5-20 years, fines up to \$250,000, or both. Any person who distributes, possesses with intent to distribute, or manufactures a controlled substance in or on, or within one thousand feet of, the real property comprising a public or private college, junior

college, or university is subject to twice the maximum punishment, at least twice any term of supervised release, and a fine up to twice of that authorized may be imposed. Except to the extent a greater minimum sentence is otherwise provided, a person shall be sentenced under this subsection to a term of imprisonment of not less than one year. The mandatory minimum sentencing provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to offenses involving 5 grams or less of marijuana. An individual convicted of trafficking by a federal court can receive up to life imprisonment and be fined up to \$8 million.

911 Lifeline Legislation

The offenses of possession or consumption of alcohol by a minor do NOT apply to a minor who:

- a) requested emergency medical assistance in response to the possible alcohol overdose of the minor or another person;
- b) was the first person to make a request for medical assistance; and
- c) remained on the scene and cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel; or reports the sexual assault of the minor or another person, or is the victim of a sexual assault reported by another person to:
 - 1. a health care provider treating the victim of the sexual assault;
 - 2. an employee of a law enforcement agency, including an employee of a campus police department of an institution of higher education; or
 - 3. the Title IX coordinator of an institution of higher education or another employee of the institution responsible for responding to reports of sexual assault.

UNIVERSITY SANCTIONS

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APPENDIX B: Alcohol and Illicit Drugs Standards of Conduct, 2025-2026

Subject: TAMU-CC Official Notice: Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program (DAAPP) & Standards of Conduct: 2025-2026

Date: Monday, September 22, 2025 at 9:37:00 AM Central Daylight Time

From: Campus Announcements

To: TAMU-CC All Students Distribution List via all-current-students



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
CORPUS CHRISTI

Sept. 22, 2025

MEMORANDUM: Official Notice

TO: Islander Students

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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi is committed to a campus wide plan to educate students and employees about alcohol and drug issues, discourage the irresponsible use of alcoholic beverages, and prohibit the unlawful use, possession, or distribution of controlled substances. The University will act to ensure compliance with all local, state, and federal laws and A&M University System policies dealing with controlled substances, illicit drugs, and the use of alcohol.

The University prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus by any individual under the age of 21. Failure to comply with this rule violates state law and the rules governing student conduct and will subject the individual to disciplinary action. Additionally,

students are cautioned that if an individual is under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs to the point where they cannot make a rational decision, they are unable to give or receive consent for sexual activity.

Students of lawful age under Texas Statute may possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their room or apartment in campus residence facilities. However, occupants and their guests must comply with state and local statutes concerning possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Any use of alcoholic beverages should be in moderation.

Therefore, bulk quantities of alcohol (kegs, cases, party balls, etc.) are not allowed on campus or in residence facilities. Loud or disruptive behaviors, interference with the cleanliness of residence facilities, or drinking habits that are harmful to the health or education of an individual or those around the individual are reasons for appropriate disciplinary action by the University.

Except for the limited circumstances specified in University Rule 34.02.01.C1 *Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs*, the possession of open containers and the consumption of beer, wine, and/or distilled spirits are prohibited in all public areas of the campus. For the purposes of this rule, residence facilities' balconies and patios are considered public areas. Although students of lawful age may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their room or apartment, all alcoholic beverages transported through public areas on the University grounds and in the residence facilities must be unopened and concealed.

All members of the University community are expected to abide by state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances and illicit drugs. Standards of conduct strictly prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of controlled substances, illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia on university property, at university-sponsored activities, and/or while working as an employee of the university. Individuals may use prescription medications that are medically necessary and prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner.

While the University has limited jurisdiction when alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are consumed off-campus, members of the University community are encouraged to consider these regulations as a guideline for responsible and lawful behavior. Any registered student organization that plans to include alcohol at an official function off-campus should consult with the Student Activities office for guidance to ensure risk management guidelines are followed. Failure to comply with risk management guidelines may be the reason for appropriate disciplinary action by the University.

To implement an effective alcohol and other drug abuse prevention plan, the University will use both formal and informal channels of communication to:

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- 2) distribute information describing and encouraging the use of counseling and treatment modalities available to both students and employees in the local and regional area, and
- 3) make available to the campus population referrals to local treatment centers and counseling programs. These referrals will be made within a supportive, confidential, and

non-punitive environment under the auspices of the University Health Center, University Counseling Center, and/or Human Resources.

This information is prepared in compliance with the Drug Free Schools & Communities Act of 1989 and is distributed annually to all University students and employees.

LEGAL SANCTIONS

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi enforces all local, state and federal laws and ordinances. Information contained in this document is referenced from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission at <https://www.tabc.texas.gov>, the Campus Drug Prevention resource page at <https://www.campusdrugprevention.gov> and the DEA Resource for Parents, Educators, & Caregivers at <https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/publications>. The following information is to be used as a reference guide. For the specific laws and most updated information pertaining to drug abuse and health risks, you may refer to the above-mentioned websites.

UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS

Minors who purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages, as well as minors who are intoxicated in public or misrepresent their age to obtain alcoholic beverages, face the following consequences:

- Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.
- Alcohol awareness class.
- 8 to 40 hours community service.
- 30 to 180 days loss or denial of driver's license.

If a minor is 17 years of age or older and the violation is the third offense, the offense is:

- punishable by a fine of \$250 to \$2,000,
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A minor with previous alcohol-related convictions will have one's driver's license suspended for one year if the minor does not attend alcohol awareness training that has been required by the judge.

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In Texas it is illegal for a person under 21 to operate a motor vehicle in a public place while having ANY detectable amount of alcohol in their system. On September 1, 2009, this law was expanded to include watercraft in addition to motor vehicles.

The consequences for the minor on the first offense of driving under the influence of alcohol:

- Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500
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University Health Center - The University Health Center offers general medical care for students and can provide specific information about health risks and treatment options for substance misuse/abuse. For more information, call (361) 825-2601 or visit <https://www.tamucc.edu/health-center>.

University Police Department - The University Police Department educates the University community about drug and alcohol issues as well as enforces local, state and federal law. For more information, call (361) 825-4242 or visit <https://www.tamucc.edu/university-police-department>.

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APPENDIX C: Health Promotions Mission and Strategic Plan

The Health Promotions program provides comprehensive wellness programming to the Islander community through its programming in conjunction with the Islander Peer Educators, the University Counseling Center, Recreational Sports and THRIVE 365.

The Islanders Peer Educators are committed to educating the Islander community in all dimensions of wellness. By promoting healthy behaviors, we inspire students to make positive choices to attain academic and social success.

Learning

Goal: Provide evidence-based strategies for students to learn to choose positive behaviors

Objective 1: Facilitate prevention initiatives based on student learning outcomes.

SLO 1: The student will be able to correctly identify the symptoms of alcohol poisoning and the appropriate response when a person is exhibiting the symptoms.

SLO 2: The student peer educator will be able to acknowledge and respond to diverse attitudes regarding substance use.

SLO 3: The student will be able to effectively communicate three protective behaviors.

SLO 4: The student will be able to articulate the rationale for the choices they make regarding substance use.

SLO 5: The student peer educator will be able to articulate how their training and experiences have contributed to their leadership skills.

Campus Climate

Goal: Develop a community that supports healthy and safe choices.

Objective 1: Provide alcohol and other drug programming and interventions.

Strategy 1: Increase evidence based educational and prevention programming to meet the needs of a growing student body.

- Provide late-night and weekend programming.
- Advocate for campus locations to be open late hours to provide a healthy gathering place for students.
- Identify safe transport methods for students who are under the influence.
- Expand the bystander intervention program.
- Support the development of the Islander Peer Educators.

Strategy 2: Collaborate with areas offering prevention related programs.

- Partner with Student Conduct & Advocacy and the Step-Up Program.
- Partner with the University Counseling Center on suicide prevention initiatives.

- Partner with Fraternity and Sorority Life and other student organizations.

Strategy 3: Develop and support programs to encourage students, faculty and staff to focus on personal wellness as a segue-way into addressing AOD issues.

- Partner with Recreational Sports in the Employee Wellness program and THRIVE 365 to support students, faculty and staff.
- Participate in the Wellness Extravaganza.

Strategy 4: Expand and enhance effective programs designed to improve student success.

- Screening and Brief Interventions (SBI)
- Update large scale annual programs such as Party House, Wild & Wacky Wednesday, and presentations at Anchor Camp and New Student Orientation.

Strategy 5: Engage faculty, staff and community members as partners in teaching and modeling safe and responsible behaviors to students.

- Promote the Employee Assistance Program to faculty and staff
- Partner with Employee Development/Compliance Services for Professional Development workshops and programs.

Strategy 6: Develop initiatives to better serve students at a distance.

- Promotion of UCC online screenings.
- Video streaming of presentations.
- Use social media channels as a way to share educational materials with students.

Objective 2: Engage the campus and community in supporting healthy and safe choices.

Strategy 1: Promote a safe and secure campus environment.

- Create public service announcement messages using social media.
- Respond appropriately to others who communicate misinformation and misperceptions.

Strategy 2: Communicate and invite the community to relevant programs.

- Work with Mar Com to advertise relevant programs.
- Design website to appeal to various audiences.

Strategy 3: Collaborate to improve the Annual Notification process.

- Advocate for a full revision of the Annual Notification and utilize updated design.
- Encourage the implementation of an online training for employees.
- Utilize an email tracking system for email notifications.

Resources and Accountability

Goal: Develop and manage resources efficiently and effectively.

Objective 1: Manage resources efficiently, effectively, and responsibly to accomplish the program mission

Strategy 1: Increase the number of qualified staff to meet growing programmatic needs.

- Add a full-time AOD Coordinator
- Add a full-time embedded counselor in Housing to do AOD education and programming
- Add a second Graduate Assistant to assist with program development

Strategy 2: Obtain financial support for the peer education program.

- Stipends
- Programming funds
- Training funds

Strategy 3: Provide support and resources to students at a distance utilizing technology to deliver programs and services.

Strategy 4: Utilize social media to spread social norms messages and relevant information.

APPENDIX D: Master Inventory of Programs 2024-2025

ALTERNATIVE/LATE NIGHT EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDANCE
8/22/24	WOW Playfair	370
8/22/24	Islander Palooza	567
8/23/24	WOW Movie on the Lawn	263
8/23/24	Riptide Rally - Fall Sports Kickoff	358
8/24/24	SVC Staff Retreat	8
8/24/24	Club CAB Silent Disco	499
8/29/24	NSLS - Cupcake Decorating	142
8/29/24	Pizza & Posters with The Deep End	154
8/29/24	Rec the Night	713
8/30/24	Global Grooves, Cultures & Dance	124
9/5/24	Izzy's Tailgate	253
9/6/24	President's office Beach Bash	2,500 +
9/10/24	NSLS - Leadership Training Day	9
9/11/24	NSLS - Leadership Training Day	15
9/17/24	Wellness Workshop: Paint & Sip	28
9/18/24	Billiards Tournament	32
9/19/24	CAB Dive-In Movie (rescheduled)	171
9/20/24	NSLS Breakers with the Board	26
9/20/24	SVC Members Retreat	27
9/24/24	NSLS - Leadership Training Day	5
9/25/24	NSLS - Leadership Training Day	6
9/25/24	FSL Hazing Prevention Speaker/Programming	92
9/26/24	CAB Cookies and Karaoke	137
9/26/24	Late Night Loteria	293
9/26/24	Late Night Loteria	310
9/26/24	Healthy Eating on a Budget — CANCELED	
9/27/24	These Hands Don't Haze/FThSL Night at Islanders Soccer	185
9/28/24	SUP Yoga — CANCELED	
10/2/24	CAB Bingo	319
10/3/24	FSL New Member Orientation	73
10/8/24	UCP Trivia Tuesday: Food	14
10/9/24	UCP Selena Movie Night	33
10/10/24	UCSO Policy & RM Presentation - Makeup	42
10/10/24	Neon Night - FSL Night @ Islanders VB Game	223
10/10/24	Meal Prep Made Easy	10
10/15/24	UCP Trivia Tuesday	8
10/16/24	Smash the Island Tournament	14
10/17/24	Island Madness	714
10/18/24	Pink Out - Pumpkin Decorating Contest/ Pumpkin Pick Up	102
10/21/24	CAB/IPE Improv on the Island: Paranormal Comedy	90

10/22/24	UCP Trivia Tuesday	14
10/22/24	Movie Night Spooktacular	26
10/22/24	Wellness Workshop: Goal Journaling	11
10/24/24	Islanders VB Game - Pumpkin Pick Up/Pack it Pink	189
10/25/24	NSLS Pumpkin Picasso	12
10/29/24	UCP Trivia Tuesday	26
10/30/24	CAB Halloween Dance	257
10/30/24	SVC Little Event - Captain/CoCaptain Meeting	19
10/30/24	Spooky Spartan	250
10/31/24	SVC We Scare Hunger	10
10/31/24	Halloween Game at Islanders VB - Halloween Contest/ Pumpkin Contest	166
11/1/24	NSLS Golden Age Greetings	2
11/1/24	SVC little Event Setup	20
11/1/24	Izzy's Tailgate / Trunksgiving	112
11/4/24	SVC - Member Meeting	22
11/6/24	NSLS Speaker Broadcast Marathon 1	15
11/7/24	NSLS Speaker Broadcast Marathon 2	29
11/7/24	SVC Alt Winter Break Meeting 1	11
11/8/24	Izzy's Miracle Marathon	108
11/8/24	Poster Making & Jersey Night at Islanders Men's Basketball	134
11/12/24	Anchor Camp Courtside Social	20
11/14/24	PJ Night at Islanders VB	159
11/14/24	The Rec Classic	19
11/15/24	Mario Kart Tournament	31
11/19/24	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Disney Theme	26
11/19/24	NSLS Winterland Workshop	20
11/19/24	Goat Yoga	15
11/20/24	Islander Lights Blanket Making	
11/21/24	UCP Fall Fest & Rest	60
11/21/24	Toy Drive Push - Teddy Bear Toss at Islanders Men's Basketball	94
11/21/24	Healthy Holiday Eats	10
11/22/24	SVC's Holiday Village - Holiday Ring Toss	16
12/3/24	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Holiday Theme	10
12/3/24	CAB End of Semester Social	12
12/4/24	UCP Late Night Breakfast	621
12/4/24	Deep End EOS Social	75
12/5/24	White Out at Islanders Men's Basketball	214
1/28/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: New Years	17
1/29/25	Billiards Tournament	6
1/29/25	NSLS Cookie Creations	17
1/29/25	CAB Build Your Bucketlist	54

2/3/25	<i>Black History Month Celebration</i>	180
2/7/25	SVC-Member Retreat	20
2/10/25	Spirit of MLK Exemplary Awards 2025	40
2/11/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Valentine's Day	42
2/11/25	NSLS Live Speaker Broadcast - Kate McKinnon	29
2/12/25	FSL Greek Study Night	56
2/12/25	CAB/IPE Hypnotist Show-William Michell	202
2/12/25	Greek Study Night	56
2/12/25	NSLS - Leadership Training Day	22
2/12/25	Hypnotist	210
2/13/25	NSLS - Leadership Training Day	21
2/17/25	SVC Alt Spring Break Meeting 1	17
2/17/25	Islanders MBB Game - FSL Night	304
2/18/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Black History Month	16
2/18/25	NSLS Live Speaker Broadcast - Frank Caprio	23
2/18/25	Wellness Workshop: Smash Your Feelings	15
2/19/25	NSLS - SNT Facilitator Training	12
2/20/25	Mario Kart Tournament	18
2/20/25	Sex in the Dark	24
2/24/25	SVC Alt Spring Break Meeting 2	17
2/26/25	CAB Islanderino	457
2/27/25	Islanders WBB Game - Pack it PINK	274
2/28/25	Lighting of the "I"	485
3/3/25	Women's History Month Celebration	130
3/4/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: St. Patrick's Day	17
3/4/25	CAB/Leadership Midterm Mania	55
3/5/25	"Throwback" Theme Night at WBB	101
3/7-15/25	SVC Alt Spring Break	17
3/18/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Oscar's Night	13
3/18/25	NSLS Speaker Broadcast Marathon	24
3/19/25	Amazing Race	6
3/20/25	CAB/Leadership Lego Bingo	275
3/25/25	UCP WICKED Movie Night	75
3/25/25	Leadership - WICKED Movie	75
3/25/25	Wellness Workshop: Pottery with a Purpose	12
3/26/25	NSLS Speaker Broadcast Marathon	30
3/27/25	SVC-Member Social	26
3/27/25	Cooking Class: Breakfast for Dinner	9
3/31/25	Trans Day of Visibility Trivia Night	45
4/1/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Harry Potter	25
4/8/25	UCP Dog Yoga	31
4/9/25	SVC - BIG Event-Captain/Co-Captain Meeting	18

4/10/25	Smash the Island Tournament	21
4/10/25	Cooking Class: Charcuterie & Mocktails	11
4/11/25	SVC BIG Event Set Up	12
4/11/25	FSL Baseball Night / Izzy's Tailgate	263
4/14/25	FSL Game Night	127
4/15/25	Wellness Workshop: Terrarium Therapy	25
4/16/25	FSL/CAB Lip Sync Battle	224
4/17/25	SVC Social	18
4/17/25	FSL Awards	107
4/22/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Books	14
4/24/25	CAB Bingo	108
4/29/25	Goat Yoga	25
4/30/25	Game Night Getaway	29
4/30/25	Deep End End of Year Social	68
5/2/25	SVC End of Year Social	20
5/5/25	UCP Late Night Breakfast	502
12/15-20/24	SVC Alt Winter Break- Houston 2024	12
Ongoing	Fitness Programming	varies
Ongoing	Intramural Sports Programming	varies
Ongoing	Sport Club Practices	varies

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

8/24/24	Hazing Prevention (New Members)	106
8/25/24	Hazing Prevention (Active Members)	92
8/29/24	AOD Social Media Highlight	220 Views
9/4/24	Islander Night Out (AOD Spin Wheel)	173
9/19/24	These Hands Don't Haze Tabling	25
10/3/24	Relationship Violence	25
10/23/24	Mental Health Spooktacular (AOD Spin Wheel)	283
10/30/24	Spooky Spartan	75
11/21/24	The Great American Smokeout	96
12/23/24	Before you drink Social Media	329 views
2/14/25	Will You Communicate with me During Sex? (AOD Consent)	1,000 Views
2/18/25	Jeopardy AOD Outreach (Homecoming Week)	28
2/24/25	Jeopardy AOD Outreach (Homecoming Week)	21
3/5/25	Wild and Wacky (distributed Nightcaps)	466
3/26/25	Wellness Extravaganza	71
4/1/25	Let's Taco'bout Consent	200
4/16/25	Screening Brief Intervention	109
4/17/25	Mocktail Mixer (Distributed Nightcaps)	167
4/22/25	Dining Hall AOD Outreach (Izzfest)	35

4/23/25	Jeopardy AOD Outreach (Izzfest week)	25
4/30/25	Denim Day	127
4/30/25	Denim Day	75

TRAININGS

8/12/24	Anchor Camp Staff Training AOD resources on campus	42
8/20/24	Anchor Camp Camper Presentations Alcohol & Other Drug info	440
9/14/24	Sport Club Policy & Anti-Hazing meeting	27
9/21/24	Student Organization Policy and Risk Management - Fall	229
2/8/25	Student Organization Policy and Risk Management - Spring	42

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ALTERNATIVE/LATE NIGHT EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDANCE
8/20-22/2025	Anchor Camp	395
08/22/25	Islander Palooza	687
8/20/25-7/31/26	Fitness Programming	20-30 Per night
8/20/26-5/31/26	Intramural Sports Programming	VARY
8/20/26-5/31/26	Sport Club Practices	68
08/23/25	Club CAB: Paint-U	813
8/24/25	Spirit Gear Pickup / Sunday Night Futbol @ Islanders Soccer Game	92
8/26/25	Friendship Bracelet Making with The Deep End	212
8/27/25	Rec The Night	977
09/02/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: WOW Event	27
09/03/25	Billiards Tournament	7
9/3/25	Spirit and Traditions Color Run	122
09/04/25	NSLS/Leadership Cupcake Decorating Contest	101
09/05/25	President's Office Beach Bash	2,000 +
09/09/25	Mario Kart Tournament	11
09/09/25	NSLS Leadership Training Day	50
09/10/25	NSLS Leadership Training Day	40
09/12/25	SVC: Member Retreat	32
9/15/25	Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff	138
9/15/25	Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff	138
09/16/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Music	22
9/17/25	Outdoor Expo	270
9/18/25	Mindful Meals: Taco Bout Fun Street Tacos	9
09/19/25	SVC - Member Retreat and Interest meeting	32
09/24/25	FSL Hazing Prevention	148
9/24/25	Islanders Volleyball Game - FSL Night	167
9/24/25	Wellness Workshop: Paint & Sip	25
09/25/25	Smash the Island Tournament	19
09/25/25	SVC: Social (Superhero Theme)	26
9/25/25	Late Night Loteria	280
9/25/25	Late Night Loteria	280
9/25/25	Soccer Game - FSL Night	141
9/25/25	Late Night Loteria	310
09/30/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	21
09/30/25	SOO: Policy and Risk Management Training - Makeup	28
10/01/25	CAB Bingo Pajama Party	344
10/2/25	Islanders Soccer Game - Pink Game	95
10/08/25	Billiards Tournament	18
10/08/25	CAB/FSL Midterm Mania	124
10/08/25	SVC Little Event Captain meeting	23

10/10/25	SVC Little Event Prep	12
10/14/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Unsolved Mysteries	19
10/15/25	NSLS October Member Meeting/Social: Cookie Decorating and Games	15
10/15/25	Wellness Workshop: Wellbeing Study Café	8
10/16/25	Islanders Volleyball Game: Pink Game	178
10/17/25	CAB & WOW Drive-In Movie	160
10/22/25	CAB Islander Fright Nights	586
10/22/25	Party House	205
10/23/25	SOO: Org Night - Island Madness	42
10/23/25	Mindful Meals: Chicken Pasta	7
10/28/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Halloween	35
10/29/25	Mario Kart Tournament	10
10/29/25	UCP: Murder Mystery Night	40
10/29/25	The Rec. Classic	17
10/29/25	Pumpkin Craving	160
10/30/25	Islanders Soccer Game - Spooktacular Tabling	153
10/31/25	SVC We Scare Hunger	11
11/03/25	CAB Bingo	191
11/3/25	Izzy's Tailgate	234
11/04/25	FSL Study Night	42
11/05/25	Leadership Fall Speaker Broadcast: Sylvester Stallone	57
11/06/25	SVC Member Social	16
11/10/25	Leadership Fall Speaker Broadcast Marathon: Bill Clinton	11
11/11/25	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Disney/Marvel	46
11/14/25	Izzy's Miracle Marathon	233
11/14/25	SVC Friday Service: Grocery Giveaway	29
11/18/25	Goat Yoga	20
11/19/25	Billiards Tournament	18
11/20/25	Mindful Meals: The Autumn Toss	10
11/21/25	SVC Holiday Village Booth	7
11/21/25	Islander Lights	163
12/03/25	UCP Late Night Breakfast	564
12/03/25	SVC Alt Winter Break Meeting 2	12
01/21/26	Anchor Camp Beads and Bonds Event	39
01/27/26	UCP Tuesday Trivia: New Year's Eve	20
01/29/26	Smash the Island Tournament	16
1/29/26	Org Night @ WBB	190
02/02/26	FSL Night (Basketball)	239
2/2/26	Black History Month Celebration: Voices from the Trail	150
2/2/26	Black History Month Celebration: Voices from the Trail	150
2/2/26	Izzy's Tailgate	254

02/03/26	Leadership/NSLS Feb Member Meeting/Social at Breakers	16
02/10/26	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Valentine's Day	18
02/11/26	CAB XO Bingo	191
2/11/26	Wellness Workshop: Shatter the Silence	10
2/11/26	Bear the Truth About Sex	40
02/16/26	NSLS Orientation and Leadership Training Day (OTR/LTD)	18
2/16/26	Org Night @ MBB	219
02/17/26	SOO: Policy and Risk Management - Makeup	28
02/18/26	NSLS Orientation and Leadership Training Day (OTR/LTD)	10
2/18/26	Spirit of MLK Exemplary Awards	45
2/18/26	Spirit of MLK Exemplary Awards	45
02/19/26	Billiards Tournament	13
02/19/26	NSLS Orientation and Leadership Training Day (OTR/LTD)	6
2/19/26	Mindful Meals: Rise & Grind	10
02/24/26	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Books	18
02/25/26	Islanderino	406
03/03/26	UCP: 1920s Murder Mystery	44
03/05/26	Mario Kart Tournament	7
03/17/26	UCP Tuesday Trivia: St. Patrick's Day	19
03/18/26	CAB/FSL Midterm Mania Cookout	146
3/18/26	Wellness Workshop: Navigating Social Media to Thrive	8
03/19/26	Billiards Tournament	12
03/19/26	NSLS March Member Meeting/Social: Vision Boards	4
03/23/26	Leadership Spring Speaker Broadcast Marathon 1: Robin Roberts	6
03/23/26	Leadership Spring Speaker Broadcast Marathon 1: Bill Nye	5
03/26/26	SVC Board Game Social	25
3/26/26	Mindful Meals: Green Pasta	9
03/31/26	UCP Tuesday Trivia: 2000s Nostalgia	16
4/2/26	Baseball Tailgate/FSL Night	189
04/08/26	SVC BIG Event-Captain/Co-Captain Meeting	29
04/09/26	Mario Kart Tournament	18
04/10/26	SVC The BIG Event Setup	15
04/13/26	FSL Game Night	217
04/14/26	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Harry Potter	22
4/14/26	Amazing Race	28
04/15/26	FSL/CAB LipSync	310
4/15/26	Wellness Workshop: Terrarium Therapy	20
04/16/26	FSL AWARDS	143
04/23/26	Smash the Island Tournament	20
4/23/26	Mindful Meals: Aloha Bowls	10
04/28/26	UCP Tuesday Trivia: Animated Films	19
05/01/26	SVC End of Semester Social	22

05/04/26	UCP Late Night Breakfast	485
5/4/26	Goat Yoga	20
12/14-19/2025	SVC Alternative Winter Break - Dallas	12
3/7-3/13 2026	ASB to New Orleans	17

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

9/2/25	Know Your Limit	104
9/9/25	I-Ask (AOD Tabling)	81
9/10/25	Islanders Night Out	120
	How to Live Mentally Well and Crush it in College	
9/24/25	Livestream	33
10/7/25	AOD Tabling	20
10/13/25	AOD Tabling	21
10/16/25	Party House Nightcap Video Social Media	3,019 Views
10/22/25	AOD Tabling	23
11/12/25	Great American Smokeout Video Social Media	2,406 views
11/14/25	Unsung Heros Screening & Panel Discussion	12
11/19/25	The Great American Smokeout	91
11/23/25	Res Life Drunk Goggle Course	100
12/25/25	Safer Social Drinking Reminders Social Media	1,455 views
1/28/26	Say It Brave Livestream	3
2/10/26	Origami and Mocktails Delight	51
2/24/26	Anchors Aweigh AOD tabling	147
3/4/26	Wild & Wacky Tabling - Signs of Alcohol Poisoning	25
3/4/26	Wild n Wacky	380
3/9/26	Spring Break Safety Tips Social Media	1,983 Views
3/25/26	Wellness Extravaganza	411
3/25/26	Movie & Mocktails	27
4/8/26	Beyond the Buzz: Screening Brief Intervention	91
4/9/26	Sexual Assault Awareness Trauma Informed Yoga	1
4/14/26	Mocktail Mixer	287
4/29/26	Denim Day	124
4/29/26	Denim Day	73

TRAININGS

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDANCE
8/14/25	Anchor Camp Staff Training AOD resources on campus	48
8/14/25	AOD Camp Counselors	48
8/21/25	Anchor Camp Camper Presentations Alcohol & Other Drug info	446
8/21/25	Anchor Camp	395
8/24/25	SVC Leadership Retreat (Risk Management/AOD)	8
8/29/25	Greek Retreat	54

9/2/25	Know Your Limit	104
9/6/25	Greek Leadership Retreat - Alcohol policies and hosting events	57
9/9/25	I-Ask (AOD Tabling)	81
9/10/25	Islanders Night Out	120
9/12/25	SVC Membership Retreat (Risk Management/AOD)	32
9/20/25	Policy and Risk Management - Fall	216
9/23/25	Taco 'Bout Hazing Prevention and Bystander	134
9/24/25	Hazing Prevention	148
9/30/25	Policy and Risk Management - Fall Makeup	28
10/7/25	AOD Tabling	20
10/13/25	AOD Tabling	21
10/16/25	Party House Nightcap Video Social Media	3,019 Views
10/22/25	AOD Tabling	23
11/12/25	Great American Smokeout Video Social Media	2,406 views
11/19/25	The Great American Smokeout	91
11/20/25	Alternative Winter Break Meeting 1 (Risk Management/AOD)	11
11/23/25	Res Life Drunk Goggle Course	100
12/25/25	Safer Social Drinking Reminders Social Media	1,455 views
2/6/26	Alcohol and Drugs 101 Presentation to Sport Clubs	15
2/6/26	AOD Presentation w/Sport Clubs	25
2/7/26	Policy and Risk Management - Spring	23
2/7/26	Spring Greek Retreat	53
2/10/26	Origami and Mocktails Delight	51
2/19/26	Alternative Spring Break Meeting 1 (Risk Management/AOD)	17
2/24/26	Anchors Aweigh AOD tabling	147
3/2/26	College Health 101 w/Athletics	22
3/4/26	Wild n Wacky	380
3/9/26	Spring Break Safety Tips Social Media	1,983 Views
3/25/26	Wellness Extravaganza	411
3/25/26	Movie & Mocktails	27
4/8/26	Beyond the Buzz: Screening Brief Intervention	91
4/14/26	Mocktail Mixer	287
4/29/26	Denim Day	73

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Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs



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Rule Summary

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) is committed to creating a safe & drug-free environment and protecting the safety, health, and wellbeing of its employees and students. This rule provides information about the drug and alcohol abuse awareness, prevention, and intervention programs for employees and students in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Drug-Free Work Force Rules for Department of Defense (DOD) Contractors, and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and as required under other federal-granting authorities.

Definitions

Refer to System Regulation *34.02.01, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs* for definitions.

Rule

1. GENERAL
 - 1.1. TAMU-CC is committed to educating employees and students about alcohol and drug issues, deterring the irresponsible use of alcoholic beverages, and prohibiting the unlawful manufacture, use, possession, or distribution of controlled substances. TAMU-CC will act to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, the Drug-Free Work Force Rules for Department of Defense (DOD) Contractors, the requirements of the Department of Transportation and other regulatory bodies, and applicable state laws for employees and students.

- 1.2. The university must inform the Office of General Counsel of possible violations of this rule and coordinate any testing due to reasonable suspicion of drug or alcohol use or abuse. The Chief Human Resources Office handles this requirement for university employees, and the Dean of Students handles this for university students.
- 1.3. To implement an effective alcohol and drug-free awareness and prevention plan, TAMU-CC will use both formal and informal channels of communication to:
 - (a) Disseminate information describing patterns of addiction and the physical, mental, and emotional consequences that result from the abuse of alcohol and controlled/illegal substances;
 - (b) Require university employees to complete a yearly online training for drug and alcohol abuse prevention;
 - (c) Distribute information that describes and encourages the use of counseling and treatment modalities available to both students and employees in the local and regional area; and
 - (d) Make available to the campus population referrals to local treatment centers and counseling programs. These referrals will be made within a supportive, confidential, and non-punitive environment under the auspices of the University Health Center and/or University Counseling Center (for students) and Human Resources (for employees).

2. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING THE USE OF ALCOHOL

- 2.1. Any use of alcoholic beverages on campus or at university functions is subject to the alcoholic beverage laws of the State of Texas. These laws prohibit :
 - (a) the purchase, consumption, or possession of alcohol by a minor;
 - (b) the purchase of alcohol for a minor;
 - (c) furnishing alcohol to a minor;
 - (d) misrepresentation of age by a minor;
 - (e) public intoxication;
 - (f) driving while intoxicated; and
 - (g) consumption of alcohol while operating a motor vehicle (open container law).

- 2.2. Additionally, state law prohibits the sale of any type of alcoholic beverage unless the seller possesses a valid liquor license or permit. The term “sale” is broadly interpreted by law enforcement authorities to include such practices as charging admission to events when alcohol is being served. In addition, tickets, activity fees, membership dues, or other exchanges that are in any way restrictive, are viewed as indirect payment for alcoholic beverages and are, therefore, illegal unless alcohol is obtained through a valid liquor license.

3. UNIVERSITY STANDARDS CONCERNING THE USE OF ALCOHOL ON CAMPUS

- 3.1. These standards were established by TAMU-CC to address the use of alcohol on campus or at functions occurring under the auspices of TAMU-CC and apply to all persons on campus or present at functions occurring under the auspices of TAMU-CC.

- 3.1.1. TAMU-CC prohibits the use or possession of alcoholic beverages on campus by any individual under the age of 21. Failure to comply with this standard violates state law and the rules governing student conduct and will subject the individual to disciplinary action.

- 3.1.2. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages on university property will not be permitted except in special use buildings and facilities as designated by the President, approved by the Chancellor, and subsequently reported to the Board of Regents. The list of designated buildings and facilities will be identified in the annual report by the President to the Board of Regents and listed in the Appendix section of this rule and on the university’s rules and procedures website.

In addition, students of lawful age under Texas statutes may be permitted to possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their rooms in campus housing. However, on-campus residents and their guests must comply with state and local statutes concerning possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Any use of alcoholic beverages should not disrupt residents’ rights to privacy, sleep, and study. Loud or disruptive behaviors, that interfere with cleanliness and safety, or drinking habits, that are harmful to the health or education of an individual or those around them, are reasons for appropriate disciplinary action by TAMU-CC.

TAMU-CC will impose sanctions against a student or employee who is found in violation of university rules/procedures or the student code of conduct.

3.1.3. Except as noted above, the possession of open containers or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all public areas of the campus. For the purposes of this rule, apartment balconies, patios, and residence hall common areas are considered public areas. Although students of lawful age may possess and consume alcoholic beverages in the privacy of their rooms, all alcoholic beverages transported through public areas on TAMU-CC grounds and in campus housing must be unopened and concealed.

3.1.4. Any purchase of alcoholic beverages by a unit of TAMU-CC must comply with System Policy 34.03, *Alcoholic Beverages*.

3.1.5. More restrictive guidelines may apply to individuals within the university community based on membership in university organizations (e.g., athletics, fraternities/sororities, or other organizations).

3.2. Additional standards applying specifically to employees are discussed in section 5 of this rule.

4. UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE USE OF DRUGS

4.1. All members of the university community are expected to abide by applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and conditions of federal grants or contracts pertaining to controlled substances and illicit drugs. Standards of conduct strictly prohibit the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession, or use of controlled substances or illicit drugs on university property, at university-sponsored activities, and/or while on active duty.

4.2. Individuals may use prescriptive medications that are medically necessary and prescribed for them by a licensed medical practitioner, in the manner in which they are prescribed.

4.3. Employees or students found violating this rule will be subject to the disciplinary measures required by all pertinent local, state, and federal statutes. In addition, the disciplinary procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct, Department of Athletics Student-Athlete Handbook, and other relevant university rules and procedures will be enforced.

5. ADDITIONAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL STANDARDS FOR EMPLOYEES

5.1. All new employees are provided a copy of the Alcohol & Illicit Drugs Standards of Conduct (see Appendix). In addition, they are informed that they are responsible for reading this rule. The employee acknowledges the receipt of information in the

electronic onboarding process, and the acknowledgement is retained in the official personnel records.

- 5.2. Employees are prohibited from using or being under the influence of controlled substances during working hours except for the legal use of a controlled substance prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner. Prescription medication is to be used only in the manner, combination, and quantity prescribed, and may only be used by the person for whom it is prescribed.
- 5.3. Any employee whose use of alcohol, drugs, or other controlled substances results in absenteeism, tardiness, impairment of work performance, or is the cause of workplace accidents, may be subject to disciplinary action and may be required to participate in an available alcohol and drug counseling, rehabilitation, or employee assistance program. An employee who rejects participation in a required program may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.
- 5.4. Employees whose work-related performance gives cause for reasonable suspicion of the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance may be subjected to testing for the substance in accordance with System Regulation *34.02.01, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs* with the advice of the Office General Counsel. A refusal to submit to a test combined with a reasonable suspicion of usage, may be a sufficient basis for termination.
- 5.5. Any disciplinary action will be governed by System policies and regulations on discipline and dismissal, academic freedom, responsibility, and tenure. A record of the action will be placed in the employee's personnel file.
- 5.6. Faculty and staff members are responsible for supervising student activities on university-affiliated trips. Faculty and staff members must inform students that actions violating applicable international and domestic laws regarding alcohol and drugs will not be permitted on any university-affiliated trip. Faculty, staff, and students must follow System policies and regulations and university rules and procedures regarding alcohol and drugs while on university-affiliated trips. Faculty and staff are encouraged to contact Compliance Services with questions about providing students with this information. The failure to properly inform students regarding alcohol and drug use on affiliated trips, whether reported to Compliance Services or discovered later, will be subject to disciplinary action (e.g., written reprimand, suspension without pay, termination of employment) in accordance with appropriate employment procedures.
- 5.7. Drug testing of an employee in a DOD-funded sensitive position will be conducted in accordance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and Drug-Free Work Force Rules

for Department of Defense (DOD) Contractors or as required as a condition of any federal grant or contract. Supervisors should coordinate with Human Resources regarding drug testing of employees.

- 5.8. Drug testing of employees required to have commercial driver's licenses or in a position funded by a federal grant or contract with such requirements will be conducted in accordance with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and Department of Transportation regulations in the following situations: (1) pre-employment, (2) post-accident, (3) reasonable suspicion, (4) random, (5) return-to-duty, and (6) follow-up. Supervisors should coordinate with Human Resources regarding drug testing of employees.
- 5.9. Additional restrictions or requirements may be implemented on an individual project basis as required under the terms of a federal grant or contract.

6. REASONABLE SUSPICION OF EMPLOYEE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

- 6.1. Administrators should exercise extreme caution in all matters relating to drug and alcohol policies. They should ensure that procedures are carefully followed and that substantial evidence from reliable sources supports a decision to confront an employee concerning a possible violation. Administrators or supervisors seeking advice on appropriate responses to possible violations of alcohol or drug rules by employees should consult with Compliance Services per section 5 of System Regulation *34.02.01, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs*.
- 6.2. Compliance Services provides employees with information on the university's Employee Assistance Program (EAP) benefit. The EAP can help, and if needed, refer employees to appropriate local community agencies. These guidelines apply to referrals:
 - (a) The employee is responsible for any cost/fees incurred for professional services provided by community agencies.
 - (b) To the extent possible, information concerning an employee's diagnosis, referral, and treatment will be kept strictly confidential.
 - (c) The rights of employees will be assiduously respected by all administrative and supervisory personnel. Employee rights are delineated in System policies and regulations and university rules and procedures.
- 6.3. All meetings between the employee and the supervisor or other designated administrator to address the suspected alcohol or drug-related problem and/or its resolution should be documented and maintained by the supervisor to demonstrate that the discussions corrected the issues or as support for disciplinary action. Medically

related issues regarding alcohol or drug-related concerns (e.g., alcoholism or participation in a recovery treatment program) will be maintained separately from personnel records by Compliance Services and/or Human Resources, as appropriate.

7. REASONABLE SUSPICION OF STUDENT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

- 7.1. Students suspected or found to be in violation of drug and alcohol policies, regulations, or rules will be notified in writing to appear for a hearing with Student Conduct & Advocacy. The process for hearings is outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. The process for intercollegiate student-athletes who have demonstrated a reasonable suspicion of drug use is outlined in the Department of Athletics Student-Athlete Handbook. Student-athletes are also responsible for following all other university rules and procedures including the Student Code of Conduct.
- 7.2. Students will be advised of available alcohol and drug counseling at the University Counseling Center and/or referred to a community organization. The University Counseling Center and the University Health Center can refer students to appropriate local community agencies. The following guidelines apply to these referrals:
 - (a) The student is responsible for any cost/fees incurred for professional services provided by community agencies.
 - (b) To the extent possible, information concerning a student's diagnosis, referral, and treatment will be kept strictly confidential.
 - (c) Student rights are delineated in the Student Code of Conduct and other university publications. The rights of students will be assiduously respected by all administrative and supervisory personnel.
- 7.3. Sanctions for violations of drug or alcohol policies, regulations, or rules may include but are not limited to expulsion, suspension, probation, and/or a letter of reprimand.

8. DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS FOR EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS

- 8.1. In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, TAMU-CC has developed and implemented alcohol and drug-free awareness and prevention programs for employees and students. Programs conform to System policies and regulations as well as related state and federal laws and incorporate information regarding:
 - (a) The dangers of alcohol and drug abuse;
 - (b) Maintenance of a workplace and learning environment free from alcohol and drug abuse;

- (c) Available alcohol and drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees and students for alcohol and drug abuse violations.
- 8.2. The drug and alcohol abuse prevention measures include, but are not limited to:
 - (a) The distribution of relevant materials to all employees and students.
 - (b) The presentation of campus workshops, seminars, and other programs to educate employees and students about alcohol and drug abuse prevention.
 - (c) The distribution of information concerning the prevention of drug/alcohol abuse on campus.
 - (d) The distribution of relevant information on drug use to employees through Human Resources and to students through the University Health Center and the University Counseling Center.
- 8.3. Student Engagement & Success works with other departments, such as Human Resources, Compliance Services, and the University Police Department, to create effective awareness and prevention programs for students.
- 8.4. Annually, Compliance Services notifies each employee via a mandatory TrainTraq online course, and Student Engagement & Success notifies each student in writing, with the following information:
 - (a) The standards of conduct that prohibit the unlawful manufacture, possession, dispensation, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by employees and students on the university's property or as part of any university activity;
 - (b) A description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law for the unlawful manufacture, possession, dispensation, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol;
 - (c) A description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and alcohol;
 - (d) A description of any drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, rehabilitation, re-entry, or employee assistance programs that are available to employees and/or students;

- (e) A clear statement that TAMU-CC, consistent with the local, state, or federal law, will impose sanctions against an employee or student who violates the standards of conduct to include expulsion from school or termination from employment and referral for prosecution. A disciplinary sanction may include the completion of an appropriate education program; and
 - (f) A description of TAMU-CC's programs, including alternative support, education, and re-entry programs for students who are expelled as a result of violating standards required by these minimum requirements.
- 8.5. Additionally, all first-year & transfer students will be required to complete an online educational course which addresses Title IX (Sexual Violence Awareness) related issues, fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness, alcohol and drug abuse, and bystander intervention. Students who fail to complete the course may have a hold placed on their account, preventing their registration for courses in the following semester.
- 8.6. As required by federal law, TAMU-CC, led jointly by Student Engagement & Success and Compliance Services, will conduct a biennial review of its programs and report the following:
 - (a) Description of elements of alcohol and other drug programs.
 - (b) Statement of goals of alcohol and other drug programs and a discussion of goal achievement.
 - (c) Summaries of strengths and weaknesses of alcohol and drug programs.
 - (d) Guidelines for distributing annual notifications regarding alcohol and drug programs to employees and students.
 - (e) Copies of the policies distributed to employees and students; and
 - (f) Recommendations for revising alcohol and drug programs.
- 8.7. TAMU-CC will, upon request, make available to the Secretary of Education (or designee), other applicable government agencies, and the public, all documents outlined in section 8.4 of this rule, as well as, the biennial review.
- 8.8. TAMU-CC certifies the accessibility of drug abuse prevention programs for university officers, employees, and students as required under 20 U.S.C §1094.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

[20 U.S.C. § 1011i](#)

[20 U.S.C. § 1094](#)

[21 U.S.C.A. § 812, The Controlled Substances Act](#)

[41 U.S.C. Ch. 81 \(§§ 8101–8106\), Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988](#)

[34 C.F.R. 86, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention](#)

[48 C.F.R. 252.226-7003, Drug-Free Work Force Rules for Department of Defense \(DOD\) Contractors](#)

[Tex. Health & Safety Code, Ch. 481, Texas Controlled Substances Act](#)

System Policy [34.02, Drug and Alcohol Abuse](#)

System Regulation [34.02.01, Drug and Alcohol Abuse and Rehabilitation Programs](#)

System Policy [34.03, Alcoholic Beverages](#)

This rule supersedes:

- *34.02.99.C1, Alcohol and Drugs*
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Appendix

[Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program \(DAAPP\) & Standards of Conduct](#)

[Report on Sites of Permitted Use of Alcohol](#)

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

Contact Office

Contact for clarification and interpretation:

Compliance Services

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APPENDIX G: Student -Athlete Drug and Alcohol Policy

5.4 NCAA Drug Testing

In an effort to deter the use of NCAA-banned substances in and around NCAA championships as well as the entire academic year the NCAA has instituted both championship and out-of-competition drug testing. Every Division I institution will be drug tested at least once each academic year. Please know, however, institutions may be selected for testing more than once each academic year. Student-athletes are subject to drug testing before, during or after their competitive season, including summers. The Head Athletic Trainer as the primary NCAA drug testing site coordinator.

5.4.1 Ineligibility for Use of Banned Drugs

Bylaw 18.4.1.5 provides that a student-athlete, who is found to have utilized a substance on the list of banned drugs, through a positive drug test administered by the NCAA, shall be declared ineligible for further participation in postseason and regular season competition during the time period ending one calendar year after the student-athlete's positive drug test. This student-athlete shall be charged with the loss of a minimum of one season of competition in all sports if the season of competition has not yet begun or a minimum of the equivalent of one full season of completion in all sports if the student-athlete test positive during his or her season of competition (i.e., the remainder of contests in the current season and contest in the subsequent season up to the period of time in which the student-athlete was declared ineligible during the previous year).

5.4.2 NCAA Banned Drugs

The sport specific Athletic Trainer shall disseminate a copy of the list of banned drug classes to each student-athlete. Please note that the list of banned drugs is subject to change by the NCAA Executive Committee, and the institution and student-athlete shall be held accountable for all banned drug classes on the current list. Updates to the list of banned drugs can be found via the NCAA Web site (www.ncaa.org). The term "related compounds" comprises substances that are included in the class by their pharmacological action and/or chemical structure. No substance belonging to the prohibited class may be used, regardless of whether it is specifically listed as an example.

5.4.3 Supplements

Nutritional supplements are not strictly regulated and may contain substances banned by the NCAA. For questions regarding nutritional supplements, please visit the [National Center for Drug Free Sport Resource Exchange Center \(REC\) Web site \(www.drugfreesport.com\)](http://www.drugfreesport.com). The log-in password is: ncaal

The NCAA subscribes to the REC as an authority on banned substances and nutritional supplements. Contact the REC before taking any medication or supplement.

Phone: (877) 202-0769

<http://www.drugfreesport.com/rec/>

Also note that the NCAA does not consider ignorance as a valid excuse for a positive drug test. It is imperative to check with the appropriate Department of Athletics staff members before

utilizing any supplements. Failure to do so could jeopardize your eligibility as well as your health.

III. Drug Screening

Currently, Islanders Athletics conducts tests for street drugs such as amphetamines, cocaine, and other controlled substances. The department also has the capability and authority to test for any drug listed on the NCAA list of banned drugs.

A. Testing Guidelines

1. Random tests will be conducted throughout the fall and spring semesters of the academic year. The Director of Athletics, and/or Head Athletic Trainer will determine the method of randomization.
2. If a student-athlete refuses to take a drug test at the time it is requested, the student-athlete will be immediately suspended from all athletic activity until the student-athlete complies with the test request. Each refusal to take a drug test will be treated as a positive test result. (See Section VI - Non Compliance)
3. The presence of any known masking agents or urine manipulators in urine sample is prohibited and will result in the appropriate suspension. (See Section VI - Non Compliance)

B. Reasonable Suspicion

The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Department of Athletics may request drug screening for specific individual student-athletes on a reasonable suspicion basis as determined by the Head Athletic Trainer or Director of Athletics.

C. Testing Procedures

1. Student-athletes will be asked to report directly to the testing area and will be required to remain until the collection is completed.
2. Collection will be done under the supervision of a physician or designee.
3. The student-athlete will witness the transfer of the specimen from a collection cup to a lab specimen container and then seal it before placing it in the container for shipment.
4. Specimens are collected from the testing area. The physician or designee will secure the specimens until pick up. A courier designated by the testing company will pick up the specimens and send them to the appropriate laboratory.
5. A lab will conduct the analysis of the specimen.
6. Testing protocol may vary based on the testing laboratory's guidelines. (Available upon request)

IV. Disposition of the Results

A. Positive Tests

1. The positive test results will be received from the testing center by the Head Athletic Trainer who will notify the Director of Athletics.

2. The Head Athletic Trainer or Deputy Athletic Director will inform the student-athlete and coach immediately of the positive test result.

B. Assessment

1. An appointment for a chemical dependency assessment will be made with the **Coordinator of Alcohol & other Drug Treatment Services (AOD)** or other qualified counselor from the University Counseling Center.
2. The student-athlete has 14 consecutive days to follow through with completing the assessment. If the student-athlete fails to comply within this time frame, the student-athlete will be immediately suspended from practice and competition for a minimum of two weeks (14 days) from the date of expiration of the original 14-day compliance period. The Director of Athletics will determine the term of suspension, and subsequent reinstatement should any successive periods be needed to obtain compliance after the initial 14- day period.
3. The AOD Coordinator recommends a plan for the appropriate program for the student-athlete, based on the information contained in the assessment.
4. The plan is shared with the Deputy Athletic Director, the Head Athletic Trainer, and the Team Physician.
5. The student-athlete will meet with the Deputy Athletic Director, Head Athletic Trainer, Treatment Coordinator, and Head Coach to discuss the specific individual plan.

V. Treatment Program

The treatment program is designed to use a variety of techniques as a means to accomplish secondary prevention success. Each case will be unique in its treatment plan as determined by the treatment coordinator.

1. The AOD Coordinator will report progress and consult with the Deputy Athletic Director and the Head Athletic Trainer.
2. Any violation of the treatment program, including a subsequent positive test, will be reported to the Director of Athletics.
3. Decisions regarding the student-athletes' ability to continue to practice and/or compete are contingent on the confidential recommendations from the AOD Coordinator with input from the Deputy Athletic Director, the Head Athletic Trainer and the Team Physician, consultation with the head coach, and the approval of the Director of Athletics. During treatment student-athletes may be required to:
 - a. Submit to (monthly) drug testing for the remainder of the academic year as required by the Director of Athletics.
 - b. Sign a comprehensive contract (treatment plan) that stipulates conditions for eligibility for competition and/or practice.

VI. Non-Compliance

Compliance at each stage is the responsibility of the student-athlete. Failure to comply with any aspect of the program following the first positive test result may result in a suspension from athletic participation at the discretion of the Director of Athletics.

Therefore, non-compliance can occur through failure to follow the requirements at any of these stages: drug testing, assessment, treatment or aftercare. Positive test results are cumulative throughout an athlete's entire career at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi.

A. The first positive test result by a student-athlete:

1. The athlete will be required to begin a treatment program through the University Counseling Center under the direction of the AOD Coordinator.
 - a. Referral to AOD Coordinator at the University Counseling Center by the Department of Athletics for initial intake assessment.
 - b. At intake, AOD Coordinator will ask student for written permission to release information to necessary Athletic personnel regarding appointment dates, completion of assessment, and recommendations.
 - c. After intake, AOD Coordinator will schedule an appointment for assessments.
 - d. After assessments, AOD Coordinator will schedule up to two follow up appointments to focus on interpretation of assessment results and alcohol and other drug education.
 - e. Upon completion, AOD Coordinator will provide necessary Athletic personnel with letter verifying completion and providing recommendations. Athletic personnel will also be notified of student's non-compliance, provided that a release was signed by student.
2. The athlete's parents may be notified of the positive test result at the discretion of the Director of Athletics or Head Coach.

B. The second positive test result:

The student-athlete is suspended from competition for an amount equal to 10% of the team's competitions during its championship season. The student-athlete will also be suspended from practice until they are cleared, both physically and psychologically, to return.

1. The student-athlete must complete the assessment tests as outlined under the requirements of a first positive test.
2. The student-athlete will be referred to the University Counseling staff psychiatrist for evaluation for treatment. The Counseling Center staff will take an active role in all follow-up and monitoring as prescribed by psychiatrist. With approval by the Deputy Athletic Director, an outside psychiatrist may be used, at the student-athlete's expense.
3. Additionally, the student-athlete must complete an aftercare program as set forth by the treatment administrator before returning to practice and competition.
4. The athlete's parents will be notified of the positive test result.

C. The third positive test result:

The student-athlete is suspended from competition for 30% of the team's competitions during its championship season. The student-athlete will also be suspended from practice until they are cleared, both physically and psychologically, to return. However, the Athletic Director and the Head Coach have discretion to increase the penalties for this offense up to and including removal from the team, at the conclusion of the semester.

1. The student-athlete must complete the assessment tests as outlined under the requirements of a first positive test.
2. The student-athlete will be referred to the University Counseling staff psychiatrist for evaluation for treatment. The Counseling Center staff will take an active role in all follow-up and monitoring as prescribed by psychiatrist.
3. Additionally, the student-athlete must complete an aftercare program as set forth by the treatment administrator before returning to practice and competition.
4. The athlete's parents will be notified of the positive test result.

D. The fourth positive test result:

The student-athlete is dismissed from the Intercollegiate Athletics program at Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi, permanently. Any remaining financial aid from the Department of Athletics due the student-athlete shall be forfeited and the scholarship terminated. The athlete's parents will be notified of the positive test result and the athlete's dismissal from the program.

VII. Voluntary and Other Referrals

A student-athlete who comes forward voluntarily or is referred by other means (prior to notification of selection for drug testing) and acknowledges a problem with drug abuse shall be afforded the support and resources available to address the problem.

- A. The student-athlete will undergo a mandatory chemical dependency assessment, as scheduled by the Head Athletic Trainer. The procedures followed will be the same as those outlined under "Assessment for a first positive result" listed above.
 1. A student-athlete who fails to follow the recommended treatment plan will be considered non-compliant, and will receive the appropriate suspension.
 2. A self-referral after notification of selection for drug testing is not considered voluntary and will not protect the athlete from the consequences of a positive drug test.

VIII. Coaches' Role

It is the responsibility of the head coach to ensure that their student-athletes follow through with all responsibilities regarding their assessment, treatment, or aftercare programs.

IX. Violation of State or Federal Law

Any criminal conviction of state or federal laws involving, the possession, sale or use of any drugs or illegal substances or illegal use alcohol such as a DUI conviction by student-athletes will be considered a positive test result and corresponding sanctions will be enforced. Additional sanctions may be applied by the Director of Athletics.

5.5.1 Drug Testing Consent Form

5.5.2 Tobacco Ban – NCAA Bylaw 11.1.4

No player, coach or game official in any sport may use any form of tobacco during practices or competition.

5.5.3 Department of Athletics Policy on Tobacco

The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi Department of Athletics strongly discourages the use of all tobacco products. Use of tobacco products while representing the University in any capacity is prohibited.

As more and more tobacco related research is conducted, the results uniformly support the fact that all forms of tobacco use is bad for your health and sets a bad example for young people in the community that look up to you.

5.5.4 Department of Athletics Drug and Alcohol Policy

Purchase or use of alcohol or any other drugs by student-athletes during any Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi sponsored athletic trip or event is prohibited. This policy also pertains to students who are of legal drinking age, and includes all trips, even those trips for which student-athletes may have paid part of the expense.

- No alcohol is to be served at team meals, team functions, or team banquets.
- No alcohol or any other drug should be used on any buses or vans transporting Islander student-athletes to and from athletic contests and Islander sponsored events.
- No alcohol or any other drug may be purchased with money allocated for team travel; this pertains to coaches and staff as well.
- The use of illegal or non-therapeutic drugs at any time is prohibited.
- The use of alcohol at any time during an unofficial or official recruiting visit is prohibited.

The Tobacco, Drug and Alcohol Policy apply to all coaches, Department of Athletics staff members and student-athletes. Team rules may supplement the above policy.

APPENDIX H: Arrests and Judicial Referrals

On Campus 2023-2025

	Building/ Property	Housing	Total on Campus	Unfounded Crimes
Alcohol Law Violations Arrests				
2023	0	44	44	0
2024	0	25	25	0
2025	0	24	24	0
Drug Law Violations Arrests				
2023	2	3	5	0
2024	1	2	3	0
2025	1	0	1	0
Weapons Law Violations Arrests				
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0
2025	1	0	1	0
Alcohol Law Violations Referrals				
2023	0	4	4	0
2024	0	20	20	0
2025	0	11	11	0
Drug Law Violations Referrals				
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	2	2	0
2025	0	16	16	0
Weapons Law Violations Referrals				
2023	0	0	0	0
2024	0	0	0	0
2025	0	0	0	0

APPENDIX I: Student Conduct Sanctions 2024-2026

Charges Resulting in a Finding of “In Violation”

Academic Year 2024-2025

Alcohol	103
Drugs	28

Types and Number of Sanctions Assigned for Alcohol Violations

Academic Year 2024-2025

Sanction	Number of Times Used in Relation to Alcohol Charge
Online Course Fee	50
Online Alcohol Course	49
Parental Notification	47
Conduct Warning	37
Community Service	19
Reflection Paper	19
Conduct Probation	16
Mandated Consultation	2
Online Drug Course	2
Suspension	1
Banned from Campus	1
Restitution	1
Additional Sanctions	1

Types and Number of Sanctions Assigned for Drug Violations

Academic Year 2024-2025

Sanction	Number of Times Used in Relation to Drug Charge
Conduct Probation	9
Parental Notification	9
Online Course Fee	8
Community Service	7
Online Drug Course	5
Online Alcohol Course	4
Reflection Paper	3
Conduct Warning	2
Termination of Housing Agreement	1

Charges Resulting in a Finding of "In Violation" (as of June 23, 2026)**Academic Year 2025-2026**

Alcohol	91
Drugs	47

2025-2026 Sanction	Count
Parental Notification	65
Online Course Fee	59
Online Alcohol Course	52
Conduct Warning	48
Community Service	28
Conduct Probation	25
Reflection Paper	14
Online Drug Course	8
Banned from Campus	3
Suspension	3
Required Meeting	2
Termination of Housing Agreement	2

Types and Number of Sanctions Assigned for Alcohol Violations**Academic Year 2025-2026**

Sanction	Number of Times Used in Relation to Alcohol Charge
Online Alcohol Course	50
Parental Notification	49
Online Course Fee	49
Conduct Warning	39
Community Service	15
Conduct Probation	11
Reflection Paper	6
Banned from Campus	1
Required Meeting	1
Suspension	1
Termination of Housing Agreement	1

Types and Number of Sanctions Assigned for Drug Violations**Academic Year 2025-2026**

Sanction	Number of Times Used in Relation to Drug Charge
Parental Notification	16
Conduct Probation	14
Community Service	13
Online Course Fee	10
Conduct Warning	9
Online Drug Course	8
Reflection Paper	8
Banned from Campus	2
Online Alcohol Course	2
Suspension	2
Required Meeting	1
Termination of Housing Agreement	1