

Substance Abuse Policy (100.9)

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The Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of a college environment which is free of substance abuse. Programs of education, rehabilitation and treatment are implemented to promote a substance-free college environment. The college environment includes students, employees and other persons participating in District 529-sponsored classes, programs, services and other activities and events.

Section 22 of the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (DFSCA) added section 1213 to the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), requiring that all institutions receiving federal financial assistance, including student financial aid, implement a drug prevention program.

Pursuant to section 22 of the DFSCA, Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988, and the Controlled Substance Act of 1970, Illinois Eastern Communities Colleges prohibits the unlawful possession, sale, transfer, purchase, or use of alcohol, unlawful narcotics, cannabis or any other controlled substance on college property or on the premises where college activity is occurring.

Under federal jurisdiction, the possession, sale, transfer, purchase, or use of cannabis, including medical marijuana, is unlawful. Therefore, although Illinois state legislation permits the authorized use of medical marijuana, under physician prescription, the possession, sale, transfer, purchase or use of all cannabis, is prohibited on college property or on the premises where college activity is occurring.

Students and employees in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, referral to counseling, academic suspensions or expulsions for students, and termination of employment for employees. Any illegal substance abuse instance will result in involvement of law enforcement officials.

Contractors to District 529 are expected to comply with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988.