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***University System of Georgia, Board of Regents Guidance: 4.6.4 Alcohol and Drugs on Campus** (Revision Date: July 31, 2018)

In accordance with Georgia laws governing the manufacturing, sale, use, distribution, and possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, marijuana, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs on college campuses and elsewhere, including the Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990, the Board of Regents encourages its institutions to adopt programs designed to increase awareness of the dangers involved in the use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, or other illegal or dangerous drugs by University System of Georgia (USG) students and employees. Such programs shall stress individual responsibility related to the use of alcohol and drugs on and off the campus.

To assist in the implementation of such awareness programs and to enhance the enforcement of state laws at USG institutions, each institution shall adopt and disseminate comprehensive rules and regulations consistent with local, state and federal laws concerning the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs on campus and at institutionally-approved events off campus.

Disciplinary sanctions for the violation of such rules and regulations shall be included as a part of each institution's disciplinary code of student conduct. Disciplinary sanctions for students convicted of a felony offense involving the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, controlled substances, or other illegal or dangerous drugs shall include the forfeiture of academic credit and the temporary or permanent suspension or expulsion from the institution. All sanctions imposed by the institution shall be subject to review procedures authorized by Board of Regents Policy 8.6 on Application for Discretionary Review.

The rules and regulations adopted by each institution shall also provide for relief from disciplinary sanctions previously imposed against one whose convictions are subsequently overturned on appeal or otherwise.

*Valdosta State University is in compliance with this guidance.

Valdosta State University (VSU) Substance Abuse Policy (Excerpt from the Student Code of Conduct)

Tobacco & Smoke-Free Campus Policy

The use of all forms of tobacco products on property owned, leased, rented, in the possession of, or in any way used by the University or its affiliates is expressly prohibited. "Tobacco Products" is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and any other smoking devices that use tobacco such as hookahs or simulate the use of tobacco such as electronic cigarettes.

Further, this policy prohibits any advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco products on University properties. This prohibition includes but is not limited to all areas indoors and outdoors, buildings and parking lots owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by the University or its affiliates. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all vehicles – private or public vehicles - located on University properties.

This policy applies to all persons who enter the areas described above, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, contractors and subcontractors, spectators, and visitors. All events hosted by a University entity shall be tobacco-free. All events hosted by outside groups on behalf of the University shall also be tobacco-free.

University Drug Free Work Place Policy

Valdosta State University, as a recipient of federal funds, supports and complies with all provisions of the Drug Free Communities Act of 1997. As an employer, Valdosta State University will aggressively promote and strive to maintain a drug free work place for its faculty and staff and a drug free zone for students.

Students of Valdosta State University are expected to adhere to the policies of the institution, observe the basic rules of good conduct and to meet appropriate standards of performance. This policy, as with the other institutional policies, including state and federal laws, and the Board of Regents' policies shall be observed.

A. Alcohol (excerpt from Student Code of Conduct)

1. Possession, consumption, or transportation of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited.
2. If a student is under the age of 21 and determined to be under the influence of alcohol he/she will be referred to the appropriate authorities.

A student in a publically intoxicated state will be referred to the appropriate authorities for disposition.

3. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage(s) or possession of an open-container of an alcoholic beverage on University property is prohibited in public areas. A public area is defined as any area outside of an individual's living quarters.

No student shall furnish or cause to be furnished any alcoholic beverage to any person under the legal drinking age of 21.

4. The serving of alcohol to someone visibly intoxicated and/or the facilitating of drinking games involving the consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
5. Common source containers of alcohol beverages e.g. beer kegs, hunch-punch, etc., may not be present at any registered University organization event.
6. No alcohol may be purchased with student activity fee funds.

B. Drugs

1. The possession, use, manufacture, sale, distribution or delivery of illegal or dangerous drugs on or off campus is prohibited. This also includes prescription medication being used in a manner not consistent with the prescription or by someone other than the person for whom the prescription was written.
2. Possession of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited on campus. This includes any item typically used to facilitate the use, manufacture, sale, distribution or delivery of a controlled substance including marijuana.

The Office of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education

Mission Statement

The mission of the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education is to address the issue of substance abuse among the VSU community and its potential impact on academic, professional, and social development. Our goal is to provide accurate, up-to-date information in the areas of prevention, education, and referral, and to involve students in the process through peer education and substance-free social programming. Our services are available to students, faculty, and staff.

The AOD office coordinates and works closely with the Student Conduct Office, the Athletic Department, Counseling Center, Wellness and Promotions, Housing and Residence Life, Greek Life, University Police, and local probation offices.

Services

Substance Abuse Assessments – Students are typically referred by the Student Conduct Office, Residence Hall Directors, Athletic Department, Greek Life, Counseling Center, parents, self, or concerned instructors. Students with on-going legal issues can typically satisfy counseling requirements assigned by probation officers through our office.

One-on-One Counseling – “Brief Therapy,” usually consisting of 4 – 6 sessions. Referral reasons and level of need determine the number of sessions.

Support Groups

Breaking Free - Offered to students that have been negatively impacted by the addictive behavior of a significant person involved in their life.

Steps to Success - This group is for students that have identified personal addictions and are seeking peer support.

Strength Through Sharing – Available to faculty and staff with significant others struggling with addiction issues.

Presentations – Classes, Greek Life events, Residence Halls and Student Organizations.

Campus Awareness Events – Primary observances sponsored by our office are Alcohol Awareness in October and the Safe Spring Break Fair prior to students leaving campus for spring break. We participate in Orientations, Visitation Days, Great American Smoke-Out, and Employee Health and Benefits Fairs.

KARMA (Peer Education) --Two Credit Class --Gives students an opportunity to learn about alcohol and drugs (and other topics) and give presentations to other students. KARMA students also support campus awareness fairs. Involvement in KARMA may lead to students to being recognized as nationally "Certified Peer Educators" through Bacchus/NASPA.

Core Alcohol and Drug Survey – This survey takes the pulse of the substance abuse climate on campus. We conduct this survey every two years.

Substance Abuse Task Force (Chair) – Representatives from campus agencies and the community discuss substance abuse issues and recommend policy.

E-Check Up To Go – The Alcohol eCHECKUP TO GO (eCHUG) on-line program is a brief self-assessment that provides an accurate and detailed information about: Personal risk patterns, individual level of alcohol tolerance, and unique family risk factors and Harm Reduction strategies.

Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS) – TIPS instruction is designed to equip students to recognize signs of intoxication among peers and to de-escalate potentially hazardous situations.

Support Research – Videos, print material, and pamphlets are available to our students on a variety of substance abuse topics.

Referral services are available to students, staff and faculty.

A grant from the **Governor's Office of Highway Safety (GOHS)** aids the prevention/awareness message by funding DUI Simulators and speakers to campus. **Peer Education** students are provided an opportunity to attend Young Adult Leadership Conferences. Peer Education support materials are also purchased using GOHS funds.

Substance Abuse Task Force

Valdosta State University's Substance Abuse Task Force (SATF) is an advisory body comprised of administrators, faculty, students, and community representatives.

The purpose of the SATF is to identify areas of concern regarding alcohol and other drugs as they relate to our students, both on and off campus. Once identified, methods for lessening any negative impact to our students are discussed and recommendations made to the appropriate decision making authority.

The SATF stays apprised of legislation that governs the role of Institutions of Higher Education pertaining to substance abuse issues in students' lives as well as local ordinances impacting our students.

The primary responsibility for enforcing disciplinary sanctions falls to the Student Conduct Officer, who routinely solicits recommendations and feedback from appropriate agencies regarding existing protocols. Independent verification of the campus climate regarding substance use is provided through participation in the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey, which is administered every two years.

Highlights of the SATF Accomplishments:

Recommended delayed "rushing" for Greek Life until after the semester has been in session for a few weeks to allow students to become acclimated to their new environment. (approved)

The SATF was instrumental in influencing in VSU to adopt a "Parental Notification Policy" for underage students involved in more than one substance abuse incident. (approved)

The SATF developed VSU's "Medical Amnesty Guidelines" to encourage students to notify emergency personnel when a student may be in danger of alcohol poisoning or a drug overdose without fear of reprisal from Student Affairs. (approved)

The SATF featured the father of a student over-dose victim who shared his story with the members.

Substance Abuse Task Force Representation

Coordinator, Alcohol and Drug Program

Director, Counseling Center

Coordinator, Wellness and Promotions

Assistant Director, University Police

Assistant Dean of Students - Conduct

Faculty, Advisor - Kappa Sigma

Athletic Director

Coordinator, Greek Life

Probation Officer, City of Remerton

Representative, Corporate Social Responsibility,
Legislative and Community Affairs, Johnson Distributors

Part 86 Biennial Review Compliance Checklist
2017-2018

1. Does the institution maintain a copy of its drug prevention program? If yes, where is it located?

Yes. In each office with direct contact with students or employees involved with substance abuse issues has their respective guidelines in numerous publications, including VSU web-sites.

2. Does the institution provide annually to each employee and each student, who is taking one or more classes for any type of academic credit except for continuing education units, written materials that adequately describe and contain the following?

- a. Standards of conduct that prohibit unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on its property or as a part of its activities

Students: *Yes* Staff and Faculty: *Yes*

- b. A description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol

Students: *Yes* Staff and Faculty: *Yes*

- c. A description of applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law

Students: *Yes* Staff and Faculty: *Yes*

- d. A description of applicable counseling treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs

Students: *Yes* Staff and Faculty: *Yes*

- e. A clear statement of the disciplinary sanctions the institution will impose on students and employees, and a description of those sanctions

Students: *Yes* Staff and Faculty: *Yes*

3. Are the above materials distributed to students in one of the following ways?

- a. Mailed to each student (separately or included in another mailing)

No

b. Through campus post offices boxes

No

c. Class schedules which are mailed to each student

No. VSU uses on-line resources for announcing classes, scheduling and enrolling for classes.

d. During freshman orientation

No. In-coming Freshmen are encouraged to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct.

e. In another manner (describe)

Yes. Portions of the University's Alcohol and Drug Policy are made available for students in numerous campus publications, web-sites, and are briefed at freshmen orientations. However, the method that best reaches our students with the above-named issues is a student list serve on an annual basis.

4. Does the means of distribution provide reasonable assurance that each student receives the materials annually?

Yes. All student completing classes at VSU receive the Substance Abuse Policy letter via e-mail.

5. Does the institution's distribution plan make provisions for providing these materials to students who enroll at some date after the initial distribution?

Yes. Appendix A (Pre-amble) of the Students Code of Conduct states "As a student of Valdosta State University you are advised to read, understand, and abide by the Student Code of Conduct."

6. Are the above materials distributed to staff and faculty in one of the following ways?

a. Mailed

Staff: No

Faculty: No

a. Through campus post office boxes

Staff: No

Faculty: No

b. During new employee orientation

c. Staff: Yes Faculty: Yes

d. In another manner (describe)

The above-named issues are addressed as part of employee's Annual Compliance Training and must be verified as having been read.

7. Does the means of distribution provide reasonable assurance that each staff and faculty member receives the materials annually?

Staff: Yes Faculty: Yes

Each staff and faculty member completes Compliance Training in September/October

8. Does the institution's distribution plan make provisions for providing these materials to staff and faculty who are hired after the initial distribution?

Staff: Yes Faculty: Yes

New hires complete Compliance Training at the time of employment

9. In what ways does the institution conduct biennial reviews of its drug prevention program to determine effectiveness, implement necessary changes, and ensure that disciplinary sanctions are enforced?

a. Conduct student alcohol and drug Survey use surveys

Yes. The Core and Alcohol Drug Survey is administered every two years.

b. Conduct opinion survey of its students, staff, and faculty

Students: Yes. There are questions in the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey that address students' awareness of our campus policy on substance abuse, whether there is a prevention program, and if the campus is concerned about preventing substance abuse.

Staff and Faculty: No

c. Evaluate comments obtained from a suggestion box.

Students: No Staff and Faculty: No

d. Conduct focus groups

Students: Staff and Faculty: *No*

e. Conduct intercept interviews.

Students: *No* Staff and Faculty: *No*

f. Assess effectiveness of documented mandatory drug treatment referrals for students.

Students: *Yes. Upon completion of counseling sessions students access their current substance use.* Staff and Faculty: *(NA)*

g. Assess effectiveness of documented cases of disciplinary sanctions imposed on students and employees

Students: *This data would be collected through the Student Conduct Office*

Staff and Faculty: *This data would be collected through the Human Resources Office*

NOTE: Recidivism rates for campus agencies' referrals among our students are noted to be very low

h. During new student Orientations. *No*

i. Other

There is a Substance Abuse Task Force comprised of campus and communities representatives to identify issues that could negatively impact our students.

10. Who is responsible for conducting these biennial reviews?

The Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education of the Student Affairs Division

11. If requested, has the institution made available, to the Secretary and the public, a copy of each requested item in the drug prevention program and the results of the biennial review?

Note: Valdosta State University has not received a request from the Secretary to audit our Biennial Reviews. However, Biennial Reviews are maintained and available for review in the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education dating back to 1999.

12. Where is the biennial review documentation located?

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13. Comments: *In addition to ensuring the students and staff of Valdosta State University are aware of applicable laws, policies, and sanctions associated with alcohol and drug abuse, we choose to emphasize the fact that most individuals are making responsible decisions regarding their personal use of substances and encourage them to continue to do so. Evidence of this stance is the number of alcohol-free options available to students sponsored and supported by student-led organizations.*

The results from our Core Alcohol and Drug Survey are highlighted during class room presentations and Orientations to enlighten our students that alcohol and drug abuse is the exception, rather than the rule, among VSU students. Peer Education also helps spread the message that the responsible use of alcohol, to include abstinence, places a student in the majority at VSU.

1. SUPPLEMENTAL CHECKLIST 2017-2018

Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulation (EDGAR Part 86)

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations require an institution of higher education (IHE) to certify it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. **Failure to comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations may forfeit an institution's eligibility for federal funding.**

EDGAR Part 86 establishes a set of minimum requirements for college substance use programs. Colleges and universities may have additional obligations under state law, including recent court decisions in lawsuits brought against IHEs by college and university students and employees. Consultation with an attorney knowledgeable in this area is highly recommended.

A. Description of the AOD Program Elements (AOD responses are in italics)

1. Alcohol-Free Options

How does your campus provide an environment with alcohol-free options? Please check all that apply:

Alcohol-free events and activities are created and promoted.

Student organization events and activities are alcohol free. Alcohol is not permitted in common areas of campus.

Student service learning or volunteer opportunities are created, publicized, and promoted.

VSU 1101 classes have a community service component in their curriculum. Student volunteer opportunities are publicized via e-mail, web-sites, and flyers. Volunteer hours are tracked for students to be able to cite experiences.

Community service work is required as part of the academic curriculum.

Community service work is required as part of the academic curriculum.

The campus offers a student center, recreation center, coffeehouse, or other alcohol-free settings.

All campus facilities are alcohol free, to include the Recreation Center and Student Union, with the exception of residence halls when the students are of legal age to consume alcohol.

The student center, fitness center, or other alcohol-free settings have expanded hours.

The Student Center and Recreation Center are open in the evenings and on weekends.

Non-alcoholic beverages are promoted at events.

Nonalcoholic beverages are served at student-oriented campus functions.

2. Normative Environment

How does your campus create a social, academic, and residential environment that supports health-promoting norms? Please check all that apply:

College admissions procedures promote a healthy environment.

During Orientation sessions students are informed of university policies regarding alcohol/drug use and receive an in-depth briefing on the Recreation's Center's programs advocating a healthy life-style.

The academic schedule offers core classes on Thursdays, Friday, and Saturdays.

Most classes are offered Monday – Friday. Doctoral students meet on Saturdays.

Exams/projects increasingly require class attendance and academic responsibility.

VSU has an official attendance policy and holds its students to high academic standards.

Substance-free residence options are available.

Not at this time. Few students took advantage when a "Wellness Floor" was available. Re-establishing a Sober Living option is being discussed.

The campus encourages an increase in academic standards.

VSU has recently increased the minimum Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for admission.

Faculty and staff are educated about behavioral indicators, student norms, and cultural attitudes related to high-risk or illegal alcohol use.

Faculty are encouraged to permit an AOD representative take a few minutes of class time to make students aware of the services through the AOD office.

The AOD Coordinator attends New Faculty Orientations to make them aware of the substance abuse climate on our campus and the resources available to deal with students they may have concerns about.

X Faculty and staff are educated about behavioral indicators, student norms, and cultural attitudes related to illicit drug use.

The Coordinator of the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education attends the New Faculty Orientation each fall to educate new faculty about the substance abuse climate on campus and is available any time for consultation if these concerns arise.

 X Faculty are encouraged to engage in a higher level of contact with students.

VSU faculty members are encouraged to participate in a program sponsored by Housing and Residence Life called "House Calls." This initiative has faculty and administrators visit freshmen students in residence halls to check on their adjustment to college life and to see if they are experiencing any problems.

 X Students are educated about misperceptions of drinking norms.

Statistics from the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey that challenge drinking perceptions are routinely mentioned in presentations to students by the AOD coordinator. Table tents have been placed on the tables in the campus dining facilities with Social Norms messaging highlighting positive trends identified from the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey.

 X Student leadership (e.g., orientation leaders, resident assistants, fraternity and sorority members, athletes, student organizations) promotes positive, healthy norms.

Resident Assistants receive training on how to recognize and respond to high-risk drinking behavior. RAs are required to provide educational instruction to their residents and typically call upon the AOD coordinator or Peer Educators to speak about substance abuse, to include social norms. Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol (GAMMA) also encourages the responsible use of alcohol.

 X Students have opportunities to advise and mentor peers.

VSU offers a for-credit class for Peer Educators known as KARMA (Knowledge, Awareness, Respect, Maturity, Achievement). KARMA introduces numerous topics to the students and they are in turn required to present at out-of-class venues in a peer setting. This experience enhances subject knowledge as well as public speaking skills. KARMA students are afforded networking opportunities through attendance at Young Adult Peer Education Leadership Conferences held throughout the state. KARMA students also support campus awareness fairs such as the Alcohol Awareness Fair and Safe Spring Break activities.

Pro-health messages are publicized through campus and community media channels.

Pro-health messages are communicated to VSU students via e-mails, flyers, campus newspaper, presentations, special speakers, and other events. Numerous awareness fairs are sponsored by the AOD. VSU has an active and effective Wellness Committee.

Other:

-During Orientations, students are informed of university policies regarding alcohol/drug use and receive an in-depth briefing on the Student Recreation Center's programs.

-VSU offers KARMA, a for-credit Peer Education class.

-Numerous awareness fairs are sponsored by the AOD and the Campus Wellness Committee.

3. Alcohol Availability

How does your AOD prevention program limit alcohol availability? Please check all that apply:

Alcohol is banned or restricted on campus.

Restricted to students of legal age to drink in their residence hall rooms.

Alcohol use is prohibited in public places.

The use of alcohol is restricted to residence hall rooms for students of legal age to consume alcohol..

Delivery or use of kegs or other common containers is prohibited on campus.

Delivery or use of kegs or other common containers is prohibited on campus.

Alcohol servers are required to be registered and trained.

In accordance with VSU's Alcohol Policy for Events, "the event caterer must have necessary alcohol licenses, supply a certified or licensed bartender, and provide beverage set ups. Under no circumstances will self-service be allowed. Access to alcoholic beverages must be through a licensed certified bartender."

Server training programs are mandatory.

"Training for Intervention ProcedureS (TIPS) for the University" is offered for students through the AOD office. Johnson's Distributors provides "TIPS on Premises" to VSU students that work in local drinking establishments.

Guidelines for off-campus parties are disseminated.

Greek Life chapters are provided guidelines regarding the use of alcohol at their functions.

Note: The following responses are based upon The City of Remerton and/or City of Valdosta Alcohol Ordinance.

The number and concentration of alcohol outlets near campus are regulated.

Yes

The costs of beer and liquor licenses are raised.

Not addressed

The days or hours of alcohol sales are limited.

"Last Call" and closing hours are established, as well as limited Sunday sales.

The container size of alcoholic beverages is reduced.

Alcohol is regulated by quantity per sale.

Not addressed

Keg registration is required.

Keg registration is required for off-campus functions

State alcohol taxes are increased.

Does not limit alcohol availability.

Alcohol availability is limited by age, hours of service, and location.

Other: *Additional guidelines forbid alcohol intended to be consumed on the premises from being taken off the premises; cannot require the purchase of subsequent drinks as a condition of being served the first one, and establishments cannot offer "all you can drink" specials.*

Drinking establishment flyers are banned on campus.

4. Marketing and Promotion of Alcohol

How does your AOD prevention program limit marketing and promotion of alcohol on and off campus? Please check all that apply:

Alcohol advertising on campus is banned or limited.

Limited. Alcohol advertising is permitted in the campus newspaper *The Spectator*, but flyers are not allowed to be posted on campus promoting alcohol use.

Alcohol industry sponsorship for on-campus events is banned or limited.

Johnson Distributing Co. is represented on the Substance Abuse Task Force and promotes responsible drinking and supports our awareness fairs. They have also co-sponsored a guest speaker to campus.

Content of party or event announcement is limited.

Yes. Flyers and posters are banned on VSU's campus. Parties and other events are not permitted to promote the availability of alcohol.

Alcohol advertising in the vicinity of campus is banned or limited.

Alcohol promotions with special appeal to underage drinkers is banned or limited.

Alcohol promotions that show drinking in high-risk contexts is banned or limited.

Pro-health messages that counterbalance alcohol advertising are required.

Cooperative agreements are endorsed to institute a minimum price for alcoholic drinks.

Cooperative agreements are endorsed to limit special drink promotions.

"Happy hours" is eliminated from bars in the area.

No official policy. A review of the City of Remerton and Valdosta ordinances did not reveal any references to the above issues

The sale of shot glasses, beer mugs, and wine glasses at campus bookstores is banned.

No. Shot glasses are sold in the VSU Bookstore.

Does not restrict marketing and promotion of alcohol.

No official policy

5. Policy Development and Enforcement

How does your AOD prevention program develop and enforce AOD policies on and off campus?
Please check all that apply:

The Student Conduct Office of the Division of Student Affairs has established protocols for ensuring consistency in enforcing cases of policy violations among students. These protocols address sanctions as well as the criteria for a referral to AOD. The campus Substance Abuse Task Force has also had input regarding policy enforcement.

Yes On-campus functions must be registered.

Yes Registration guidelines for reserving campus facilities are strictly enforced.

Yes ID checks at on-campus functions are enforced.

NA Undercover operations are used at campus pubs and on-campus functions.

NA Patrols observe on-campus parties.

Yes Patrols observe off-campus parties.

Identification checks for underage drinkers are conducted in local drinking establishments. Undercover operations and patrols by police are not coordinated with AOD or the Substance Abuse Task Force. Greek Life functions require private security.

NA Disciplinary sanctions for violation of campus AOD policies are increased.

X Criminal prosecution of students for alcohol-related offenses is increased.

Enforced, but not increased.

X Driver's licensing procedures and formats are changed.

Driver's License issued to drivers under the age of 21 are vertical as opposed to horizontal.

X Driver's license penalties for minors violating alcohol laws are enforced.

Yes

X Sellers/servers are educated about potential legal liability.

Training for Interventions Procedures (TIPS) is available and through Johnson Distributing Co. Drinking establishments are responsible for creating /enforcing their own server training.

ID checks at off-campus bars and liquor stores are enforced.

Yes

Penalties for sale of liquor to minors are enforced.

Yes

Laws against buying alcohol for minors are enforced.

Yes

Penalties for possessing fake IDs are enforced.

Yes

Undercover operations are used at retail alcohol outlets.

Yes

DUI laws are enforced.

Yes

Roadblocks are implemented.

Yes. Undercover officers conduct enforcement exercises and DUI checkpoints.

Open house assemblies are restricted.

Not addressed.

Dram shop laws that apply legal action for serving intoxicated drinkers or minors are established.

Yes, as established by the state of Georgia.

Does not develop or enforce AOD policies.

Policies are established and enforced.

Other: *Campus policies and local laws are enforced in regard to alcohol violations*

B. A statement of AOD Program Goals and a Discussion of Goal Achievement

The mission of the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education is to address the issue of substance abuse among the Valdosta State University community and its potential impact on academic, professional, and social development. Our goal is to provide accurate, up-to-date information in the areas of prevention, education, and referral, allowing student involvement in the process through peer education and campus awareness fairs. Our services are available to students with consultation provided for faculty and staff.

Please describe how the programs were achieved:

Education/awareness presentations, campus/community awareness programs, substance abuse assessments and/or counseling sessions conducted by AOD and Peer Educators are documented in Semester Reports. Evidence of involvement by campus agencies and community leaders is cited in Substance Abuse Task Force minutes. VSU conducts the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey every two years in an effort to take the pulse of the substance abuse climate among our students and help to focus prevention efforts.

C. Summaries of AOD Program Strengths and Weaknesses

What are the strengths and/or weaknesses of your AOD prevention program?

(Strengths)

One of the strengths of the AOD prevention program is that the administration has taken a proactive approach in dealing with substance abuse issues among Valdosta State University students. This is evidenced by the creation of a full-time position for a certified substance abuse counselor to serve as the AOD coordinator and to provide support staff and an operating budget.

The AOD coordinator instructs a for-credit class for Peer Education (KARMA) students

The AOD coordinator enjoys the support of the Counseling Center director and staff as well as Students Affairs personnel. Many instructors make their classrooms available for prevention presentations as well as permitting AOD to administer the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey. There is a sound working relationship between AOD, the Campus Wellness Committee, and the Student Health Clinic.

AOD supplements its operating budget by having received a grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety for fourteen consecutive years. This grant makes possible educational opportunities for Peer Education students as well as purchasing Certified Peer Education Manuals.

Campus awareness events with an alcohol/drug prevention theme such as the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week and Safe Spring Break are well attended by students and endorsed by faculty. AOD is represented at campus Health Fairs and Staff Appreciation observances. AOD also brings nationally known substance abuse and motivational speakers to campus.

Educational opportunities/sanctions offered through AOD include "e-CHECK UP TO GO" (e-Chug) as well as video and print material.

Student Affairs mandates e-CHECK UP TO GO (eCHUG) for Greek Life students, which is provided at no charge to students.

The AOD coordinator benefits from the advice and suggestions from members of the campus Substance Abuse Task Force, comprised of faculty, administrators, students, and community personnel.

AOD contributed to Greek Life's D.A.S.H. (Drugs, Alcohol, Sexual Assault, Hazing) training curriculum.

(Weaknesses)

There remains much work to do regarding VSU's relationship with area drinking establishments. Under-age drinking and over-serving of patrons are of continuous concern.

The AOD office would also like to see an increase in opportunities to present the substance abuse prevention message with our students in venues such as residence halls, student organization meetings, classrooms, athletics, and Greek Life chapter meetings. In addition, the AOD coordinator would appreciate the opportunity to address the faculty regarding substance abuse issues to strengthen our relationships with departments across the campus.

VSU needs to establish a Sober Living program modeled after Collegiate Recovery Communities established on several campuses across the nation. Preliminary discussions are under way with representatives from Housing and Residence Life personnel.

D. AOD Policy

1. Policy Contents

What information do you distribute to employees and students (taking one or more classes for academic credit, not including continuing education)? Please check all that apply:

A description of the health risks associated with alcohol abuse and the use of illegal drugs.

A description of applicable legal sanctions under local, state, and federal laws.

A description of any treatment, counseling, rehabilitation, or re-entry programs available at your institution.

A statement of the institution's disciplinary measures regarding alcohol and illegal drug use by students and employees.

Each of these issues are addressed in a Policy Letter distributed to employees as well as student each year in the manner described below.

2. Policy Distribution

Where does your institution publicize its alcohol or other drug policy? Please check all that apply:

Student handbook (On-line Student Code of Conduct)

Staff and faculty handbook

Course catalogs

Class schedules

Student's academic orientation

Residence hall orientation

Staff and faculty orientation

Formal speaking engagements

Other: *VSU student e-mail*

Employee on-line Compliance Checklist through Human Resources

E. Recommendations for Revising AOD Prevention Programs

Please offer any recommendations for revising AOD prevention programs and/or policies:

The AOD program could be strengthened by having more contact with targeted, at-risk populations such as freshman, student-athletes, International and Greek Life students.

Opportunities to address employees, including faculty, are also lacking.

VSU Distribution Policy

In compliance with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988 and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, below is a list of the different means in which we distribute to all faculty, students and staff Valdosta State University's Alcohol Policy and Georgia State and federal laws governing these Acts.

- VSU Human Resources and the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education distributes an annual Drug Free Workplace Policy letter to all current employees through an email distribution list and is also included in the annual Compliance Training mandated for all employees to complete.
- New VSU employees are required to sign a form acknowledging the Drug Free Workplace Policy. Also, the Classified Employee Handbook which includes the Drug Free Workplace Policy is distributed to all new employees during orientation and is also available online for all employees.
- The Office of Student Life and the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education sends an annual notification letter to all students informing them of the standard of conduct concerning alcohol and drugs and the legal and disciplinary sanctions for violating VSU Alcohol Policy through a student email distribution list
- Freshmen students are mandated to complete the educational Everfi Module that teaches them about the effects of alcohol.
- All VSU employees including federal student workers and graduate assistants are mandated to complete the Annual Compliance training that informs them of the VSU Drug Free Workplace Policy.
- The online Faculty Handbook includes the VSU Drug Free Workplace and VSU Alcohol Policy that.
- The online Student Handbook includes VSU Alcohol Policy and Student Code of Conduct listing sanctions for violations of this policy which every freshman is made aware of at orientation and given a CD of this handbook.
- The Safety and Security Report that is published annually by the Department of Public Safety is available online which includes VSU policies and Georgia state laws governing the use of alcohol and drugs.
- The Student Athlete Handbook is distributed to all student athletes which includes VSU and the Athletic Department's policies and sanctions for violations of these policies.

- Housing and Residence Life requires students living on campus to review the online Guidelines for Community Living which includes VSU Alcohol Policies.
- In coordination with the Counseling Center, Student Health Center, Student Life and Housing and Residence Life, the Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education distributes alcohol and drugs educational materials throughout the campus through the many events that are sponsored on campus during the year.
- Sorority and Fraternity members are required to review the Greek Life Handbook and the Risk Management Policy that includes the VSU Alcohol Policy
- Student Employment Handbook is distributed to each new employee that includes VSU Alcohol Policy.

Student Substance Abuse Policy Letter

VSU Student: There is perhaps no greater threat to your academic success than the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. VSU's staff, faculty, and administration are committed to providing you a safe atmosphere in which to learn, grow, and have fun. Please take a few moments to review the potential risks and consequences associated with substance abuse and the resources available to help deal with them. Additional information may be found on the Office of Alcohol & Other Drug (AOD) Education website at valdosta.edu/aode. Questions or concerns regarding personal use of alcohol and/or drugs should be directed to AOD by calling (229) 259-5111.

Standards of Conduct: "University students are expected to assume responsibility for their behavior. They must understand that being under the influence of drugs and or alcohol does not lessen their accountability. All students in the university community will be held accountable for inappropriate behavior while under the influence of drugs and or alcohol via the appropriate campus and community disciplinary procedure.

Students shall obey all local, state, and federal laws regarding the possession, consumption, manufacture, and sale of alcoholic beverages or controlled substances. The United States Department of Education regulations stipulate that those 'Who engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, or use of any controlled substance may lose their federal financial aid.'" (Excerpt from Student Code of Conduct)

Legal Sanctions: Federal legal sanctions and guidelines are addressed in Title 21, United States Code, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, Part D, Sections 841-864. Penalties vary widely depending upon the substance, quantity possessed, and previous conviction history. Potential sentences range from loss of federal benefits, forfeiture of property, imprisonment, and fines.

The Official Code of Georgia, Title 16, Chapter 13, outlines state penalties for manufacturing, possessing, and distributing controlled substances. Sentencing guidelines vary widely from misdemeanor to felony convictions.

Health Risks: The abuse of alcohol and other drugs may impair an individual's ability to perform at their highest academic level. Short and long term health issues may also result from misuse. Following is a brief synopsis of the physical hazards associated with substances commonly used/abused in our society:

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Physical Effect</u>	<u>Short Term/Moderate Use</u>	<u>Long Term/Heavy Use</u>
Alcohol	Central Nervous System (CNS) Depressant	Loss of inhibition, judgment, reasoning, coordination	Unconsciousness, Blackouts, Tolerance Dependence, Cirrhosis/Death

Sedatives	CNS Depressant	Reduced coordination Loss of body control Passing out Stupor Depression	Dependence Amnesia Personality changes Confusion
Stimulants	CNS Stimulant	Increased blood pressure Loss of appetite Restlessness Insomnia	Paranoia Convulsions Psychosis
Opiates	CSN Depressant	Hallucinations Disruption of menstrual cycle Lowered blood pressure Constipation	Coma Dependence Convulsions Depressed sex drive Death
Psychedelics	Hallucinations	Alteration of mental process Distorted perceptions Confusion Vomiting	Anxiety Stupor Panic Psychosis
Marijuana	Sedation/Euphoria	Distorted perception Altered mental process Increased heart rate Reduced short term memory	Anxiety Panic Dependence

Available Resources: Valdosta State University employs a full-time coordinator through the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education to address substance abuse issues for students. Available resources include assessment, education, short term counseling, and referral. The AOD coordinator, as well as Peer Education students, is available to address classes, student organizations, Resident Hall functions, and other campus and community events. Organizations desiring prevention/awareness programs should call (229) 259-5111. Other campus resources dealing with substance abuse issues include the Counseling Center, Health Services, Public Safety, and Student Conduct Office. All services offered by VSU are free of charge.

Disciplinary Sanctions: Students unable or unwilling to comply with established standards risk the following sanctions being imposed by Valdosta State University:

In addition to applicable legal consequences, students may face forfeiture of academic credit, financial aid eligibility, temporary or permanent suspension, and withdrawal of organizational recognition by the institution. Counseling and education may also be mandated. Further information regarding violations and sanctions may be reviewed in the Student Handbook Student Code of Conduct and the Student Conduct Office Website: (<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/student-affairs/student-conduct-office/studenthandbook.php>).

Employee Substance Abuse Policy Letter

Dear Valdosta State University Employee,

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations (DFSCR), Part 86, requires that all Institutions of Higher Learning receiving federal funds certify they are in compliance with established standards of conduct and have a written policy addressing the issues of unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. The policy must also outline legal sanctions, health risks, available substance abuse programs, and disciplinary actions each student or employee is subject to. A copy of these standards must be distributed to each student and employee on an annual basis. Compliance with the DFSCR is documented in our Biennial Review and is subject to audit every two years.

Please take a few moments to review these policies and available resources. Questions or concerns regarding personal use of alcohol and/or drugs should be directed to the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education (229) 259-5111. Human resource related questions should be forwarded to Human Resources and Employee Development (229) 333-5709.

Standards of Conduct: (excerpt from the Classified Employee Handbook)

Valdosta State University, as a recipient of federal funds, supports and complies with the provisions of the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988. As an employer, Valdosta State University will aggressively promote and strive to maintain a drug free work place for its faculty and staff.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of illegal drugs by VSU employees is prohibit. Violations of this policy, to include misdemeanor and/or felony drug convictions during the course of one's employment will result in appropriate disciplinary actions being imposed by the institution. Said penalties may include suspension or termination of employment.

Employees who feel they have a potential substance abuse problem are encouraged to seek professional assistance. The Valdosta State University Counseling Center staff may perform an initial referral to community resources.

Legal Sanctions: Federal legal sanctions and guidelines are addressed in Title 21, United States Code, Chapter 13, Subchapter 1, Part D, Sections 841 – 864. Penalties vary widely depending upon the substance, quantity possessed, and previous conviction history. Potential sentences range from loss of federal benefits, forfeiture of property, imprisonment, and fines.

The Official Code of Georgia, Sections 16-13-1, 16-13-2, 16-13-30, 16-13-31, and 16-13-32.6, outline state penalties for manufacturing, possessing, and distributing controlled substances.

Sentences range from probation for misdemeanor possession of marijuana to a mandatory minimum term of 25 years and a fine of \$1,000,000 for substantial quantities of cocaine.

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Substance Abuse Programs: Valdosta State University employs a full-time coordinator through the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education to address substance abuse issues for students and employees. Available resources include assessment, education, short term counseling, and referral. The AOD coordinator, as well as Peer Education students, is available to address classes, student organizations, Resident Hall functions, and other campus and community events. Organizations desiring prevention/awareness programs should call (229) 259-5111. Other campus resources dealing with substance abuse issues include the Counseling Center, Health Services, Public Safety, Human Resources, and Judicial Affairs. All services offered by VSU are free of charge.

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Employees: In addition to applicable legal consequences, discipline may include counseling, reprimand, suspension, demotion, or dismissal. Employees with concern regarding their use of substances are encouraged to seek assistance prior to being identified via unacceptable legal or professional behavior. Additional information may be found in the Classified Employee Handbook and Faculty Handbook.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, Human Resources and Employee Development and the Office of Alcohol & Other Drug Education

Maxient Program

Valdosta State University utilizes the Maxient software program for managing student behavior records. Maxient serves as an integral component at VSU for overall early alert efforts, helping to identify students in distress and coordinates the efforts of various departments to provide follow-up to include the Student Conduct Office, Housing and Residence Life, the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT), Counseling Center and the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Education.

If a student is cited with a violation of VSU's Substance Abuse Policy, the incident is entered into Maxient, and each department that is involved to assist the student with the completion of sanctions is notified of the incident.

Individuals with access to Maxient data have a specific reason for access and must comply with confidentiality standards.

Substance Abuse Educational Programs *(Excerpt from the Student Code of Conduct)*

University students are expected to assume responsibility for their behavior. They must understand that being under the influence of drugs and or alcohol does not lessen their accountability. All students in the University community will be held accountable for inappropriate behavior while under the influence of drugs and or alcohol via the appropriate campus and community disciplinary procedure. These disciplinary procedures are handled through the Student Conduct Office and these courses are used as sanctions for students that have violated the Valdosta State University's Alcohol/Drug Policies.

Each course is tailored for each user. Students receive a confidential profile that summarizes their personal substance abuse problem, compares habits with social norms and negative consequences, challenges personal expectations, and provides a range of strategies to quit.

On-Line Available Resources

3rd Millennium: Under the Influence

Under the Influence is a 3-hour online intervention course used as a sanction for on-campus student alcohol violations, such as underage drinking or public intoxication.

3rd Millennium courses can be accessed 24/7 from any computer, tablet, or smart phone without peer pressure or negative influences. Validation features within the course ensure honesty and certify identity.

Under the Influence was developed in 2001 as the first online alcohol intervention program in the U.S. Campuses employ the course as an educational sanction for student alcohol violations.

The course includes 6 lessons on key issues such as effects on health, drinking and driving, state-specific laws, and alcohol/prescription interactions.

3rd Millennium: Marijuana 101

Marijuana 101 is a 4-hour online intervention course used as a sanction for on-campus student marijuana violations, such as possession of marijuana or drug paraphernalia.

Marijuana 101 was developed in 2004 at the request of a major university. The course is consistently updated with the latest and strongest drug research available. Six lessons cover a variety of key issues such as marijuana dependence, effects of marijuana, mental health issues, synthetic marijuana, local laws and legalization issues, and legal penalties associated with use.

eCHECKUPTOGO: VSU subscribes to eCHECK UP TO GO (eCHUG), to inform our students about the potential impact alcohol may have on their lives and provide them a perspective on how its use compares with their peers. This program is available free of charge to our students and may be accessed through the AOD web-site.

In accordance with the University System of Georgia guidance the **Office of Social Equity** is responsible notifying and monitoring our Freshmen students of their requirement to complete **Everfi**.

Alcohol/Haven Training (excerpt from the Office of Social Equity Office web site addressed to students)

As you may already know, Valdosta State University has partnered with EverFi, whose mission is to help students address critical life skills such as alcohol abuse prevention, sexual assault prevention, and financial literacy in higher education institutions across the country. Each year over 700,000 students complete these courses.

Everfi is part of our comprehensive prevention program for students. This online education will empower you to make well-informed decisions about issues that affect your college years and beyond.

Valdosta State University Biennial Review 2017 – 2018 Summary

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations require an Institution of Higher Education (IHE) to certify it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

The issue of substance abuse on our nation's college campuses has long been recognized, studied, and addressed. The Biennial Review serves as an opportunity to examine the scope of the substance abuse problem on our campus and examine ways the VSU community can lessen the impact of alcohol and drug use/abuse on our students.

Nationally, the news regarding substance abuse among 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students is trending in an encouraging direction, according to the 2015 Monitoring the Future report.¹ National Institute of Health's Monitoring the Future survey shows long term decline in illicit drug use, prescription opioid abuse, cigarette and alcohol use among the nation's youth.

However, the news is not all good. For the first time, daily marijuana use exceeds daily tobacco use among 12th graders. Perception of marijuana use as risky continues to decline, with 31.9% of seniors saying regular use could be harmful compared to 36.1% last year.¹

The obvious question is whether attitudes developed by a student while in high school follow them and predict behavior in college. According to the 2011 – 2013 Core Alcohol and Drug Survey National Data Executive Summary, reflecting over 143,000 respondents, 34.5% of students said there was "great risk" in smoking marijuana regularly. The reported use rate was 19% within the previous 30 days.

On the alcohol front, 68.7% of students had consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days, 61.8% of underage students had drunk, and 43.9% had engaged in Binge Drinking (defined for these purposes as 5 or more drinks in one setting).

How do VSU's students' use of alcohol and marijuana compare? VSU administered the Core Alcohol and Drug Survey in the fall of 2017 to 548 students and found 62.5% of students drank in the previous 30 days, 56.7% of underage students had consumed alcohol in the previous days, and 35% reported Binge Drinking in the previous two weeks. The Core Alcohol and Drug Survey Executive Summary is available in the Attachment section of this document.

1. Bachman, J.G., Johnston, L.D., & O'Malley, P.M., (September 2002). National survey results on drug use, 1975-2001. Monitoring the Future, Volume 1. Retrieved from <https://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Publications/abstract.aspx?ID=196976>

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ANNUAL SECURITY AND FIRE SAFETY REPORT

2018

Crime Prevention and Safety Awareness Programs

Valdosta State University Police Department maintains a strong working relationship with the community. This relationship includes offering a variety of safety and security programs, services and crime prevention programming to include sexual assault prevention. If you or your organization would like to request a specific program, please contact our Crime Prevention Officer, Sgt. Heidi Bertsch, at 229-333-7816. Below are some of the programs offered by the Police Department, Health Promotions, Social Equity, Counseling Center, Alcohol & Other Drugs and the Student Conduct office:

Program	Program Type	Coordinating Entity	Frequency
Residence Assistance Training	Alcohol and Drug Awareness	Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs	Fall & Spring
KARMA QPR Training	Peer Mentor – for RA’s and student leaders	Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs	Ongoing
Alcohol Awareness Fairs	Alcohol Awareness Presentations – Campus wide	Office of Alcohol and Other Drugs	Fall
The Happening	Alcohol, drug, Sexual Assault, Safety Awareness	Student Affairs	Fall
New Employee & Faculty Orientation	Crime Awareness and Risk Management Training	Employee Development & Police Department	Ongoing
Title IX Awareness	Programs & Services for Sexual Assault and Harassment Victims	Department of Social Equity	Ongoing
1st Responder to Sexual Assault	Sexual Assault Response Techniques	Counseling Center and Police Department	Annually
Safe Space Training	LGBT Issue Awareness	Office of Social Equity & Counselling Center	Ongoing
Sexual Harassment	Awareness and Prevention	Title IX Coordinator- Social Equity	Bi-Annually
Destress Fest & Depression Screening	Mental Health Awareness	Counseling Center	Annually
Active Shooter Awareness	Awareness Training	Police Department	Ongoing
International Student Orientation	Crime Awareness	Police Department	Bi-annually
Workplace Violence Awareness	Safety, Red Flags, and Prevention	Police Department	Annually
Suicide Prevention	For Students	Counselling Center	Annually
Interpersonal Violence	Academic Class	Counseling Center	Annually

public. This log identifies the type, location and time of each criminal incident which has been reported. Local newspaper, television and radio stations have access to this log and if they deem it newsworthy they may publish said information.

The most current information is available through the Communications window located in the lobby of the University Police Department. Upon request a copy of any maintained Crime Log will be made available for viewing within 48 hours of notice.

Valdosta State University Policies Governing Alcohol and Other Drugs

Federal law requires Valdosta State University to notify all faculty, staff, and students annually of the following:

Valdosta State University prohibits the unlawful possession, use, manufacture or distribution of alcohol or controlled substances by students, faculty, staff, and guests in buildings, facilities, grounds or property controlled by the University or used as part of University activities. For students, this includes prohibiting the possession and consumption of any beverage containing alcohol in a residence hall room except by individuals who are twenty-one years or older. This also includes prohibiting the presences of students under the age of twenty-one in residence hall rooms where alcohol is present unless one of the roommates is 21 years of age or older. In addition, the smoking of any material is prohibited on the campus of Valdosta State University at all locations.

Alcohol Policy

Valdosta State University fully complies with the alcohol laws for the State of Georgia. All state laws apply to VSU students, faculty, staff and visitors while on the campus of VSU. The use of alcoholic beverages, subject to the laws of the State of Georgia may be permitted at Valdosta State University sponsored activities in areas designated and with prior approval.

The written VSU Alcohol policy, as noted in the Student Code of Conduct specifically states:

1. Possession, consumption, or transporting of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited.
2. If a student is under the age of 21 and determined to be under the influence of alcohol he/she will be referred to the appropriate authorities.
3. A student in a publically intoxicated state will be referred to the appropriate authorities for disposition.

4. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverage(s) or possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage on University property is prohibited in public areas. A public area is defined as any area outside of an individual's living quarters.
5. No student shall furnish or cause to be furnished any alcoholic beverage to any person under the legal drinking age of 21.
6. The serving of alcohol to someone visibly intoxicated and/or the facilitating of drinking games involving the consumption of alcohol is prohibited.
7. Common source containers of alcoholic beverages e.g. beer kegs, hunch-punch, etc., may not be present at any registered University organization event.
8. No alcohol may be purchased with student activity fee funds.

Specific Georgia laws concerning above noted prohibitions include:

- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 (OCGA 3-3-23)
- Driving under the influence of alcohol (40-6-391)
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages in public locations on campus, including residence halls common spaces; Common spaces in residence halls refer to any public space that exists outside of a specific residential unit. Examples include, but are not limited to group study/lounge spaces, laundry rooms, elevator lobbies, computer rooms etc. Common spaces also include the public spaces located on the outside grounds of a residence hall
- The sale, distribution, or furnishing of alcoholic beverages to persons under the age of 21 (OCGA 3-3-23)
- The use of alcohol in an irresponsible manner (games, contests, forced or ritualized consumption of alcohol, behaviors requiring the response of a University official or law enforcement officer, etc.)
- Providing alcoholic beverages to a person who is intoxicated
- Any activity or conduct involving the use of alcohol that is in violation of law.
- Alcohol is not for sale on Valdosta State University property and all functions which serve alcohol require VSU Police Officers to be present
- Any other abuse of alcohol or drugs is subject to enforcement by VSU Police through federal and state laws pertaining to such violations
- Students 21 years of age and older living on campus are allowed to have alcohol in their residence hall room only for personal consumption.
- Carrying a False I.D. is prohibited under OCGA 16-9-4
- Open Container of Alcohol OCGA 40-6-253
- Public Drunkenness OCGA 16-11-41
- Refusal to take a Chemical Test or other Test as indicated within OCGA 40-6-391 WILL result in the suspension of a driver's license for one year upon first offense.

- Penalties for Alcohol possession and selling violations for Under 21 receive up to 6 months in confinement, \$300 fine, probations and/or Community Service. Providing alcohol to persons Under 21 can result in up to 12 months confinement, \$1000 fine and probation/and or Community Service.

The University Policy for Alcohol Events pertains to events limited to on-campus events and/or public venue events. General guidelines include:

- The department/organization (Event Sponsor) seeking to sponsor an event wherein alcohol will be served and consumed must assume direct responsibility for ensuring compliance with Valdosta State University's Alcohol Policy. The event Coordinator is responsible for purchasing alcohol in advance of the event from the campus food service provider or other provider. If the campus food supplier does not supply the alcohol, the Event Coordinator will be responsible for the transportation of the alcohol to the event site.
- The event Coordinator shall be present throughout the event and shall be responsible for the removal of all unopened alcohol from the event site immediately following the event. All opened alcohol will be disposed of immediately following the event by the event caterer.
- Valdosta State University adheres to Georgia's liquor laws and alcohol will be permitted at Valdosta State University only in instances which comply with state and federal law, local ordinances and this policy.
- Alcohol cannot be sold by the campus food service provider or Valdosta State University. Ticket sales for alcohol by the Event Sponsor is allowed upon coordination with the campus food service provider. The service of alcohol is prohibited absent approval of the University President.
- No State funds may be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be served at any event which is primarily a student event.
- It is the sole responsibility of the Event Coordinator to obtain necessary signatures from the Director of Event Services, the Chief of Campus Police and the Event Caterer.
- Event Caterer must have necessary alcohol licenses, supply a certified or licensed bartender and provide beverage set ups. Under no circumstance will self-service be allowed. Access to alcoholic beverages must be through a licensed certified bartender. Under no circumstance will server consume alcoholic beverages.
- Guests are subject to be carded by Event Coordinator and/or bartenders.
- Alcoholic beverages are not served to persons under the legal drinking age or to persons who appear intoxicated.
- Non-alcoholic beverages must be available and featured as prominently as the alcoholic beverages.
- A sufficient amount of food that is equal or greater in quantities to that of the alcohol served must be continuously available throughout the event.
- Police officers must be present for any event at which minors and/or 50 guests or more will be in attendance.

- All alcoholic beverages must remain inside the reserved or designated event space during the event.
- On-campus event sites must be reserved through the Office of Event Services or through the Union Reservations Office with a VSU Event Contract.
- The service of alcohol at an event will be limited to two (2) hours unless a special allowance is granted for extended service by the University President. Under no circumstances will alcohol service exceed 4 hours. Alcohol service will end forty-five (45) minutes before the scheduled end of the event, unless the event itself is only two hours or less in length.

*On-campus locations are not limited unless done so by the President of the University.

VSU Alcohol Policy can be found at:

<http://www.valdosta.edu/administration/student-affairs/student-conduct-office/documents/student-code-of-conduct.pdf>

The Office of Alcohol & Other Drugs Programs promotes healthy decisions and provides services to students concerned about their alcohol/other drug use and students needing to satisfy judicial or student conduct sanctions. This includes planning, implementing and evaluating prevention programming aimed at decreasing the negative impact that alcohol and other drugs have on our University community. The Office is located in Powell Hall and can be reached at (229) 259-5111 or <http://www.valdosta.edu/student/student-services/counseling-center/aode/>.

Controlled Substances

Valdosta State University fully complies with the State of Georgia Controlled Substances Act and all other local, state and federal laws governing controlled substances. The University strictly prohibits the illegal use or possession of any controlled substance:

- The possession, use, manufacture, cultivation, distribution, sale, and/or misuse of any controlled or illegal substance, designer drug, or synthetic cannabinoid. Common names: Spice, K2, Demon, wicked, Black Magic, Voodoo Spice, and Ninja Aroma. Individuals found responsible for manufacturing, possessing, importing/exporting or distributing these substances will face criminal and civil penalties. University students engaging in these activities will also be held responsible under the University's illegal substances policies (OCGA 16-13-32.5).
- The possession and/or use of any drug paraphernalia, i.e. bowls, hookah pipes, bong, "homemade" smoking devices, any other smoking device or smoking paraphernalia (OCGA 16-13-32.3);
- Any activity or conduct involving drugs that is in violation of local, state, or federal law. (Violation of Georgia Controlled Substances Act)

- Possession of Marijuana (OCGA 16-13-30)

Georgia's 9-1-1 Medical Amnesty Law provides that any person who in good faith seeks medical assistance for a person experiencing or believed to be experiencing a drug overdose shall not be arrested, charged, or prosecuted for a drug violation if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution of such drug violation resulted solely from seeking such medical assistance. Any person who is experiencing a drug overdose and, in good faith, seeks medical assistance for himself or herself or is the subject of such a request shall not be arrested, charged, or prosecuted for a drug violation if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution of such drug violation resulted solely from seeking such medical assistance. Any such person shall also not be subject to, if related to the seeking of such medical assistance: (1) Penalties for a violation of a permanent or temporary protective order or restraining order; or (2) Sanctions for a violation of a condition of pretrial release, condition of probation, or condition of parole based on a drug violation.

Know the signs:

- Person is passed out or is difficult to awaken
- Person is cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin
- Person has slowed breathing
- Vomiting (asleep or awake).

Know how to help:

- Turn a vomiting person on his/her side to prevent choking
- Clear vomit from the mouth
- Keep the person awake
- NEVER leave the person unattended
- Call 911 or 259-5555 for medical assistance.

For more information on the risks and consequences of drug and alcohol abuse visit:
<https://www.drugabuse.gov/> .

Employees wishing information on drug or alcohol abuse education programs may contact Employee Development (229) 259-5105 or Alcohol and Other Drug Education (229) 259-5111. For more comprehensive details, please refer to the University's policy on controlled substances at:

<https://www.valdosta.edu/admissions/financial-aid/documents/drug-free-policy1.pdf>

Students wishing the same information may contact the Alcohol and Other Drug Department (229) 259-5111, Health Services (229) 333-5886, or the Counseling Center (229)333-5940. The Crime Prevention Unit for University also has material on these subjects.

George's B-1 & B-2 Medical Records from 1985. The records show that he was hospitalized for a period of time in early 1985, and that he was treated with a medication that he described as being "very powerful". He also mentioned that he had a "very strong" reaction to the medication, which he described as being "very painful".

Know the facts:

- Robert C. ... was born on ...
- Robert C. ... was ...
- Robert C. ... was ...
- Robert C. ... was ...
- Robert C. ... was ...

Know how to help:

- Turn a smiling person on his/her side ...
- ...
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- ...
- ...

For more information on this case and to request a copy of the records, please contact the following:

Medical Records Department, State of ... (301) ...
For more information, please contact the ... (301) ...
substance.

Additional information:

Students will be able to identify the ... (301) ...
... (301) ...
... (301) ...

Campus Arrests:

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>On Campus</u>	<u>Residential Facility</u>	<u>Non-Campus Building or Property</u>	<u>Public Property</u>
Liquor Law Violations	2015	40	29	10	10
	2016	7	4	0	0
	2017	16	7	0	1
Drug Abuse Violations	2015	34	13	12	12
	2016	27	19	0	9
	2017	17	10	0	18
Illegal Weapons Possession	2015	1	0	0	0
	2016	3	2	0	0
	2017	3	1	0	1

Disciplinary Referrals:

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>On Campus</u>	<u>Residential Facility</u>	<u>Non-Campus Building or Property</u>	<u>Public Property</u>
Liquor Law Violations	2015	32	32	0	0
	2016	44	37	7	0
	2017	44	44	0	1
Drug Abuse Violations	2015	56	44	1	0
	2016	51	48	0	0
	2017	23	21	0	0
Illegal Weapons Possession	2015	3	3	0	0
	2016	1	1	0	0
	2017	1	0	0	0

VAWA Amendment Offenses:**

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>On Campus</u>	<u>Residential Facility</u>	<u>Non-Campus Building or Property</u>	<u>Public Property</u>
Dating Violence	2015	5	1	0	0
	2016	8	4	4	0
	2017	13	10	0	0
Domestic Violence	2015	1	0	4	0
	2016	1	0	4	0
	2017	2	0	0	1
Stalking	2015	4	0	1	0
	2016	8	0	0	0
	2017	2	0	0	0

****NOTE THAT THESE STATISTICS INCLUDE INCIDENTS REPORTED BY CAMPUS SECURITY AUTHORITIES**

The university requests the crime statistics from the law enforcement agencies that are responsible for property that coincides with the jurisdictional borders of the University. Below are the statistics that were provided by the City of Valdosta in response to that request:

Valdosta City Police

Part 1 Crimes

Within 500 yards of VSU Campus Properties:

Part I Crimes

	2015	2016	2017
Homicide	0	4	9
Rape	7	5	14
Robbery	17	16	51
Aggravated Assault	21	26	128
Burglary	111	157	558
Motor Vehicle Theft	16	20	254
Arson	n/a	3	n/a
Incest	n/a	n/a	1
Fondling	n/a	n/a	4

Part II Crimes

	2016
Drug Offenses	141
Simple Assault/Battery	215
Vandalism	186
Weapons Violations	18

