

Chapter 2: Alcohol, Drugs, Smoking, Tobacco, and Electronic Smoking Devices Prohibited

To view the Board policies associated with this chapter, go to <https://pol.tasb.org/PolicyOnline/PolicyDetails?key=304&code=FLBE>.

Students seeking assistance or educational materials regarding alcohol, drugs, smoking cessation, tobacco, or other substances should contact Counseling Services at 972.881.5126 or personalcounseling@collin.edu.

Alcohol

The use of intoxicating beverages will be prohibited in classroom buildings; laboratories; auditoriums; library buildings; faculty and administrative offices; intercollegiate and intramural athletic facilities; and all other public campus areas. The College District President is authorized by the Board of Trustees (Board) to permit the serving and consumption of alcohol at special fundraising functions for Collin College, at specially designated events in Collin College facilities, and as a part of specifically defined and approved academic curricular programs and/or classes (e.g., culinary arts). With the prior consent of the Board, the provisions herein may be waived with respect to any specific affair that is sponsored by Collin College and/or the Collin College Foundation. State law will be strictly enforced at all times on all property owned and controlled by Collin College in regard to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Controlled Substances

When on Collin College property or while attending Collin College-sponsored activities on or off campus, a student will not, or attempt to, possess, have under their control, manufacture, deliver, distribute, sell, purchase, use, or be under the influence of:

1. Alcohol;
2. Any controlled substance as defined by the [Texas Controlled Substances Act](#);
3. Abusable volatile chemicals in violation of the manufacturer's directions;
4. A dangerous drug, as defined by state or federal law;
5. Steroids;
6. Substances referred to as designer drugs; or
7. Any other intoxicant or mood-changing, mind-altering, or behavior-altering drugs.

In addition, a student will not inappropriately or illegally use over-the-counter medications, prescription medications, inhalants, herbal/natural euphoricants, and/or look-alike products or anything represented to be one (1) of these substances.

Paraphernalia

A student will not possess any pipe, instrument of contrivance, hypodermic syringe, needle, or any instrument adapted for the use of smoking, injecting, or ingesting any narcotic or hallucinatory drug.

Notice Regarding Steroids

In accordance with the [Texas Education Code Section 51.921](#), anabolic steroids and growth hormones are for medical use only. State law prohibits possessing, dispensing, delivering, or administering an anabolic steroid or growth hormones in any manner not allowed by state law. State law provides that body building, muscle enhancement, or increasing muscle bulk or strength through the use of an anabolic steroid is not a valid medical purpose. Only a medical doctor may prescribe an anabolic steroid or human growth hormone for a person. A violation of state law concerning anabolic steroids or human growth hormones is a criminal offense punishable by confinement in jail or imprisonment in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Definition of Possession

Possession means actual care, custody, control, or management, and includes the act of taking control or occupancy of property without regard to the ownership of the property. Possession is a voluntary act if the possessor knowingly obtains or receives the item possessed or is aware of their control over the item for a sufficient time to permit the student to terminate their control. In addition, items in a car under the care, custody, control, or management of the student will be in the student's possession.

Exceptions

It will not be considered a violation of this policy if the student:

1. Uses or possesses a controlled substance or drug authorized by a licensed physician through a prescription specifically for that student's use;
2. Possesses a controlled substance or drug that a licensed physician has prescribed for the student's child or other individual for whom the student is a legal guardian;
3. Cultivates, possesses, transports, or sells hemp as authorized by law; or
4. Possesses, sells, or distributes Dextromethorphan.

Drug Testing

Student participation in certain academic and extracurricular programs may require drug testing. A student may be tested upon beginning participation in the identified programs and/or on a random basis. The requirements are defined and available for review prior to a student enrolling in Collin College or participating in the affected programs and activities.

Smoking, Tobacco, and Electronic Smoking Devices

Collin College is a smoke- and tobacco-free institution. The use of any tobacco product or other electronic smoking device (including, but not limited to, electronic cigarettes or personal vaporizers) will be strictly prohibited anywhere on Collin College property or in Collin College facilities.

Electronic smoking devices, also known as electronic cigarettes or personal vaporizers, are products often shaped like cigarettes, cigars, or pipes that are designed to deliver nicotine or other substances to the user in the form of vapor. Electronic smoking devices typically contain battery-powered heating elements, replaceable cartridges containing nicotine or other chemicals, and an atomizer that converts the contents of the cartridge into vapor the user inhales.

Violators of this policy are also subject to disciplinary action as defined in [Chapter 13: Student Disciplinary Procedures](#) in this *Student Code of Conduct*.

Violation

Students who violate this policy will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, as defined in [Chapter 13: Student Disciplinary Procedures](#) in this *Student Code of Conduct*. Disciplinary action may include referral to drug and alcohol counseling or rehabilitation programs or student assistance programs, suspension, recommendation for expulsion, and referral to appropriate law enforcement officials for prosecution.

Notice

Each student taking one (1) or more classes for any type of academic credit, except for Professional and Continuing Education (PCE) units, will be given a copy of Collin College's policy prohibiting the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol; a description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law; and a description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol.