

## **STUDENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY**

### **Alcohol Policy**

Bowie State University does not encourage or support alcohol use on campus. Unauthorized possession, use, or distribution of alcoholic beverages is prohibited by any student or student group on campus or at University-sponsored events on and off campus. Authorization must be obtained by the Vice President of Student Affairs and Campus Life. Under no circumstances is alcohol permitted in any residential facility owned and operated by the University. According to Maryland law (HB 1395), anyone who willfully furnishes an alcoholic beverage to any individual under the age of 21 years can be charged a fine not exceeding \$1000 or 60 days imprisonment or both.

### **Drug Policy**

Further, the University does not condone or permit the possession, use, distribution, or sale of any controlled dangerous substance on the campus, the areas surrounding the campus, or at University-sponsored events on and off the campus. Students found responsible of violating the policy (as set forth below), will be subject to disciplinary action which could include suspension from the University.

It is the expectation of Bowie State University that students, faculty, and staff who observe or suspect that a violation of the substance abuse policy is being committed in noted jurisdictions will report it to the appropriate authorities. While the major thrust of Bowie State University is drug education and prevention, the University will take appropriate disciplinary actions to provide a drug free environment in which our students may grow intellectually and socially.

### **Sanctions**

Students found responsible of alcohol related offenses are subject to campus disciplinary action. First offense: Disciplinary Probation, \$100 fine, and referral to mandatory alcohol education. Second offense: One semester suspension.

Students found responsible of drug related offenses are subject to campus disciplinary action that provides for sanctions of varying severity including minimum fee of \$100 dollars, loss of campus housing, suspension and expulsion. The campus police will be notified and also the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of students under the age of 21. Severe violations of the substance abuse policy, such as possession with intent to distribute, purchasing for a minor, destruction of property, or assault and battery while under the influence of substance use may subject the student to immediate suspension and/or arrest.

## **PREVENTION AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS**

Alcohol and other drug abuse are major college student health concerns. Bowie State University's substance abuse program attempts to reduce the harm that is frequently associated with alcohol and drug abuse. Our program described below emphasizes preventive education and early intervention.

The program avoids purposeful attempts to instill fear of alcohol and drugs. Instead, the intent is to create a non-threatening environment for students. In such a setting, the encouragement of meaningful discussions and prompt reflection and increased understanding of alcohol and drug related values, beliefs, and behavior takes place.

The following substance abuse programs are provided by Bowie State University's substance abuse education/prevention program. Any student experiencing substance abuse problems is encouraged, voluntarily, on a confidential basis, to report the problem to the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Prevention Center (ATOD) as well as the Henry Wise Wellness Center and Counseling Services where professional assistance will be provided.

## **PREVENTION AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

### **1. Educational and Activity Based Programs**

This service offers to the campus community, a variety of programs designed to promote healthy living, while educating about the risks, consequences, and possible outcomes of substance use and abuse. This includes: alcohol awareness week, safe spring break campaign, substance abuse educational series for students referred through judicial affairs, presentations during freshmen seminar classes, and programs through the Henry Wise Wellness Center and Counseling Services.

### **2. Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug (ATOD) Prevention Center**

The ATOD Prevention Center is located in Robinson Hall, Room 117. The number is (301) 860-4127. Students have ready access to science-based information on alcohol and other drugs. Also available are pamphlets, professional journals, books, and videotapes which can be checked out, and posters and promotional materials.

### **3. Substance Abuse Peer Education Program**

In this program, trained student leaders are used as follows:

- (a) To increase awareness of the effects of alcohol and drug use;
- (b) To promote the accurate identification of high risk use;
- (c) To teach students how to help family members or friends with alcohol/drug problems; and
- (d) To provide resources and referrals for students.

### **4. Assessment and Referral Service**

This service provides students an opportunity to meet individually with a professional counselor and discuss concerns they may have about their use of alcohol or drugs, or the use of a friend or family member. These issues are explored in a non-threatening manner, and student's confidentiality is always assured. In addition, referrals to appropriate campus or community prevention and treatment program can be arranged. To arrange for this service, contact the Henry Wise Wellness Center at (301) 860-4170 or Counseling Services at (301) 860-4164.

#### ➤ Group and Individual Services

These free referral services are available to students who are concerned about their use of alcohol or other drugs. Plans can be developed with individuals to help them achieve their goals.

## **REFERRAL: SELF-HELP AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS**

Alcoholic Anonymous	(202) 966-9115
Al-Anon/Alateen	(800) 356-9996
Alcohol Referrals	(800)-ALCOHOL
Drug Emergency	(800)-COCAINE
Prince George's County Health Dept.	(301) 808-1830
Gay/Lesbian Hotline	(202) 833-3234
MD State AIDS Hotline	(800) 638-6252
MD Employee Assistance Program	(410) 767-1013

## **POLICY ON PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTIFICATION OF ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE VIOLATIONS**

The Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998 included provisions amending the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (“FERPA”). Specifically, FERPA now authorizes higher education institutions to disclose to a student’s parent or legal guardian information regarding “any violation of Federal, State, or local law, or any rule or policy of the institution governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance, regardless of whether the information is contained in the student’s educational records.”

Effective September 1, 2000, Bowie State University, in accordance with Federal law, implemented the following criteria for parent/legal guardian notification:

### **Part I:**

Such disclosures are authorized only if:

1. The student is under the age of 21; and
2. The institution has determined that the student has committed a disciplinary violation with respect to the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance.

### **Part II:**

In addition to part I, at least one of the criteria below must be met:

1. The student has been found responsible for committing a violation of Bowie State University’s Substance Abuse Policy.
2. The incident involved significant property damage.
3. Medical attention to any person, including the student, was required as a result of the alcohol or drug-related behavior.
4. The student operated a motor vehicle while intoxicated or while under the influence of a controlled substance.
5. The student exhibited reckless disregard for personal safety and/or the safety of others.
6. Evidence indicates that the student’s alcohol or drug-related behavior interfered with the academic process of him/herself or others.

***If you have received this information as an enclosure with a letter informing you of the outcome of a judicial hearing, your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will be sent a letter informing them that you have been found responsible for a violation of the Student Code of Conduct involving alcohol and/or other drugs.***