

Biennial Review Report of Institutional Compliance

Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

Period of Review: December 2019 – December 2021

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Introduction

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 requires all institutions of higher education receiving any form of financial assistance to provide each student with information regarding drug and alcohol use, as well as keep a biennial report documenting the institutions compliance with a specific list of criteria. This report summarizes Marist College's compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act from December 2019 to December 2021.

Marist College cares about student's health, safety, and academic success and has a long history of education being central to the Marist Brothers mission. The illegal use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs by students interferes with the educational process and places the safety of individuals and the campus community at risk. Our goal is to improve our student's education and student life by promoting healthy lifestyles and reducing the harm and risk associated with alcohol and other drugs.

Marist has a comprehensive written policy on alcohol and other drugs for all community members; students, faculty, and staff. This report represents the Biennial review of Alcohol and Drug Prevention programs at Marist College as required by the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. It also includes

Alcoholic beverages are not to be consumed in public areas of the residence halls, including but not limited to, lounges, lobbies, community bathrooms, laundry rooms, hallways, and stairwells. Consumption includes the possession of an open container. Possessing items commonly used to facilitate drinking games or to consume large

Possessing items commonly used to facilitate drinking games or to consume large quantities of alcohol (e.g., funnels, altered board games, beer pong tables, and beer bongs). Such items may be confiscated.

Any violation in which consumption of alcohol was a contributing factor is also a violation of the alcohol policy regardless of the age.

A student may not provide alcohol to an underage individual and/or permit an underage individual to consume or possess alcohol in their living unit/room.

Residents holding a gathering in their living unit/room where an alcohol violation is taking place are considered hosts. All residents assigned to the living unit/room who are present during the time of the incident will likely be regarded as the host and subjected to disciplinary actions. Hosts can be held responsible for injury or damage occurring to any person or to property in which the consumption of alcohol was a contributing factor and may receive harsher sanctions.

All students are responsible for the actions of their guests regarding alcohol possession, use, and excessive noise that may be disruptive to other residents. Students assigned to the unit/room hosting an event where a violation occurs may be held accountable. Public intoxication is strictly prohibited.

Distribution, consumption, and possession of alcoholic beverages and/or possession of an open container is not permitted on the public grounds of campus without prior approval of the Vice President for Student Affairs or designee (e.g. parking lots, campus green, or waterfront areas).

Off-Campus formal events hosted by registered student organizations planning to hold an event where alcohol will be present are required to submit the appropriate forms to the Office of Student Activities to be reviewed (e.g., contractual and host liability). The event sponsors are required to verify that the venue used is currently licensed to serve alcohol, if required by law.

In addition, Greek organization sponsoring events are required to submit the appropriate forms to Greek Affairs to be reviewed.

Alcohol Paraphernalia:

This includes, but is not limited to:

Empty containers related to alcohol (i.e. liquor bottles, shot glass, beer cans or bottles) are prohibited in living units/rooms where students are not allowed to consume alcohol because they are under 21 years of age;

Empty or full kegs, beer balls or any other large containers of alcoholic beverages designed for consumption by a group of people are prohibited on campus operated property. Violation of this policy may result in a \$150 fine. The possession of any

Drug Policy:

In compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, it is the policy of Marist College to provide an educational environment that is free of alcohol and drug abuse. The College recognizes the legal prohibition of the use and/or possession of drugs by students. The College does not condon

violating the alcohol or drug policies. Those involved may be required to meet with the Director of Student Conduct/designee to discuss the incident. In lieu, a student may be required to complete educational requirements, including but not limited to, alcohol awareness/education, and/or referral to the Health and Wellness Center. Failure to follow the action plan will nullify the Medical Amnesty protection and campus conduct processes will be initiated. Students who are engaged in minor violations but who choose to bring related serious violations by others to the attention of the College are offered

Distributing, purchasing, selling, using, possessing, manufacturing or being under the influence of any illegal drug while on campus, or anywhere while representing Marist College, is strictly prohibited. Likewise, t

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recommends the appropriate intervention strategy to address the concerns. The goal of the team is to support the academic and personal success of students and foster a safe campus environment.

information to verify compliance and provide documentation that all requirements of treatment have been met and they are ready to return to a college environment. The Office of Student Conduct also tracks alcohol and drug violations and is able to assess the violations and sanctions in Maxient (conduct database) to track completion of mandated assessments.

Recommendations for Continued Compliance

Marist College recognizes the importance of continued compliance with the Drug Free Schools1 (pl)-4.6i)-433.25 -1.304(schools2) -1.304(schools