

SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY

Broward College Policy 5.18 (http://www.broward.edu/legal/policies-and-procedures/_docs/policy/6hx2-5.18.pdf)

General Statement

Broward College (the "College") recognizes the health risks and costs associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol, and is committed to providing a drug-free and alcohol-free educational environment, which supports the mission of the College.

The Policy and the Student

In accordance with applicable federal and state laws, students may not be impaired by alcohol or drugs or in possession of illegal drugs or alcohol while on College property or while participating in a College sanctioned activity. Students whose behavior is impaired by legal drugs are also subject to this policy.

As specified in the Program Guidelines for certain programs at the College, students and applicants to the College may be subject to a drug screening prior to, or if circumstances warrant, during the time of their enrollment at the College. Students will incur the costs of such screenings.

Additionally, students at International Centers or Affiliates are subject to the Code of Conduct except in cases where it refers to United States Federal or state law, and/or where the Code of Conduct conflicts with local law where the International Center or affiliate is located.

The Policy and the Faculty and Staff

Faculty and staff who believe that a student is unable to perform the requirements of his/her program with reasonable skill and safety due to the possible use of drugs or alcohol will report the student to the Dean of Students on the campus/center who will take action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct – College Policy and Procedure 6Hx2-5.02.

Aviation, Automotive, & Marine Programs

In recognition of the nature of specialized activities within Transportation programs such as Flight Training, Aviation Maintenance Lab, Automotive Lab, and the Marine Lab components of these curricula, College Policies 6Hx2-5.18 and 6Hx2-5.02 will be utilized as needed to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff. In the interest of safety, representatives of these areas will use their discretion as described in College Policy 6Hx2-5.18 to request a student, who they believe is unable to perform the requirements of his/her program with reasonable skill and safety, to report to the Dean of Transportation Programs who will comply with the policy requirements. It is further stated, students participating in Flight-related activities through the College's approved flight training provider, may be randomly tested for drug abuse.

Implementation and Oversight

The President has the authority to establish procedures to implement this policy. The Dean of Students, under the direction of the Vice Provost for Student Services and Ombudsperson is responsible for the implementation and oversight of policy compliance.

Violation of Policy

Students found in violation of this policy are subject to discipline in accordance with College Policy 6Hx2-5.02 – Student Code of Conduct, up to and including expulsion from the College.

If a student is required to submit to a drug screening by the Dean of Students based on behaviors that indicate the use of drugs or alcohol which impairs their ability to perform in their academic program, refusal to submit to such a drug screening will be treated as a positive test result. The College retains the right to dismiss a student from the College or from a specific program, in accordance with the Program Guidelines for that program.