Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program and the Drug-Free Workplace and Campus Program

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Standards of Conduct
The use of illegal drugs and the abuse of alcohol on the campus of South University, High Point or in facilities controlled by the South University, High Point are prohibited by college regulations and are incompatible with the South University, High Point goal of providing a healthy educational environment for students, faculty, staff and guests. The following information is provided in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

Effects of Drugs and Alcohol
Although individuals often use drugs and alcohol to achieve a variety of effects on mind and body that are found to be temporarily useful or pleasurable, drugs can be highly addictive and injurious. A person can pay a price in terms of his or her physical, emotional, and social health.

This price can be paid in a number of ways. The risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS, is increased through unwanted or unprotected sex when one is under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Drugs can be the trigger for violent crime. Economic and legal problems usually follow directly when one tries to support a drug habit by resorting to crime. The dependence, illness, loss of job, and loss of family or friends that can result from drug or alcohol use and abuse can be tragic.

In keeping with the mission of South University, High Point and the requirements of state and federal law, South University, High Point has adopted this program to ensure a drug-free campus and workplace and to prevent the use of controlled substances and the abuse of alcohol.

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Alcohol

Short Term Risks:
- Increased risks of accidents and injuries
- Alcohol-related traffic accidents (the leading cause of death for teens)
- Alcohol slows reaction time, decreases muscle coordination, and impairs vision
- Fatal overdose
- Unconsciousness or blackout
- Death by aspiration of vomit
- Nausea
- Gastritis

Long-Term Risks:
- Increased blood pressure
- Increased risk of heart attack
- Brain damage resulting in permanent psychosis
- Cancer of the mouth, esophagus or stomach
- Liver damage (cirrhosis, alcohol hepatitis, cancer)
- Ulcers and Gastritis
- Pancreatitis
- Birth defects
- In males—testicular atrophy and breast enlargement
- In females—increased risk of breast cancer
- Prolonged, excessive drinking can shorten life span by ten to twelve years.
Health Risks Associated with the Use of Drugs

Amphetamines (Speed, Uppers):
- Malnutrition
- Hallucinations
- Dependence, psychological and sometimes physical

Deliriums (Aerosols, Lighter Fluid, Paint Thinner):
- Permanent damage to lungs, brain, liver, bone marrow
- Loss of coordination, confusion, hallucinations
- Overdose causing convulsions, death

Depressants (Barbiturates, Tranquilizers, Methaqualone):
- Confusion, depression, loss of coordination
- Dependence, physical and psychological
- Coma, death (caused by overdose)
- Can be lethal when combined with alcohol

Hallucinogens (LSD, PCP, DMT, STP, Mescaline):
- Hallucinations, panic, irrational behaviors (which can lead to increased risk of accidents, injuries)
- Tolerance overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death
- Possible birth defects in children of LSD users

Intravenous Drug Use:
- Places one at risk for HIV infection (the virus causing AIDS) when needles are shared

Marijuana and Hashish:
- Chronic bronchitis
- Decreased vital capacity
- Increased risk of lung cancer
- In men lower levels of testosterone and increase in abnormal sperm count

Stimulants (Cocaine):
- Painful nosebleeds and nasal erosion
- Intense “downs" that result in physical and/or emotional discomfort
- Tolerance and physical dependence can develop

Narcotics (Heroin, Morphine, Codeine, Opium):
- Malnutrition
- Hepatitis
- Loss of judgment and serf-control leading to increased risk of accidents, injuries
- Dependence
- Overdose leading to convulsions, coma, death

Sanctions

South University, High Point

School Sanctions
South University, High Point, in all of its actions, seeks to uphold local, state and federal laws. Insofar as permitted by these laws, the South University, High Point will apply sanctions that could lead to a student being suspended or expelled or an employee being disciplined, suspended or dismissed for violation of the South University, High Point standards of conduct. Students and employees may also be referred for prosecution. Disciplinary sanctions may include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program, at the student's or employee's expense, if necessary.

State
Unlawful purchase or possession of any drug in Schedule I is classified as a Class 1 Felony and carries a minimum sentence of 4-5 months. Subsequent offenses may result in imprisonment of up to a life sentence in jail.
• Unlawful purchase or possession of any drug in Schedules II-IV carry a minimum sentence of 45 days in jail and are classified as Class 1 Misdemeanor offenses.

• Unlawful purchase, possession, manufacture, or sale of marijuana is categorized as a Class 3 Misdemeanor and carries a minimum sentence of 10 days in jail. Drug trafficking (selling, manufacturing or possessing large quantities of illegal drugs) carries minimum mandatory prison terms and fines under North Carolina law as noted below: Cocaine (28–400 grams) 3–18 years and $50,000-250,000 fine Morphine, opium, heroin (4–28 grams) 7–23 years and $50,000-250,000 fine Marijuana (10–10,000 lbs.) 2–18 years and $25,000-200,000 fine Methamphetamines (28–400 grams) 7–23 years and $50,000-$250,000 fine Mandatory sentences increase in proportion to quantity.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs carries the following penalties:
• First conviction: Minimum one year suspension of license, mandatory substance abuse assessment and treatment. May also be subject to fines up to $4000 and sentenced to 2 years in jail.
• Second conviction: License suspension up to 4 years, mandatory substance abuse assessment and treatment, and ignition interlock devise. May also be subject to fines up to $4000 and sentenced to 2 years in jail.
• Third or subsequent conviction: Imprisonment up to one year, permanent revocation of license, Class F Felony.
• In all states, “zero tolerance laws” center of attention on drivers not of legal drinking age. In North Carolina, persons under the age of 21 operating a vehicle with a .02 percent blood-alcohol level or over are subject to DUI penalties.
• Furnishing alcoholic beverages to, and purchase or possession of alcoholic beverages by any person under the age of 21 is prohibited by NC law. The sentence for the first conviction is $250 fine, 25 hours of community service, or both. In addition to criminal penalties, anyone who furnishes alcohol to an underage person, knowing that such person will soon be driving, may become liable for injuries or damages caused by the underage drinking driver.
• Additional sanctions exist under NC law for drug and alcohol-related offenses including denial of student loans and grants, ineligibility to participate in home loan and other assistance programs, and denial or revocation of professional licenses.

Federal Sanctions
Federal penalties and sanctions for illegal possession of a controlled substance include the following:
First conviction: up to 1 year in prison, fine of $1,000 to $100,000, or both Second conviction: at least 15 days and up to 2 years imprisonment, $5,000 to $250,000 fine, or both After two drug convictions: at least 90 days and up to 3 years in prison, $5,000 to $250,000 fine, or both. Special federal sentencing provisions for possession of crack cocaine include a mandatory prison term of at least 5 years and up to 20 years, fine of up to $250,000, or both, for a first conviction if the amount of crack exceeds 5 grams, for a second conviction if amount exceeds 3 grams, and for a third or subsequent conviction if the amount exceeds 1 gram.

Additional federal sanctions may also apply including forfeiture of vehicles used to transport controlled substances, denial of federal benefits including student loans, grants, and contracts and denial or revocation of certain federal licenses and benefits (exhibit A).
**Exhibit A:**

**Federal Trafficking Penalties for Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V (except Marijuana)**

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<td>Cocaine 500-4999 grams</td>
<td>First Offense: Not less than 5 yrs. and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine of not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Cocaine Base 28-279 grams</td>
<td>Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than Life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>IV</td>
<td>Fentanyl 40-399 grams</td>
<td>First Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than Life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $10 million if an individual, $50 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Fentanyl Analogue 10-99 grams</td>
<td>Second Offense: Not less than 10 yrs. and not more than Life. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>I</td>
<td>Heroin 100-999 grams mixture</td>
<td>2 or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than $20 million if an individual, $75 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>LSD 1-9 grams mixture</td>
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<td>II</td>
<td>Methamphetamine 5-49 grams pure or 50-499 grams mixture</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of Other Schedule I &amp; II Substances</td>
<td>First Offense: Not more that 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than Life. Fine $1 million if an individual, $5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Drug Product Containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid</td>
<td>Second Offense: Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine $2 million if an individual, $10 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV) 1 Gram</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of Other Schedule III Drugs</td>
<td>First Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not more that 15 yrs. Fine not more than $500,000 if an individual, $2.5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of All Other Schedule IV Drugs (other than one gram or more of Flunitrazepam)</td>
<td>Second Offense: Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than $1 million if an individual, $5 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Any Amount Of All Schedule V Drugs</td>
<td>First Offense: Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than $250,000 if an individual, $1 million if not an individual.</td>
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<td>Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than $500,000 if an individual, $2 million if other than an individual.</td>
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<td>Marijuana 1,000 kilograms or more marijuana mixture or 1,000 or more marijuana plants</td>
<td>Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs., or more than life. Fine not more than $10 million if an individual, $50 million if other than an individual.</td>
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<td>Marijuana 100 to 999 kilograms marijuana mixture or 100 to 999 marijuana plants</td>
<td>Not less than 5 yrs. or more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine not more than $5 million if an individual, $25 million if other than an individual.</td>
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<td>Marijuana 50 to 99 kilograms marijuana mixture, 50 to 99 marijuana plants</td>
<td>Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine $1 million if an individual, $5 million if other than an individual.</td>
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<td>Hashish More than 10 kilograms</td>
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<td>Marijuana less than 50 kilograms marijuana (but does not include 50 or more marijuana plants regardless of weight) 1 to 49 marijuana plants</td>
<td>Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than $250,000, $1 million if other than an individual.</td>
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<td>Hashish 10 kilograms or less</td>
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Convictions for Drug-Related Offenses
Any student convicted of any drug-related criminal statute must notify the Dean of Student Affairs, in writing, no later than five (5) days after such conviction regardless of where the offense occurred. This is because under federal and state laws, any student convicted of a drug-related felony offense must be denied all federal and state assistance, including Pell Grants. However, a criminal conviction shall not be necessary to find that a student has violated these standards of conduct, and the South University, High Point need not, and ordinarily will not, defer its own actions and sanctions pending the outcome of any criminal proceeding.

Danger Signals Indicating a Drug or Alcohol Problem
Following is a listing of classic danger signals that may indicate the presence of a drug or alcohol problem:

- abrupt changes in mood or attitude
- decreased efficiency at work or at school
- frequent absences, tardiness, and/or early departures
- relationship problems with family, friends, and co-workers
- unusual outbursts of anger and hostility
- social withdrawal

Counseling
If you observe any of these changes in yourself or another student, you are encouraged to talk with a Counselor. The college contracts with Talk One-2-One, a free service, which provides confidential professional counseling via the telephone 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, at 1-888-617-3362. The Talk One-2-One counselor may refer you, for limited visits, with an area network mental health provider or assist you with locating resources within the community.

Abuse of alcohol or drugs can lead to dependency and addiction, with serious consequences for personal health and overall quality of life. There are drug and alcohol counseling, treatment, and rehabilitation facilities available in our area where students and employees may seek advice and treatment. The College Counselor can refer you to one that meets your needs.

High Point Area Resources
There are also organizations that may be contacted for help.

High Point Regional Hospital
601 N. Elm Street 2630
High Point, NC 27262 High Point, NC 27265
(336) 878-6000

Moses Cone Hospital
2630 Willard Dairy Road
High Point, NC 27265
336-884-3777

High Point Police Department
911 (Emergency)
336-883-3224 (Non-Emergency)

NC Crisis Rape Center
Family Service of the Piedmont
1401 Long Street
High Point, NC
336-889-6161
336-889-7273 (Crisis)
North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA)
www.nccasa.net

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV)
www.nccadv.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline
24-hours: 800/799-SAFE (7233)
National Sexual Assault Hotline
24-hours: 800/656-HOPE (4673)

Office of Violence Against Women
www.ovw.usdoj.gov

Family Service of the Piedmont
336-889-7273

The Guilford Center
800-853-5163

The National Institute on Drug Abuse Hotline (1.800.662.4357) is available from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Monday through Friday and from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on weekends.

A list of emergency and sliding-fee scale resources is available from the Student Affairs Office.