Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations [Edgar Part 86] Biennial Review: Academic Years 2024-2026

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Introduction

The Department of Education's Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools requires that institutions of higher education adopt and implement all elements of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) to ensure eligibility to receive funds or any other form of financial assistance under any Federal program. Institutional obligations under this legislation are outlined below:

H.R. 3614 – Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989
101st Congress (1989-1990)

SEC. 22. DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND CAMPUSES.
(a) IN GENERAL-
(1) CERTIFICATION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM- Title XII of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end a new section 1213 to read as follows:

DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION
SEC. 1213. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no institution of higher education shall be eligible to receive funds or any other form of financial assistance under any Federal program, including participation in any federally funded or guaranteed student loan program, unless it certifies to the Secretary that it has adopted and has implemented a program to prevent the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol by students and employees that, at a minimum, includes—

(1) the annual distribution to each student and employee of
    (A) standards of conduct that clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees on its property or as part of any of its activities;
    (B) a description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, State, or Federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol;
    (C) a description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol;
    (D) a description of any drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs that are available to employees or students; and
    (E) a clear statement that the institution will impose sanctions on students and employees (consistent with local, State, and Federal law), and a description of those sanctions, up to and including expulsion or termination of employment and referral for prosecution, for violations of the standards of conduct required by paragraph (1)(A)
(2) a biennial review by the institution of its program to
    (A) determine its effectiveness and implement changes to the program if they are needed; and
    (B) ensure that the sanctions required by paragraph (1)(E) are consistently enforced.

https://www.congress.gov/bill/101st-congress/house-bill/3614/text

Biennial Review Process

Grand View University (GVU) releases this biennial review in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act. An announcement of Grand View's biennial review's availability will be sent to all University community members via email every two years along with the Annual Notice in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act. The review will also be available on Grand View's website at the following link: https://www.grandview.edu/about/policies-disclosures

To request a printed copy of this biennial review, please contact Student Services: studentlife@grandview.edu; (515) 263-2885.

Biennial Review Timeline: Academic Years 2024-2026

Biennial Review Committee - In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the following committee conducted a biennial review of Grand View University's alcohol and other drug prevention program:

- Heidi Pries, Assistant Vice President for Student Life, Title IX Coordinator
- Heather Thomas, Director of Counseling
- Jacqui Alberto, Director of Residence Life
- Bryce Dean, Associate Director of Residence Life
- Marianne Hellums, Human Resource Manager
- Ruth White, Campus Nurse

Annual Policy Notification Process

Primary Distribution and Storage Method:

- Each year on October 1, the University electronically sends the information on illicit drugs and alcohol policies to all students (undergraduate and graduate; off-campus, study abroad, and online), faculty and staff along with Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act.

- Students, faculty and staff who enter the institution after the policy is distributed can access the policy before the next distribution at the University's website: https://www.grandview.edu/about/policies-disclosures

Policies Related to Alcohol and Drug Use

The following section outlines policies and procedures related to alcohol and drugs at the Grand View University. These policies and procedures aid the University in ensuring compliance with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.

- Institutional Policies
  - Grand View University's Policy Statement on the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Amendment provides an overview of institutional policies related to alcohol and drugs.
  - Grand View's Smoke Free Policy is in effective in compliance with Iowa's Smokefree Air Act.

- Student Specific Policies
  - Student Athlete Handbook
    - Section 4 - Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Use Policy details the prohibited substances, sanctions for misuse of banned materials, and drug testing guidelines.
  - Student Handbook
    - Student Code of Conduct – Use or misuse of substances
    - Alcohol and Drug Related Amesty Policy
  - Residence Life Community Standards of Conduct
    - Residence Life Alcohol Policy describes the limited areas where residential students of legal drinking age may consume alcoholic beverages.
    - Residence Life Illegal Materials / Drugs Policy details prohibition of illegal substances and paraphernalia.

- Employee specific Policies
  - 11.5 Drug Free Workplace & Substance Abuse Policy outlines the prohibition of the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited on any University property, at any University sponsored event/activity, or while the student and/or employee is on duty on official University business, or representing Grand View University in any capacity.
    - This policy also provides information regarding the health risks associated with substance abuse, possible legal and institutional sanctions for non-compliance, and educational assistance options available for employees.

Health Risks Associated with Alcohol and/or Drug Use

While major health risks are associated with the use and abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, the impact on the individual varies based on the user's tolerance, genetics, gender, physique, as well as other physical and psychological factors. The National Institute on Drug Abuse offers a comprehensive collection of the most commonly used substances including an overview of the street and clinical names, the effects of the drug, as well as resources on prevention, recovery, and treatment options. These resources are readily available on the National Institute on Drug Abuse site: www.drugabuse.gov/drug-topics

Alcohol & Drug Program Inventory

Grand View University recognizes substance and/or dependency as a problem across the nation. Students and/or employees who need help are encouraged to contact Grand View University's counseling services for confidential assistance. Counseling services provides evaluation and counseling for students. In addition, students may be referred to other appropriate resources. University employees may ask the counseling service for lists of community and area evaluation and counseling services.

Grand View University also will provide employees guidance and medical assistance within the scope of the current group health policy and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The EAP provides free, confidential initial counseling and referral services for employees and their families.

The Student Life Office is responsible for assessing, designing and implementing on-going educational programs to inform students regarding substance abuse, Grand View University's policy, counseling and/or rehabilitation programs and penalties for violations. Substance abuse literature available to interested parties.

Grand View University has taken a proactive stance on substance abuse. Resources on policy, intervention and education on/for the campus include the following:

Health Services
Counseling Center
Assistant Vice President for Student Life
Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Employee/Student Coverage
Faculty/Staff Handbooks
Resident Assistant In-Service Training and Handbook
Student Handbook
Specialty Brochures

Programmatic Functions
Alcohol Awareness Programs and Resources – Counseling Department
Peer Counselor Programs
Student Activities Council Programs
Residential Experience Council Programs
Resident Hall Programs – Residence Life Staff
National Substance Abuse Awareness Programs
Grand View Wellness Programming
Stress management workshops (classes, departments)

Alcohol & Drug Programming

- **Alcohol Health & Risk Information** – Being informed of how much alcohol is in a drink, binge & health risk guidelines, optimum drinking zone should you choose to drink.
- **Relational Impact** – Understanding how alcohol impacts relationships, correlation to sexual violence, difficulties having meaningful relationships with non-drinking friends.
- **Meaningful Conversation** – Having healthy and honest conversations about alcohol choices and considerations for safety and respect.

These topics are included in the following programs and activities:

- **Vector On-line Education** – Required online training for all incoming freshman & transfer students that covers educational information on the following topics:
    - Identities & Inclusion
    - Consent & Sexual Violence
    - Alcohol & Other Drugs

- **Welcome Weekend "Unplugged" Session** – An interactive combination of education and group discussion utilizing View Crew students.
    - Alcohol Health & Risk Information
        - Introduced a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) app to students and invited them to download it on their phone.
        - Social norming regarding students' perception of GV student alcohol use.
        - Educated on binge drinking limits, staying in your "Green Zone" (optimum alcohol level), and safety behaviors if one chooses to drink.
        - Small group discussion and reflection on where they will fall on the drinking continuum.
    - Sexual Violence & Consent
    - Respecting Differences & Choices

- **Peer Education-** Alcohol, Drug, & General Mental Health Education is provided to students on an ongoing basis through Peer Counselors, Resident Assistant floor programming, and counseling resources and service delivery.

Alcohol and/or Drug Abuse Programs Available to Students, Staff, & Faculty

Short term alcohol and other drug counseling is available on campus to students through the Student Counseling Center. As part of the intake/evaluation prior to receiving care at the Student Counseling Center, students are asked about the use of the following substances: caffeine, nicotine, alcohol, cannabis, stimulants, opioids, sedative/hypnotics, hallucinogens, inhalants, and steroids. Questions include the last time used, frequence of use in the past month, amount used, and the age of first use. If potential concerns arise from answers regarding alcohol, the AUDIT (Alcohol Use Disorders ID Test) Assessment is utilized. The Student Counseling Center may refer students to other treatment programs if more intensive treatment is needed.

Offered through Mutual of Omaha, the **Employee Assistance Program (EAP)** offers employees education and counseling, as well as appropriate referrals. To utilize the Employee Assistance Program, please visit: mutualofomaha.com/eap or call 800-316-2796 for confidential consultation and resource services.

Your Life Iowa provides assistance 24/7 to individuals seeking assistance with addiction. They are available via phone (855-591-8111), text (855-895-8398) or chat via their website: https://yourlifeiowa.org/.

Federal, State, and Institutional Sanctions for AOD Violations

Compliance with standards of conduct is a condition of employment and enrollment at Grand View University.

Zero Tolerance – State of Iowa

If you are under 21 years of age, the state of Iowa may revoke all driving privileges for up to 60 days if you are caught driving with a blood alcohol content greater than .02 (.02 can result from one beer/drink or less). Subsequent violations will result in license revocation for a minimum of 90 days with no school or working driving permit. If you refuse to take a BAC test, you will lose your license for up to one year (for the .02 offender).

If you are under 21 years of age and you are caught driving with a blood alcohol content greater than .08 or more, you will face a misdemeanor charge. Penalties may include: up to 48 hours in jail, a fine of $1,250, and a license suspension for 180 days.

State and Federal Penalties

Offense	Iowa Law Penalties/Sanctions
Providing liquor, wine, or beer to person under 21	First offense: simple or serious misdemeanor Second offense: serious misdemeanor and $500 fine Subsequent offenses: aggravated misdemeanor and $500 fine
Providing liquor, wine, or beer to an intoxicated person	Imprisonment not to exceed 30 days or fine not to exceed $100
Manufacture, delivery, or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver a controlled substance or counterfeit or simulated substance	Substance other than marijuana: imprisonment for periods of 10, 25, or 50 years and/or fines ranging from $1,000 – $1,000,000 (depending on nature of substance and amount)

Possession of controlled substance	Substance other than marijuana: imprisonment not to exceed 1 year and/or fine not to exceed $1,875 Marijuana: imprisonment not to exceed 6 months and/or fine not to exceed $1,000 Suspended sentences may include probation and required participation in a drug treatment program
Distribution of controlled substance to person under 18	Substance other than marijuana: imprisonment for periods of 10, 25, 50, or 99 years and/or fines ranging from $1,000 – $1,000,000 (depending on nature of substance, amount, and age of parties involved)
Sponsoring, promoting or assisting with a gathering with knowledge that controlled substance will be distributed, used, or possessed	Marijuana: imprisonment not to exceed 5 years and/or fine not to exceed $7,500 Controlled substance other than marijuana: imprisonment not to exceed 5 years and/or fine not to exceed $7,500 Marijuana: imprisonment not to exceed 1 year and/or fine not to exceed $1,000
Manufacture, delivery or possession with intent to manufacture or deliver an imitation controlled substance	Depending on ages of the participants, imprisonment not to exceed 2 or 5 years and/or fines not to exceed $5,000 or $7,500

Subsequent offenses of most of the above-referenced offenses may be punished by imprisonment for a period up to three times the term otherwise authorized and/or a fine up to three times the amount otherwise authorized.

Local Penalties

Violations of local ordinances dealing with alcohol consumption, such as public intoxication and similar offenses, generally are punishable by fine not to exceed $100 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days.

Offense	**Federal Penalties and Sanctions**
Manufacture, distribution, or dispensing drugs including marijuana	Imprisonment not to exceed 1 year and a minimum fine of $1,000 Imprisonment without release, no parole and possible fine
Possession of drugs including marijuana	Civil penalty not to exceed $10,000; denial of benefits, i.e., student loans, grants, license up to 1-5 years for repeat
Operation of a common carrier under the influence of alcohol or drug	Imprisonment for up to 15 years and a fine not to exceed $250,000

Grand View University Penalties

Category	*Fine*
Alcohol possession/consumption in violation of state law or campus time/place/manner restrictions	$ 50.00
Kegs and other large alcohol quantities	$150.00
Cannabis possession/use	$100.00
Other controlled substance possession/use	$100.00
Cannabis delivery or possession with intent to deliver	$100.00/expulsion
Controlled substance delivery or possession with intent to deliver	$100.00/expulsion

Repeat offenses *(i.e., same violation within 12 months of prior incident) will result in a doubling of a fine from the previous amount. Example: A student is found in violation of alcohol possession on August 29, 2025, and fined $ 50.00. A repeat offense on February 3, 2026, would result in a fine of $100.00.*

Other sanctions may be imposed instead of or in addition to those specified above, including, but not limited to, the following: residential service; educational or research projects; mandated counseling or therapy; relocation to another University living area; trespass from specified University premises; loss of specified University privileges; fines for alcohol or controlled substance policy violations; or loss of institutional financial aid. The imposition of such sanctions must be related to the nature of the violation.

Clery Act Reportable Alcohol & Drug Offenses

Arrests – On Campus	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Arrests – On Campus Student Housing Facilities	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Arrests – Non-Campus	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Arrests – Public Property	2023	2024	2025
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Disciplinary Actions – On campus	2023	2024	2025
Drug abuse violations	32	21	16
Liquor law violations	65	38	26

Disciplinary Actions – On Campus Housing Facilities	2023	2024	2025
Drug abuse violations	32	21	16
Liquor law violations	67	38	26

Disciplinary Actions – Non-Campus	2023	2024	2025
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Disciplinary Actions – Public Property	2023	2024	2025
Drug abuse violations	0	0	0
Liquor law violations	0	0	0

Alcohol and Other Drug SWOT Analysis

- Strengths:
  - Alcohol and other drug policies are clear and enforced
  - A variety of alcohol and other drug educational programming and activities are provided to the community
  - Athletic Department commitment to policy enforcement
  - Supportive structures for Students (counseling services) and Employees (Employee Assistance Program)
- Weaknesses
  - Assessment structure and process needs to be improved
  - Resources for other assessment tools and staffing to do the assessments
- Opportunities
  - Change in online training vendor offers access to increased AOD resources
  - Increased programmatic offerings in residence halls and with peer educators
- Threats/challenges
  - Student buy-in to complete assessments
  - Costs of assessment tools

Recommendations

- Continue to incorporate alcohol and other drugs education into already established programs/educational events to ensure consistent and frequent education
- Prioritize and develop a consistent method of assessing AOD programming
- Offer online educational sanctions for students found responsible for alcohol or drug violations

Goals and Objectives

- Continue to incorporate alcohol and other drugs education into already established programs/educational events to ensure consistent and frequent education
- Continue to grow the programming done by the Peer Wellness leadership team (incorporating alcohol education within all awareness months for consistent education year-long)
- Allocate specific resources for alcohol and other drug programming
- Continue to formalize a standard method of assessing program effectiveness