



## Manual of Policy and Procedures

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### PURPOSE

Recognizing the potential dangers and costs to individuals and institutions from alcohol and illegal substance use and abuse, Vermont State Colleges has adopted a policy which requires responsibility in the use of alcohol at its member colleges and prohibits illegal use of alcohol and other substances in compliance with local, state, and federal laws regarding such use. Institutions shall also promote alcohol education and counseling within the college community to encourage the responsible use of alcohol.

### STATEMENT OF POLICY

Each college shall develop and publish its own policy regarding use of alcohol and other substances on campus and at college sponsored activities. Such policies shall include a statement regarding the consequences of illegal use of alcohol and/or other substances. Consumption of alcohol by any person upon Vermont State Colleges controlled premises shall be only as authorized by statutes and regulations of the State of Vermont and/or any other appropriate authority and shall conform to local institutional and town policies and/or regulations. Each college shall distribute annually information related to alcohol and illegal substance use in compliance with the 1990 Drug Free Schools and Campuses regulations set forth in the 1989 Drug Free Schools and Communities Act. With regard specifically to alcohol use, the following conditions will be overriding and no college shall have policies or practices which do not conform:

1. Alcohol shall be sold only by a licensed vendor approved by the Office of the Chancellor of Vermont State Colleges and only as authorized by the Statutes and regulations of the State of Vermont and/or any other appropriate authority.
2. Scheduled use of alcohol on the premises of Vermont State Colleges shall be appropriately supervised and subject to reasonable control.

3. Use of Vermont State Colleges controlled funds, premises, personnel, facilities, services or equipment in connection with any function or event which involves the unlawful use of alcohol, is prohibited.
4. Any use of alcohol, legal or otherwise, which results in the disruption of the academic and/or social climate of the individual institution will be subject to an appropriate disciplinary response.

With regard to the illegal use of alcohol and/or use of illegal substances, such use is strictly prohibited at Vermont State Colleges institutions. The Vermont State Colleges will not afford protection to those who violate federal, state, or local laws regarding such use. Violators of such laws will be subject to disciplinary action by the Vermont State Colleges institutions and may be subject to criminal prosecution under said laws.

Signed by: Charles I. Bunting Chancellor
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