



Biannual Student Right to Know Consumer Information & Drug, Alcohol, and Other Drugs Prevention Notification

Henry Ford College Biannual Student Right to Know Information and the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program Notice is distributed to enrolled students and employees, and is required by federal law. This notice informs students and employees of the resources and policies to prevent the abuse of alcohol and/or distribution of illicit drugs in support of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act.

A specific description of our Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention program is detailed in our Student Consumer Information website. Consumer information such as health and safety statistics, gainful employment, financial resources and athletics may be accessed through the quick links below. A specific description of our Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention program is detailed in our Student Consumer Information webpage.

Student Consumer Information: Your Right to Know

To receive a complete description of the policies, below click on [Student Consumer Information](#) or use URL address <https://www.hfcc.edu/about-us/consumer>.

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Intercollegiate Sports

HFC is a member of the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA)–Eastern Collegiate Conference and the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). HFC’s nickname is the Hawks. Varsity teams participate in the following sports at the conference, state, regional and national levels:

Men Baseball
Basketball Golf

Women
Volleyball
Softball Golf

Try-outs for all sports are in the early fall.

Club Sports

HFC provides a number of club sports teams based on the interest of the student body. Club sports provide an opportunity for students to compete in a fun and challenging environment against other HFC students or club sport teams at nearby colleges.

For more information call 313-317-4138 or visit www.athletics.hfcc.edu

Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention

As a condition for receiving federal funds or any other form of federal financial assistance, all institutions of higher education must implement a drug and alcohol policy that complies with applicable federal, state and local drug and alcohol laws. The law requires institutions to implement a program that will prevent the unlawful manufacturing, dispensing, possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

Any violation of these policies or of local, state or federal laws regarding illicit drugs or alcohol will result in appropriate disciplinary action. In addition to college disciplinary sanctions, students, faculty and staff involved with illegal use, possession, or distribution of controlled substances may face criminal penalties and the College will cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies as appropriate. If a student has concerns about alcohol, drug addiction or the impact on their lives, they should meet with a counselor in the Counseling division. The phone number is 313-845-9611.

If an employee has concerns about drug or alcohol use – their own or that of others – they may want to consult with the College’s Employee Assistance Program (EAP). The phone number is 800-847-7240.

As members of an academic community, students and employees can expect an atmosphere that supports personal growth and learning. The College requires that its students and employees comply with legal standards and student conduct standards as they apply to alcohol and illicit/illegal drug use and possession.

The Law (Alcohol)

- The minimum age in Michigan for the purchase, consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is 21-years-old.
- It is illegal to furnish or serve alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21.
- The law prohibits carrying or consuming alcoholic beverages in open containers outdoors on public property, regardless of a person’s age.
- It is illegal to possess, use false identification or to misrepresent one’s age for the purpose of obtaining or consuming alcoholic beverages.
- No group which is not licensed by the Liquor Control Board (LCB) may sell alcoholic beverages. The use of chits, chips, tickets or other means of exchange in place of cash violates LCB regulations.
- It is illegal to appear in any public place manifestly under the influence of alcohol to the degree that you may endanger yourself or other persons or property or annoy persons in your vicinity.
- A person under the age of 21 is prohibited from operating a motor vehicle with ANY alcohol in his/ her system.
- Driving under the influence of alcohol (blood alcohol level of 0.08% or greater) is illegal.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Related Policy: Procedure for Policy 8100 (Henry Ford College Student Code of Conduct)

Purpose

The purpose of the Henry Ford College Student Code of Conduct Due Process Procedure is to provide due process and uphold the Student Code of Conduct policy. The HFC Student Code of Conducts' purpose is to protect the safety and well-being of the campus community and to assist the College in providing an environment that supports the educational process. The responsibility for maintaining such an environment is shared by all members of the College community.

NOTE: Complaints about academic matters such as grade disputes, academic dishonesty or levels of customer service are reviewed through the Student Complaint Policy and Procedure. Please review the Student Complaint Policy and Procedure for specific processes and time frames. The policy can be found at <https://www.hfcc.edu/files/attachments/StuComplaintProc.pdf>.

All faculty members, staff members, administrators, or those perceived by a complainant as a person that would address complaints (e.g., teaching assistants, supervisors, coaches, counselors, rape crisis advocates, medical providers, and clergy) are expected to report any disclosures that involve allegations of Sexual Misconduct/Title IX/ Sexual Harassment directly to the College Title IX Coordinators. report such incidents at www.hfcc.edu/incidentreport

Henry Ford College (HFC) is a comprehensive college that is dedicated to maintaining a teaching-learning environment that fosters critical thinking, creativity, personal integrity and self-esteem. We value the diversity of our educational community and of the communities we serve. When an incident is reported for alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct, the Behavioral Intervention Team (BIT)/ Counseling Assessment Response Education (CARE) Team provide students the opportunity to state their version of events in addition to the due process options stipulated in the due process procedure

The HFC Behavioral Intervention (BIT) Team assesses, responds, and makes recommendations pertaining to the alleged behavior exhibited by students who may pose a threat to themselves or others in the College community.

The HFC Counseling Assessment Response Education (CARE) Team assesses, responds, and makes recommendations pertaining to any behavior or incident such as disturbed writings, disturbing statements, disturbing actions that may lead to harm to self or others.

Students facing disciplinary action by the college have the right to due process. When a student is alleged to have violated the Code of Conduct, the student receives due process, which includes 1) Receiving a written description of their possible Code violations, due process options and 2) Having the opportunity to state their version of event by one or more objective decision-makers.

The disciplinary outcome leads to one of three possible outcomes. The student is found either “not responsible” “responsible” or “findings are inconclusive” per violation of the Code.

Students found responsible may be sanctioned.

Expected Behavior Guidelines

A college is a community and students have a significant impact on the quality of that community's shared experience. The Student Code of Conduct is grounded in two core values:

Respect: Henry Ford College students show positive regard for the worth, dignity and property of others.

Responsibility: Henry Ford College students are given and accept a high level of responsibility to self, to others and to the community.

It is every student's responsibility to avoid conduct that restricts other individuals from enjoying their rights, privileges and freedoms, or from accessing and benefitting from the college's offerings.

Students are responsible for being familiar with, and complying with, the Student Code of Conduct, and for upholding its core values of respect and responsibility.

(<https://policies.hfcc.edu/policy/henry-ford-college>)

DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE (Student Rights)

The College will use the following procedures to respond to behavior which goes against the values of the College community. The College considers the procedures for resolving disputes a part of its education mission and is committed to a process which provides both peer review and mediation. Resolution and appeal processes are administrative functions and are not subject to the same rules of civil or criminal proceedings. Because some violations of these standards are also violations of law, students may be accountable to both the legal system and the College.

Communication regarding this process will be sent to the student's HAWK e-mail address. Students have the responsibility to access their email and have the latest contact information on-file through their Web Advisor account.

Some of the procedures related to the Student Code of Conduct policy are subject to the regulations in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPPA), and Title IX which may limit the amount of information that maybe shared with parties involved in disciplinary situations.

Definitions

“College” means Henry Ford College

“Student” means all persons who are currently admitted, enrolled (registered) and/or attending HFC (or upon the issuance of a student ID number). This includes part-time or full-time students despite geographical location i.e., including being enrolled in on-line courses, certificate courses, non-credit courses, and clinical sites.

“Faculty member” means any person hired by HFC to conduct a classroom or teaching activities.

“College administrator or staff” means any person who is employed by HFC and has the designation of part-time or full-time status and is hired as a temporary or full-time permanent employee.

“Campus community and college community” includes any person who is a student, faculty member, college administrator or staff member employed by HFC, and any authorized non-employed personnel (such as interns). A person's status in a particular situation shall be determined by the Vice President of Student Affairs/designee.

“Business days” refers to days Henry Ford College’s administrative offices are open. "Vice President" refers to the Vice President of Student Affairs (and his or her designee).

"Vice President’s office" means the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, located in the Administration Building, Room number 430.

“Policy” means the written regulations of the College documented but not limited to the HFC Catalog, Student Handbook, Student Code of Conduct, College web site and departmental/division publications.

"Hearing Officer Cadre" means the standing group of faculty and/or staff appointed by the Vice President of Students (or his or her designee) to specifically conduct hearings of alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct.

"Student Code of Conduct" means HFC's Student Code of Conduct, as enforced by the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs/ Designee (Student Conduct and Compliance).

“Conflict Resolution” means a process of resolving a dispute or disagreement. It mainly aims at reconciling opposing arguments in a manner that promotes and protects the human rights of all parties concerned.

“Expungement” means to eliminate or remove from a student’s school record.

“Expulsion” refers to the removal/banning of a student from the College system for an extensive period of time due to a student persistently violating that College’s rules, or for a single offense of appropriate severity in extreme cases.

I. Disciplinary Process

The College has the right, at its discretion, to impose any penalty or combination of penalties in any order, depending on the severity of the conduct or violation which has occurred. It is recognized that “progressive discipline” is not required, and that immediate dismissal is an appropriate discipline for certain conduct, regardless of whether there has been previous discipline. Students who are removed from their course of study as a result of a disciplinary matter, will be financially responsible for the cost of the courses from which he or she is removed.

A. Disciplinary proceedings are subject to the following guidelines:

1. Violations of College rules/regulations may be reported by any College employee, faculty member or student;
2. Reports shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Vice President of Student Affairs or other administrative official designated by the Vice President (or his/her designee) (hereinafter referred to as “Vice President/Designee”) , to the Office of Campus Safety or using the on-line webform www.hfcc.edu/incidentreport
3. If the report and evidence are determined by the Vice President/Designee to warrant proceeding further:

- a. The Vice President/Designee shall notify the student in writing through HAWK email that he/she is accused of a violation of one or more regulations, and shall specify each alleged violation;
 - b. This notification shall include a statement of possible consequences, including potential penalties, and a statement of the student's right to hearing and other due process rights;
 - c. This notice shall be sent within seven (7) business days after the incident is first filed with the Vice President/Designee. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public. Such letter shall also specify the course of action available to the student, as indicated below.
4. Within seven (7) business days after the Vice President/Designee emails the letter set forth above, the student shall have the right to elect, in writing, one of the following three courses of action. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public:
- a. The student may voluntarily admit the alleged violation (with or without an explanation) and waive, in writing, their rights to a judicial hearing and other such due process protection and request that the Vice President/Designee take whatever action he/she deems appropriate. If the student elects this option, the decision of the Vice President/Designee is final. The Vice President/Designee has the option to recommend alternative process called "Conflict Resolution" which is described in more detail in the definition section of this Procedure.
 - b. The student also has the option to admit responsibility and elect to enter into an alternative process called "Conflict Resolution" which is described in more detail in the definition section of this Procedure.
 - c. The student may voluntarily admit the alleged violation and request a hearing before the Vice President/Designee. The Vice President/Designee has the option to recommend alternative process called "Conflict Resolution" which is described in more detail in the definition section of this Procedure.
 - d. The student may deny the alleged violation, in which case the Vice President/Designee may conduct an initial investigation and do one of the following:
 - i) Dismiss the charge;
 - ii) Hear the case;
 - iii) Assign the case to another administrator for hearing; or
 - iv) Offer the parties to participate in Conflict Resolution. Conflict resolution will only be offered if both parties voluntarily agree to the alternate process as long as the parties are not a threat to themselves or others. This process is only available for Student Code of Conduct violations.

5. The student has the right not to respond. If no response is received from the student within seven (7) business days after the Vice President/Designee emails the letter set forth in 4 above, the Vice President/Designee has the right to take whatever measures he/she, in his/her discretion, deems appropriate, including holding a hearing or issuing discipline without a hearing. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public and/or if there are any mitigating circumstances.
6. If the hearing is to be conducted by an administrator who initiated the charges or who determined that the charges warranted further proceeding, the student must agree in writing by the deadline set forth in the Charge Letter to a hearing before such administrator.
7. The student shall be notified at least seven (7) business days prior to the hearing as to the time and place of such hearing, and the name of the individual who will be hearing the matter. The written notice shall contain a statement of the charges with sufficient particularity so that the student may prepare their defense.
8. If the student objects to the administrator who will be hearing the matter, the student must notify the Vice President/Designee of the objection, in writing, not less than three (3) business days prior to the hearing. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public or if there are any mitigating circumstances. Upon receipt of a timely objection, the Vice President/Designee will consider the student objection and has the option to assign another administrator to the matter. The Vice President/Designee shall maintain a list of administrators for this purpose. When a timely objection is made, the Vice President/Designee shall assign a neutral individual who shall hear the matter.
9. If the student requests a hearing but fails to respond to the administrator overseeing the hearing within 3 business days from notice of the attempt to set up the hearing; a hearing will be conducted without the student. Failure of a student to appear shall not indicate guilt. The decision on the matter will be rendered with the information provided to the Administrator at the time of the hearing. Communication with the student regarding the decision will take place through HAWK email.

II Potential Sanctions (Consequences for breaking the rules)

- A. If a student is found to have committed any offense deemed to violate the Student Code of Conduct, the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee will levy an appropriate penalty.

The College has the right, at its discretion, to impose any penalty or combination of penalties in any order, depending on the severity of the conduct or violation which has occurred. It is recognized that “progressive discipline” is not required, and that immediate dismissal is an appropriate discipline for certain conduct, regardless of whether there has been previous discipline. Students who are removed from their course of study as a result of a disciplinary matter, will be financially responsible for the cost of the courses from which he or she is removed.

The following are examples of penalties which can be imposed:

1. **Interim Suspension:** Separation from the College for a specified minimum period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Eligibility may be contingent upon satisfaction of specific conditions noted at the time of suspension. The student is required to vacate the campus within 24 hours of notification of the action, although this deadline may be extended upon application to, and at the discretion of, the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee. During the suspension period, the student is banned from College property, functions, events and activities without prior written approval from the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee. This sanction may be enforced with a trespass action if necessary.
2. **Warning Placed in Student Record:** A written notice that the student violated the Code of Conduct and that they will face more severe sanctions if they violate the Code of Conduct again.
3. **Restitution:** Compensation for damage caused to the College or any person's property.
4. **Community/College Service Requirements:** A student or a student organization can be required to complete a specific service project.
5. **Loss of Privileges:** The student is denied specified privileges for a designated period of time.
6. **Confiscation of Prohibited Property:** Items whose presence is in violation of the Code of Conduct are confiscated and become College property (i.e., weapons, drugs, etc.). Prohibited items may be returned to the owner at the discretion of the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee and/or Campus Safety.
7. **Behavioral Requirement:** This includes required activities including, but not limited to, seeking academic counseling or substance abuse screening, writing a letter of apology, etc.
8. **Educational Program or Assignment:** Requirement to attend, present and/or participate in an educational program relative to the violation. It may also be a requirement to sponsor or assist with an awareness program or event. Another possibility is an assignment to produce a written, spoken or videotaped piece on a topic related to the violation.
9. **College Probation:** The student is put on official notice that, should further violations occur during a specified probationary period, the student may face suspension or expulsion. Regular probationary meetings may also be imposed.
10. **Eligibility Restriction:** The student is deemed "not in good standing" with the College for a specified period of time. Specific limitations or exceptions may be granted by the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee and terms of this conduct sanction may include, but is not limited to, the following:
 - a. **Ineligibility** to hold any office in any student organization recognized by the College or hold an elected or appointed office at the College; or
 - b. **Ineligibility** to represent the College to anyone outside the College community in any way including: participating in the student abroad program, attending conferences, or representing the College at an official function, event or intercollegiate competition as a player, manager or student coach, etc.
11. **Expulsion:** Permanent separation from the College. The student is banned from College property and the student's presence at any College sponsored activity or event is prohibited. This action may be enforced with a trespass action as necessary.

12. **Other Sanctions:** Additional or alternate sanctions may be created and designed as deemed appropriate to the office with the approval of the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee.
Student groups or organizations can also be sanctioned.

The following sanctions may be imposed upon groups or organizations found to have violated the Student Code of Conduct:

1. One or more of the sanctions listed above, specifically 1 through 7, 10 through 12, and/or
2. Deactivation, de-recognition, loss of all privileges (including status as a College registered group/organization), for a specified period of time.

B. Interim and Permanent Suspension

1. In some cases the College will place a hold on the student's account to prevent the student from registering for additional classes or receiving transcripts. This step is usually taken when a student fails to respond to correspondence or is in the midst of upholding a suspension.
2. In more severe cases, the Vice President/Designee may, at his/her discretion, remove a student from a class or suspend him or her from the College for an interim period pending an investigation or disciplinary proceedings. The College believes suspending or restricting the student will preserve the safety of the student/others, preserve the integrity of an investigation, protect College property and/or prevent disruption of College operations.
3. **Voluntary and Involuntary Withdrawals**. The Vice President/Designee may also, with the approval of the President or his/her designee, remove a student from a class or suspend him or her for an interim period, for purposes of obtaining a medical, psychiatric or psychological evaluation, whenever the Vice President/Designee determines that there is reasonable cause to believe that the continued presence of a student in class or on the College campus poses a threat to him/herself or to others or to the stability of normal College classes or functions. In such situation the voluntary or involuntary withdrawal process will begin.
4. If practical, a student will be given an opportunity to appear personally before the Vice President/Designee before he or she is suspended on an interim basis. Such an appearance is solely for the purpose of considering:
 - a. The reliability of the information concerning the student's alleged conduct;
 - b. Whether the alleged conduct and surrounding circumstances reasonably indicate that the continued presence of the student in class or on the College campus poses a threat to him/herself or to others or to the stability of normal College classes or functions.

If circumstances are such that the Vice President/Designee does not believe it is advisable to give the student an opportunity to appear personally before an interim suspension is imposed because of a concern of a threat to themselves or others, the student will be afforded the earliest opportunity to speak with the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee either by phone, through HAWK email or via a letter addressed to the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee at 5101 Evergreen Road, L-430, Dearborn, MI 48128

HEARING PROCEDURE

I. Disciplinary Hearing

- A. All HFCC students have the right to the protection of due process in disciplinary proceedings. The student is entitled to a fair and prompt hearing before an impartial person.
- B. During a disciplinary hearing, both the student and the College have the right to be advised by a non-attorney representative. If the student desires such a representative, but is unable to arrange for the representative, the Vice President/Designee, upon request of the student, shall provide the student with a list of five faculty members from whom the student may choose. The role of the representative is to observe the hearing preceding only. This means the advisor's role is non-participatory and cannot speak or cross-examine other parties involved in the hearing (unless documented accommodations through the Assisted Learning Services Office recommend modification of the advisor's role). To facilitate such protection, the following preliminary procedures shall be used in disciplinary proceedings:
 1. No student may be compelled to testify against himself/herself in a disciplinary hearing;
 2. In a disciplinary hearing the student has the right to question those who testify against him/her; (in cases where the safety of the parties involved is in question, the questions will be facilitated through the hearing officer).
 3. No student shall be subject to a disciplinary hearing twice for the same incident or event. However, the student may appeal the decision of the Vice President/Designee to the Judicial Board, as stipulated in the criteria documented in this Procedure
- C. The Vice President/Designee may modify the time limits and procedures of the disciplinary process when, in his/her discretion, doing so is desirable or necessary to appropriately proceed, and the modification is not contrary to due process requirements.

II. Hearing Procedures:

1. The student shall be entitled to appear at the hearing in person before the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee and to present their defense, which may include the presentation of witnesses.
2. The student shall be entitled to inspect any evidence which the College or complainant intends to submit at the hearing 48 business hours in advance of the hearing.
3. The student has the right to elect not to appear at the hearing. Should they elect not to appear, the hearing shall be held in the student's absence. Failure of a student to appear shall not indicate guilt and may not be considered in any finding, decision or recommendation.

4. If the student elects to have the assistance of an advocate, the advocate's role is non-participatory and the advocate may not examine or cross-examine witnesses unless, in the judgment of the administrator conducting the hearing, the student is unable to question witnesses through some impairment, language impediment or disability, or other reason.
5. A student shall be permitted to hear evidence against themselves and shall be afforded an opportunity to question all witnesses who testify at the hearing. Each witness shall be asked to affirm that their testimony will be truthful. The witness will also be informed that knowingly furnishing false information may cause the witness to be subject to charges as stated in the Student Code of Conduct.
6. In cases where the safety of the parties involved is in question, all questions may be facilitated through the hearing officer.

III. The Hearing

1. The hearing will be closed to the public.
2. Formal rules of evidence shall not be applicable in student disciplinary hearings. The Vice President/Designee shall admit evidence in their discretion. Without reducing that discretion, the Vice President/Designee shall give appropriate consideration to concerns of confidentiality and privilege, and shall admit evidence which they believe would be considered by reasonable persons in the conduct of their everyday affairs. Unduly repetitious or irrelevant evidence may be excluded at the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee's discretion.
3. If the student chooses to testify, the student may refuse to answer questions. The facts of the case shall be determined solely on the basis of evidence presented at the hearing.
4. The respondent, complainant and hearing officer may question witnesses and the other parties involved, either directly or through the hearing officer at the hearing officer's discretion. Unduly repetitive witnesses can be limited at the discretion of the hearing officer.
5. The administrator hearing the matter shall make findings of responsible, not responsible, or inconclusive per each charge brought against the student. The administrator will make recommendations as to possible sanctions and/or other remedies.
6. It is the responsibility of the Vice President/Designee or administrator hearing the matter to make an audio taped record of the hearing.
7. The hearing officer has the right to limit personal belongings in the hearing room and any unauthorized recording of the hearing is prohibited.
8. After the hearing, the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee or administrator hearing the matter shall prepare a written statement of the decision and explanation of the reasons for such decision. This information will be provided to the student in the outcome letter.
9. The decision of the Vice President/Designee is final, unless the penalty involves an expulsion, a suspension, or a permanent notation on the student's record, in which case the student may appeal to the Judicial Board or the Appeal Panel by providing supportive documentation to the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee identifying the specific reason(s) for the appeal, by selecting one or more of the following:
 - substantial evidence not previously considered;
 - evidence of bias by the administrator who conducted the disciplinary hearing;

- significant errors in procedures by the administrator who conducted the disciplinary hearing;
- significant finding of inequity in disciplinary actions related to findings;
- the cumulative conduct record of the respondent.

IV. Appeals to the Appeal Panel or Judicial Board

When the penalty imposed involves a suspension, an expulsion, or a permanent notation on the student's record, the student has the right to appeal. Appeal requests must be provided in writing from the student's HAWK email account or via a letter addressed to the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee at 5101 Evergreen Road, L-430, Dearborn, MI 48128

A. Appeal Panel

Students who admit responsibility (with or without explanation) may qualify for an appeal request to be reviewed by the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee as set forth in Section 9, above, must follow the procedures for the Appeal Panel.

Students who deny responsibility and may qualify for an appeal request to be reviewed by the Vice President of Student Affairs/Designee as set forth in Section 9, above, follow the procedure for the Judicial Review Board Appeal

A request for an appeal will be considered if in the case the sanctions imposed are substantially outside the parameters or guidelines set by the College. A request for an appeal will be considered and may be granted if the request meets the criteria as set forth in Section 9 above,

The President/Vice President will review the appeal request and determine in 5 business days if the request is denied or allowed to proceed to the appeal review board.

The President/Vice President will convene a review board to hear the appeal.

The suspension sanction will remain in place while the appeal is being considered, unless it is determined by the VP of Student Affairs that lifting the sanction does not create a threat of harm to the College or to an individual. A decision regarding this issue will be made at the time the request to appeal is granted or denied. If granted, the Appeal Board is composed of three (3) administrators randomly selected from a pool of administrators.

B. Appeal Panel Hearing Procedures

1. Within fourteen (14) business days of the composition of the Appeal Panel being finalized, it will meet. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public or if there are any mitigating circumstances.
2. The review by the Appeal Panel will include examination of the appeal request, the transcript or record of the original hearing, the original allegation and/or physical evidence, and an appeal hearing.
3. The Chair of the Appeal Panel shall limit discussion to only those issues contained in the appeal request. The Appeal Panel shall hear any new evidence, new witness(es) and review the new physical evidence. The Appeal Panel may call other witnesses, seek other information, or hear any other evidence, and recess and reconvene as it deems necessary.
4. The student shall be entitled to appear at the Appeal Panel hearing in person to present their appeal.
5. If the student fails to appear at the hearing, the appeal will be dismissed and the decision at the disciplinary level affirmed.
6. In an appeal hearing before the Appeal Panel, both the student and the College have the right to be advised by a non-attorney representative. If the student desires such a representative, but is unable to arrange for the representative, the Appeal Panel or the Vice President/Designee, upon request of the student, shall provide the student with a list of five faculty members, from whom the student may choose. The role of the representative is to advise the student. If the student elects to have the assistance of a representative, the representative's role is non-participatory and may not examine or cross-examine witnesses. The Appeal Panel may, in its judgment, permit the representative to participate if it determines the student requires assistance (i.e. impairment, language impediment or disability, or other reason).
7. The student shall be permitted to call witnesses who have evidence deemed relevant by the Appeal Panel, and shall be accorded an opportunity to question all witnesses who testify at the hearing. Each witness shall be asked to affirm that their testimony will be truthful. The witness will also be informed that knowingly furnishing false information can cause him/her to be subject to charges as stated in the Student Code of Conduct.
8. The hearing will be closed to the public.
9. Formal rules of evidence shall not be applicable in the appeal hearing. The Appeal Panel shall admit evidence in its discretion. Without reducing that discretion, the Appeal Panel shall give appropriate consideration to concerns of confidentiality and privilege, and shall admit evidence which it believes would be considered by reasonable persons in the conduct of their everyday affairs. Unduly repetitious or irrelevant evidence may be excluded at the discretion of the Appeal Panel.

C. Decision By Appeal Panel

The Appeal Panel will make its decision by a majority vote of those present and voting. The Appeal Panel has the authority to take any action it deems appropriate, including the authority to:

1. uphold the disciplinary decision,
2. modify the decision, or,
3. overturn the decision.

The decision of the Appeal Panel will be provided to the student, in writing, within seven (7) business days after it is reached. The Appeal Panel's decision in the matter is final, and shall be implemented immediately. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public.

D. Appeal Procedure to Judicial Review Board

1. A student who wishes to appeal a disciplinary decision as set forth above, must request review by the Judicial Board in writing, within ten (10) business days after the decision of the Vice President/Designee is mailed. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public.
2. The letter of appeal must contain supportive documentation stating the reason(s) for the appeal, based on one or more of the following:
 - a. substantial evidence not previously considered;
 - b. evidence of bias by the administrator who conducted the disciplinary hearing;
 - c. significant errors in procedures by the administrator who conducted the disciplinary hearing;
 - d. significant finding of inequity in disciplinary actions related to findings.
3. In an appeal to the Judicial Board, the appeal shall be decided by majority vote of the members of the Board present and voting.
4. The Judicial Board has the authority to uphold the decision of the Vice President/Designee or other administrator who heard the matter, reverse the decision or modify the decision (which can include an increased penalty). If the Judicial Board elects to modify the decision, it may choose a penalty it deems appropriate, including any penalty set forth in section III (A) of the Student Conduct Policy, "Sanctions."
5. The decision rendered by the Judicial Board is final.

E. Judicial Board Organization and Hearing Procedure

1. The Judicial Board shall be composed of two students, two faculty members and one administrator.
2. The Chair of the Judicial Board shall be designated by the Vice President/Designee at the beginning of each academic year.
3. A pool of eight students will be assigned by the Student Council to serve on the Judicial Board for one academic year. Two students shall be appointed by the Student Council from the group of eight (8) assigned students with consent of the Student Council to serve on the Board for each particular case.
4. A group of eight faculty members, three of whom shall be from the Academic Education area, Drug Free Schools and Campuses Regulations (34 CFR Part 86) of the Drug- Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA)

three from the Career Education area, and two from the Student Affairs area, will be designated by the Senate for one academic year. Two faculty members shall be appointed by the Senate to hear each case.

5. The student will be informed within seven (7) business days of the composition of the Judicial Board, and of the date, time, and place of the Judicial Board appeal hearing. A student may challenge a Judicial Board member. Any objection to a Judicial Board member must be made in writing, within three (3) business days of the letter indicating the composition of the Board. A Judicial Board member shall be disqualified if a majority of the Judicial Board members agree that the student has made a reasonable showing for the objection. A replacement for a successfully challenged member will be selected from the same group as the challenged member and in the manner described in Section IIIB. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public.
6. Within fourteen (14) business days of the composition of the Judicial Board being finalized, it will meet. The timeline may be modified by days the College is closed to the public or if there are any mitigating circumstances.
7. The review by the Judicial Board will include examination of the appeal request, the transcript or record of the original hearing, the original allegation and/or physical evidence, and an appeal hearing.
8. The Chair of the Judicial Board shall limit discussion to only those issues contained in the appeal request. The Judicial Board shall hear any new evidence, new witness(es) and review the new physical evidence. The Judicial Board may call other witnesses, seek other information, or hear any other evidence, and recess and reconvene as it deems necessary.
9. The student shall be entitled to appear at the Judicial Board hearing in person to present their appeal.
10. If the student fails to appear at the hearing, the appeal will be dismissed and the decision at the disciplinary level affirmed.
11. In an appeal hearing before the Judicial Board, both the student and the College have the right to be advised by a non-attorney representative. If the student desires such a representative, but is unable to arrange for the representative, the Judicial Board or the Vice President/Designee, upon request of the student, shall provide the student with a list of five faculty members, from whom the student may choose. The role of the representative is to advise the student. If the student elects to have the assistance of a representative, the representative's role is non-participatory and may not examine or cross-examine witnesses. The Judicial Board may, in its judgment, permit the representative to participate if it determines the student requires assistance (i.e. impairment, language impediment or disability, or other reason).

12. The student shall be permitted to call witnesses who have evidence deemed relevant by the Judicial Board, and shall be accorded an opportunity to question all witnesses who testify at the hearing. Each witness shall be asked to affirm that their testimony will be truthful. The witness will also be informed that knowingly furnishing false information can cause him/her to be subject to charges as stated in the Student Code of Conduct.
13. The hearing will be closed to the public.
14. Formal rules of evidence shall not be applicable in the appeal hearing. The Judicial Board shall admit evidence in its discretion. Without reducing that discretion, the Judicial Board shall give appropriate consideration to concerns of confidentiality and privilege, and shall admit evidence which it believes would be considered by reasonable persons in the conduct of their everyday affairs. Unduly repetitious or irrelevant evidence may be excluded at the discretion of the Judicial Board.

F. Decision By Judicial Board

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1. uphold the disciplinary decision, **or**
2. modify/overturn the decision.

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The complete text of this policy is available in the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, 430A Administrative Services and Conference Center (ASCC, Building L on the main campus) or online under the Student Rights and Responsibilities section of the Student Services drop-down menu.

Alcoholic Beverages and Illegal Drugs

As a public institution, HFC operates under the guidelines of Federal Public Act 101-226, entitled Drug Free Schools and Campuses, which was passed in 1990. This law states that students must be informed of the College's rules and sanctions relative to drugs and must be informed of health risks related to the use of drugs and of counseling assistance available at the College.

College Rules

Use, possession, or distribution of alcoholic beverages and drugs is forbidden on campus. Persons appearing on campus while under the influence of alcoholic beverages, narcotics and other dangerous drugs, except as expressly permitted by law, will be subject to disciplinary and/or legal action.

Possession, consumption, sale, or purchase of any controlled substance which is illegal under state or federal law is prohibited on the campus of HFC.

College Sanctions

Employees found in violation of College, employee performance, conduct policies, state or federal laws are subject to due process action which may include required treatment, education, training, restriction of privileges, a warning, suspension or dismissal.

Students found in violation of College conduct policies or state of federal laws are subject to disciplinary action and may consist of payment of fines, verbal reprimand, restitution of damages, restriction of privileges, disciplinary probation, suspension, dismissal and/or notation on the student's record of dismissal or suspension.

Brochures are available in the Counseling Office located in the Learning Resources Center. Anyone with questions should call 313-845-9611 or 313-845-9612.

Alcohol

Health Effects

Alcohol, the shortened term for ethyl alcohol, is a central nervous system depressant that is absorbed into the blood stream and transmitted to all parts of the body. Moderate doses reduce physical coordination and mental alertness while larger doses of alcohol drastically impair an individual's ability to function, sometimes rendering them unconscious. Long-term drinking can increase the risk of developing liver and heart disease, circulatory and stomach problems, various forms of cancer and causes irreversible brain damage.

Legal Issues and Sanctions

Legal Age

- Persons under 21 caught with alcohol in their car can be charged with a misdemeanor regardless of whether they are driving at the time or parked. That charge can result in a license suspension. The only time a person under 21 may transport alcoholic beverages in a vehicle is if a person over the age of 21 is present.

Legal Limit

- For people of the legal drinking age, the blood alcohol concentration level considered above the limit is anything
- .08 or higher. For persons under 21, that limit is .02. Michigan has a zero tolerance policy for those under the age of 21 who are caught driving while intoxicated. People between the ages 16 to 20 are the least experienced behind the wheel. Statistics show that inexperience combined with alcohol makes males 16 to 20- years-old 18 times more likely to be killed in a car accident than a sober driver of the same age and females 16 to 20-years-old 54 times more likely to be killed.

Zero Tolerance

- For persons under the age of 21 caught purchasing, consuming or possessing alcohol, the first offense is a \$100 fine; the second offense is a \$200 fine and 30-day license suspension; the third offense is a \$500 fine, 60-day license suspension and 305-day restricted license.

For persons under the age of 21 caught driving while intoxicated, the first offense is up to a \$250 fine, the possibility of up to 350 hours of community service, 30-day license suspension, four points off of their driving record and a \$500 driver responsibility fee for two years. If a person is caught in a second underage driving under the influence (DUI) incident within seven years, the fines double and he or she could face up to 93 days in jail.

Students who violate the law are immediately subject to disciplinary action but also may be accountable to the local police department.

Read more: Penalties for Underage Drinking DUI in Michigan: http://www.ehow.com/about_6631168_ DUI-vs_-driving-impaired-michigan.html .

Illicit/Illegal Drugs

Health Risks

Illicit Drugs are controlled substances that possess a high potential for abuse, have no currently accepted medical use in the United States (U.S.) and demonstrate a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision. Controlled substances so defined fall under seven headings: marijuana (marijuana, hashish); stimulants (amphetamines, cocaine); depressants (barbiturates, tranquilizers, hypnotics); hallucinogens (LSD, PCP); opiates or narcotics (heroin, morphine, opium, codeine); inhalants (sprays, solvents, glue); and designer drugs (synthetic drugs similar in effect to stimulants, hallucinogens and narcotics). To be used legally and safely, some of the drugs above must be prescribed by a physician. This list is not comprehensive; there may be substances omitted that are also illegal and fall under the designation of controlled substances.

All drugs, including alcohol, can have side effects. Their influences can affect the safety and well-being of users and their friends. Illicit drugs can interfere with important brain activities including coordination, memory and learning. They increase the risk of lung cancer, destroy liver cells, initiate severe weight loss and may weaken the immune system. Users may also experience abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, rapid heartbeat and irregular breathing. Convulsions, coma and death are also possible. Combining drugs can be fatal.

Federal Law: Sanctions

Federal law prohibits the trafficking of illegal possession of controlled substances as outlined in 21 United States Code, Section 811 and 844. Depending on the amount, first offense maximum penalties for trafficking marijuana range from five years in prison and a fine of \$250,000 to life imprisonment and a fine of \$4 million. Again, depending on the amount, first offense maximum penalties for trafficking class I and II controlled substances (methamphetamine, heroin, cocaine, cocaine base, PCP, LSD, fentanyl analogue) range from five years to life imprisonment and maximum fines ranging from \$2-\$4 million. First offense penalties and sanctions for the illegal possession of a controlled substance ranges from up to one year in prison and a fine of at least \$1,000 but not more than \$250,000 or both.

Financial Aid: Sanctions

Pursuant to 484(r) of the Higher Education Act, a student who has been convicted of any offense under Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance may be determined to be ineligible to receive any Title IV grant, loan or work assistance. The period of ineligibility is determined by the type of conviction as well as whether or not the student was receiving federal student aid at the time of the offense. More information is available at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/eligibility/criminal-convictions>.

Review of 2016-2017 Activities (Biannual Assessment)

The College has few incidents of alcohol and drug use reported or observed annually. During the 2016-2017 academic years, 0 cases were reported involving alcohol/drug use, possession or suspected sale.

The College has a very effective response and referral process, and an annual educational activity. There is no need at this time to modify activities, although additional referral agencies and support resources are always sought to benefit students and employees.

The above document is sent to employees and students at mid-point of each fall and winter semester. Students can register for 15-week, 12-week, or eight-week classes. Sending the email out mid-semester ensures all students receive the email.

The College's Behavioral Intervention Counselor oversees education and support provided to students who are found in non-compliance with laws or policies, or who are suffering from addiction. This counselor specializes in additions and behavioral modification.

To encourage additional students to seek assistance if they or a family member or friend are grappling with substance abuse or addiction, the Behavioral Intervention Counselor conducts an annual program held during Welcome Back Days. This activity is held openly in the Student & Culinary Arts Center (Building M on the main campus) during the first weeks of fall and winter classes. Students receive information about legal and health issues, risks, campus and community resources and support systems. College counselors provide individual counseling upon referral throughout the year.

Drug/Alcohol Abuse Education Programs

Emergency Assistance/Campus Contacts:

On-campus call 9-911

Off-campus call 911

Campus Safety: 313-845-9630

Human Resources: 313-845-9820

Student Affairs: 313-845-9610

Report behavior where suspicion of alcohol or drug use is present:

<https://publicdocs.maxient.com/incidentreport.php?HenryFordCC>

Assistance, Treatment, Support and Community Resources

On Campus Counseling: HFC employs full-time and part-time licensed professional counselors who provide individual counseling, workshops and group sessions to students experiencing personal issues, including those impacted by drug and/or alcohol abuse or addiction. Three counselors have specialized education and training in addiction and alcohol and drug education. Counseling Department: 313-845-9611 or 313-845-9612.

Off Campus Substance Abuse Resources:

- Alcoholic Anonymous 24-hour helpline: 248-332-3521
- Eastwood Clinic (affiliated with St John's Health) 800-626-3896
- Downriver Community Alliance Central: 800-686-6543
- Latino Family Services (Detroit) 1-313-279-3232
- Narcotics Anonymous 24-hour helpline: 248-543-7200
- Oakdale Recovery Center: 734-397-3088
- Psychiatric Intervention Center: 734-721-2000
- Apex Behavioral Health: 313-271-8710
- Employee EAP- HR Benefits Office: 800-847-7240