



SUNY Orange Policy Manual

Policy Number	Policy Title
BP6.13	Drug-Free College

Under the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, Orange County Community College is committed to providing each of its students a drug-free environment in which to attend classes and study. From a safety perspective, the users of drugs or alcohol may impair the well-being of students, interfere with the College educational environment, and result in damage to College property.

Therefore, it is the policy of Orange County Community College that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of narcotics, drugs, other controlled substances or alcohol is prohibited in any college building or on any College premises; in any College-owned vehicle or in any other College-approved vehicle used to transport students to and from the College or College activities; and off College property at any College-sponsored or College-approved activity, event or function, such as a field trip or athletic event, where students are under the jurisdiction of the College.

No student shall distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any alcoholic beverage, malt beverage or fortified wine or other intoxicating liquor or unlawfully manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, use or be under the influence of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drug, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, anabolic steroid or any other “controlled substance” before, during or after school hours on College premises, at any other College location or at any College-sponsored event.

“Controlled substance” means any drug listed in Title 21 of the United States Code and other federal regulations, as well as those listed in Chapter 90 of the New York General Statutes. Generally, these are drugs which have a high potential for abuse and include “legal drugs” which are not prescribed by a licensed physician is not a violation of policy; however, individuals shall be held strictly accountable for their behavior while under the influence of prescribed drugs.

Orange County Community College does not differentiate between drug users, drug pushers, or sellers. Any student who possesses, uses, sells, gives, or in any way transfers a controlled substance or manufactures a controlled substance while on college premises or as part of any college-sponsored activity will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion and referral for prosecution.

A student who violates the terms of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Standards of Student Conduct and the Student Discipline and Appeals Procedure. At his or her discretion, the Vice President of Student Services may require any student who violates the terms of this policy to satisfactorily participate in a drug abuse rehabilitation program or an alcoholic rehabilitation program sponsored by an approved private or governmental institution as a precondition of continued enrollment at the college.

Each student is required to inform the college, in writing, within five (5) days after he or she is convicted for violation of any federal, state, or local criminal drug statute or alcoholic beverage control statute where such violation occurred while on college premises or as part of any college-sponsored activity.

The Board of Trustees directs the President to develop such procedures as to fairly implement this policy.