

**South Piedmont Community College**  
**Biennial Review of the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA)**  
**FY 2018-2020**

South Piedmont Community College complies with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (Public Law 101-226) and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Regulations. These regulations “require that, as a condition of receiving funds or any other form of financial assistance under any federal program, an institution of higher education (IHE) must certify that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees while on college premises or as part of any college-sponsored activities.” For employee information the South Piedmont Community College’s Policies and Procedures Manual contains Policy 6.06 Drug and Alcohol Policy. For student information the South Piedmont Community College Student Handbook includes 6.06 Drug and Alcohol Policy and the Student Code of Conduct. The Consumer Information Page and can be found on the South Piedmont Community College’s website which offers this information to students, employees, and guests. In addition, South Piedmont Community College’s Office of Student Life provides activities related to Alcohol and Drug Awareness.

South Piedmont provides programs, services, activities, and resources which are intended to educate and prevent alcohol and drug abuse. These are reviewed and revised as needed on an ongoing basis. This biennial review is intended to meet the requirements of the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act for fiscal years 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

**Standards of Conduct**

The college supports a safe and productive educational environment and prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or alcohol which presents a hazard to students and employees. Any employee or student violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination/expulsion and referral for prosecution. Employees violating this policy will be brought before South Piedmont’s Office of Human Resources. Students violating this policy will be brought before the Student Code of Behavioral Conduct within the Academic and Student Affairs Division and will follow procedures through this code.

**Applicable legal sanctions under federal, state, or local law**

Various federal, state, and local statutes make it unlawful to manufacture, distribute, dispense, deliver, or sell controlled substances. The penalty imposed depends upon many factors which include the type and amount of controlled substance involved, the number of prior offenses (if any), whether death or serious bodily injury resulted from the use of such substance, and whether any other crimes were committed in connection with the use of the controlled substance.

Under federal and North Carolina state laws, illegal drug and alcohol use, possession, and distribution activities carry criminal penalties.

The [North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 18: Regulation of Alcoholic Beverages Article 3](#) provides comprehensive rules and [penalties](#) for the sale, possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages. The

State of North Carolina also administers the [NC Controlled Substances Act](#) which lists controlled substances and describes violations and penalties associated with controlled substances. These are also specific statues and penalties involved with [driving while impaired](#). South Piedmont is also a Smoking/Tobacco-Free Campus.

Federal illicit drug laws prohibit the use, possession, distribution, manufacture or dispensation of controlled substances.

- U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency: <http://www.justice.gov/dea/>
- Controlled Substances Act: [U.S. Department of Justice](#)

### Health Risks

Specific serious health risks are associated with the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. Some major risks are listed below:

**Alcohol and Other Depressants (barbiturates, sedatives, and tranquilizers)**—Addiction, accidents as a result of impaired ability and judgment, alcohol poisoning, overdose when used with other depressants, damage to a developing fetus, heart and liver damage.

**Marijuana**—Impaired short-term memory, thinking, and physical coordination. Can cause panic reaction and increase the risk of lung cancer and emphysema. Can interfere with judgment, attention span, concentration, and overall intellectual performance. Impairs driving ability. May cause psychological dependence and comprise the immune system.

**Cocaine**—Addiction, cardiovascular system damage including heart attack, brain damage, seizures, lung damage, severe depression, paranoia, psychosis. Similar risks are associated with other stimulants, such as speed and uppers.

**Inhalants**—Inhalants are a diverse group of chemicals that easily evaporate and can cause intoxication when their vapors are inhaled. Most inhalants are central nervous system depressants. Use of these drugs slows down many body functions. High doses can cause severe breathing failure and sudden death. Chronic abuse of some of these chemicals can lead to irreversible liver damage and other health problems.

**Nicotine**—Tobacco smoke contains thousands of chemical compounds, many of which are known to cause cancer. Nicotine, which is a central nervous system stimulant, produces an increase in heart and respiration rates, blood pressure, adrenaline production and metabolism. People can rapidly become physically and psychologically dependent on tobacco. It also compromises the immune system.

**Prescription Drug Abuse**—Adverse reactions, dependency, withdrawal, and overdose.

### Available Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Programs

Because of the serious problems which can arise from alcohol and drug use and abuse, information concerning drug and alcohol counseling, treatment and rehabilitation programs is available from Human Resources for employees and from any counselor in Student Affairs for students. Students who seek counseling or medical assistance on campus as a result of alcohol or drug use and abuse can do so with

the assurance that strict counseling confidentiality will be observed. No campus disciplinary action will result from information disclosed within the bounds of counseling.

Following is a list of local area alcohol and drug treatment centers as well as additional resources. South Piedmont Community College does not endorse any treatment providers, nor does the college provide financial support for the students' treatment programs.

### **List of Drug and Alcohol Programs**

#### **Local Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Resources:**

- Daymark Recovery Services-Monroe Crisis, Rehabilitation Center, 1408 E. Franklin Street, Monroe, NC 704-635-2080 or [www.daymarkrecovery.org](http://www.daymarkrecovery.org)
- Daymark Recovery Services Union Center, 1190 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Monroe, NC 704-296-6200 or [www.daymarkrecovery.org/locations/union-center](http://www.daymarkrecovery.org/locations/union-center)
- Sandhills Behavioral Center Inc., Wadesboro, NC 704-694-4915 or [www.sandhillsbc.com](http://www.sandhillsbc.com)

#### **Additional Resources**

- Alcoholics Anonymous: <http://www.alcohol-anonymous.org>
- Narcotics Anonymous: <http://na.org>
- Al-Anon: <http://www.al-anon.org>
- National Institute on Drug Abuse: [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov)
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP) through McLaughlin Young: 1-800-633-3353
- Student Assistance Program (SAP) through McLaughlin Young: 1-800-633-3353