

RVU Biennial Review of Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program – June 2022

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations (345 CFR Part 86) of the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA) require an institution of higher education (IHE) such as Rocky Vista University (RVU) certify implemented programs to prevent the abuse of alcohol and use or distribution of illicit drugs both by RVU students and employees both on its premises and as a part of any of its activities. At a minimum each institution of higher education must annually distribute the following in writing to all students and employees:

- Standards of conduct that clearly prohibit the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees;
- A description of the legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol;
- A description of any drug or alcohol counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or reentry programs that are available to employees or student; and
- A clear statement that the institution will impose sanctions on students and employees 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.

The law further requires that the institution conduct a biennial review of its program with the following objectives:

- Determining the effectiveness of the policy and implementing changes to the alcohol and other drug programs if they are needed; and
- To ensure that the sanctions developed are enforced consistently.

The biennial review must also include determinations as to:

- The number of drug –and alcohol-related violations and fatalities occurring on the campus or as part of their activities that are reported to campus officials;
- The number and type of sanctions the IHE's impose on students or employees as a result of such violations and fatalities.

RVU acknowledges its legal obligation to conduct a biennial review of compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and authorized an administrative review to be conducted to determine if the college is fulfilling the requirements of the previously mentioned Federal Regulations. In addition, RVU uses the Part 86, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations Compliance Checklist, and it follows this review.

Incident Reports for Students and Staff AY 2020-21 and 2021-22

YEAR	INCIDENTS IN WORKPLACE (EMPLOYEES)	INCIDENTS ON CAMPUS (STUDENTS)	OUTCOME
2020-21	0	0	N/A
2021-22	0	0	N/A

RVU DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT POLICY

The Policy Notice is sent annually to all students and employees in accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989.

RVU complies with all federal and state regulations pertaining to the abuse of alcohol and drugs, including the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989. Accordingly, RVU requires all employees, and all students (regardless of the length of the student's program of study), to be aware of and comply with the following:

Standards of Conduct:

RVU prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of drugs and alcohol by students and employees on RVU's property or as part of RVU's programs and activities. RVU also prohibits any individual from being under the influence of any alcohol or drugs (regardless of whether the use is lawful) while on campus or while participating in any of RVU's programs or activities.

Sanctions:

RVU will impose sanctions on students and employees who violate the Standards of Conduct set forth in the Policy. Students and employees who are found responsible for violating the Standards of Conduct will be subject to sanctions up to and including dismissal from enrollment at RVU, termination of employment, and/or referral for prosecution. Sanctions may also include the completion of an appropriate rehabilitation program. For more information regarding local and state criminal prosecution for the unlawful possession or distribution of alcohol and illicit drugs and the criminal penalties related thereto, please see the States of Colorado and Utah penalties listed on the annual notifications at: <https://www.rvu.edu/about/title-ix/> For more information regarding legal sanction for violations of federal law, please see <https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr/21usc/> and <https://www.dea.gov/druginfo/factsheets.shtml>.

Prevention and Resources:

For information regarding alcohol and drug abuse prevention and other resources, please visit:

- Prevention: <https://www.samhsa.gov/about-us/strategic-initiatives>
- Resources: http://www.bhddh.ri.gov/sections/link_and_resource.php
- Alcohol Fact Sheets: <https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/fact-sheets/alcohol-use.htm>
- Drug Fact Sheet: <https://www.dea.gov/druginfo/factsheets.shtml>

Health Risks:

The abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs can cause physical and mental injury, and some injury may be severe enough to cause death. The abuse of alcohol and illicit drugs can also negatively impact the body in many ways, including, but not limited to, creating an increased risk of cancer, cardiovascular disease, liver and kidney failure, hypertension, depression, immune and reproductive functions, and many other health problems.

*Please see the attached Part 86, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations Compliance Checklist

Appendix 2

PART 86 COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

Part 86, Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations Compliance Checklist

1. Does the institution maintain a copy of its drug prevention program? Yes No
If yes, where is it located? _____

2. Does the institution provide *annually to each employee and each student*, who is taking one or more classes for any type of academic credit except for continuing education units, written materials that adequately describe and contain the following?
 - a. Standards of conduct that prohibit unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol on its property or as a part of its activities
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No
 - b. A description of the health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No
 - c. A description of applicable legal sanctions under local, state, or federal law
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No
 - d. A description of applicable counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation or re-entry programs
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No
 - e. A clear statement of the disciplinary sanctions the institution will impose on students and employees, and a description of those sanctions
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No

3. Are the above materials distributed to students in one of the following ways?
 - a. Mailed to each student (separately or included in another mailing)
Yes No
 - b. Through campus post offices boxes
Yes No
 - c. Class schedules which are mailed to each student
Yes No
 - d. During freshman orientation
Yes No
 - e. During new student orientation
Yes No

f. In another manner (*describe*) _____

4. Does the means of distribution provide reasonable assurance that each student receives the materials annually?
Yes No

5. Does the institution's distribution plan make provisions for providing these materials to students who enroll at some date after the initial distribution? Yes No

6. Are the above materials distributed to staff and faculty in one of the following ways?

a. Mailed
Staff: Yes No Faculty: Yes No

b. Through campus post office boxes
Staff: Yes No Faculty: Yes No

c. During new employee orientation
Staff: Yes No Faculty: Yes No

d. In another manner (*describe*) _____

7. Does the means of distribution provide reasonable assurance that each staff and faculty member receives the materials annually?

Staff: Yes No Faculty: Yes No

8. Does the institution's distribution plan make provisions for providing these materials to staff and faculty who are hired after the initial distribution?

Staff: Yes No Faculty: Yes No

9. In what ways does the institution conduct biennial reviews of its drug prevention program to determine effectiveness, implement necessary changes, and ensure that disciplinary sanctions are enforced?

a. Conduct student alcohol and drug use survey
Yes No

b. Conduct opinion survey of its students, staff, and faculty
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No

c. Evaluate comments obtained from a suggestion box
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No

d. Conduct focus groups
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No

e. Conduct intercept interviews
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No

not necessary, as no drug or alcohol abuse reports have been made over the last two years

f. Assess effectiveness of documented mandatory drug treatment referrals for students and employees
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No

g. Assess effectiveness of documented cases of disciplinary sanctions imposed on students and employees
Students: Yes No Staff and Faculty: Yes No

h. Other (*please list*)

10. Who is responsible for conducting these biennial reviews?

11. If requested, has the institution made available, to the Secretary and the public, a copy of each requested item in the drug prevention program and the results of the biennial review? Yes No

Has not been requested

12. Where is the biennial review documentation located?

Name _____

Title _____

Department _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

13. Comments
