

Victor Valley College



Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Report

Academic Years 2023-2024

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I. Introduction

The Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act requires higher education institutions receiving federal funding to implement a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program for its campus community. More importantly, Victor Valley College (VVC) is required to notify their campus community annually regarding the results of its prevention and education programs, the resources utilized to achieve success in the programs, as well as the policies established to ensure compliance per law.

II. Objective of the Annual Review

In the United States Department of Education report, it states that the objective of the annual review is to determine the effectiveness of the college's drug and alcohol programs, and to ensure that the disciplinary sanctions for violating the standards of conduct are enforced consistently during each fiscal year.

III. Annual Review Process

This annual report covers the time period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The data and program information have been collected from the various VVC departments responsible for capturing and reporting data for this report. The annual review process began during the end of the Summer semester and completed in Spring 2025. The report is reviewed and approved by the Drug Free School Committee and submitted to the college's Superintendent for approval prior to the submittal to the Department of Education.

IV. Campus Alcohol and Other Drug Programs and Services

In a cooperative effort, the following departments have focused efforts to implement programs to promote a healthy environment for the college community and enforce regulations for prevention of alcohol and drug abuse:

- Campus Police
- Student Services
- Human Resources

Campus Police

Campus Police Officers enforce all unlawful drugs and from the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in all facilities under the control and use of the District.

Any student or employee who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action consistent with local, state, or federal law, which may include referral to an appropriate rehabilitation program, suspension, demotion, expulsion or dismissal.

Student Services

The Student Services Division understands that college students are sometimes faced with

important decisions about their use of alcohol and other substances. Students that violate the Student Code of Conduct regarding drugs and alcohol, may be disciplined and required to complete a free/low cost drug and alcohol counseling program, or a program through their private insurance. The overall mission is to provide students with counseling services, rehabilitation, substance abuse awareness and education.

Human Resources

Victor Valley Human Resources Department is committed to providing employees with the information and resources needed to be successful in their jobs. VVC is concerned about the health and welfare of our faculty and staff. In compliance with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the college has partnered with Health Advocate/Employee Assistance Programs to provide assessments, short-term counseling, referrals, prevention, and education services for employees and their dependents.

V. Procedures for Distributing Written Annual Notification

Student Notifications

Students are made aware of VVC's alcohol and drug abuse policy, including standards of conduct, health risks and discipline for engaging in illegal substance abuse on campus and at campus sponsored activities. In addition, students are provided links to system policies, regulations, administrative procedures and additional information or resources available to support their needs and decision-making process. Notification is also provided in the new student orientation.

Faculty and Staff Notifications

Faculty and staff are made aware of VVC's alcohol and drug abuse policy including standards of conduct, health risks and discipline for engaging in illegal substance abuse on campus and at campus sponsored activities. In addition, during new employee onboarding, faculty and staff are provided links to system policies and regulations, rules and administrative procedures, and any additional information or resources available to support their needs and decision-making process.

Violations, Sanctions and Enforcement

A student or employee found responsible for non-compliance with the VVC alcohol or other drug policies and procedures or the laws of the State of California is subject to sanctions. A non-compliant student or employee who has committed a violation of system and Community College requirements is subject to sanctions commensurate with the offenses and any aggravating and mitigating circumstances.

Disciplinary action in cases involving drug related violations by students may result in suspension, dismissal or expulsion from the College. Cases involving employees will result in disciplinary sanctions up to and including termination. Severity of sanctions will depend upon the nature and seriousness of each case.

Violations of any state or federal law pertaining to controlled substances which occur off campus and are not associated with a college-connected activity may also result in disciplinary actions. College disciplinary proceedings will be in accordance with the procedures outlined in the student handbook and college rules and/or administrative procedures. Any disciplinary action imposed by the college may precede and be in addition to any penalty imposed by authorities off campus.

Student Sanction Statistics

The Office of Student Conduct is responsible for administering the college's student disciplinary process. The Office of Student Conduct utilizes, a centralized reporting and record maintenance program for logging student conduct-related offenses and sanctions. Students found in violation of the college's regulations pertaining to alcohol and drugs may be assessed a variety of sanctions and are sometimes referred to Student Counseling Services as part of the disciplinary referral process. The following tables illustrate the totals for alcohol and drug violations and the sanctions that were assessed for the 2023-2024. Please note that some students may have been found responsible for both alcohol and drug violations in the same incident, which would be reflected in both tables for the respective academic year.

VI. Program Effectiveness and Assessments

Victor Valley College hosts programs which are made available to currently enrolled students. These support programs include the THRIVE Resource Center (basic needs), THRIVE Mental Health, The Village (support program for students experiencing homelessness), and NextUp (support program for current/former foster youth). The THRIVE Resource Center provides information to connect students to onsite and offsite resources such as food, housing, clothing, utility assistance, mental health services, and other necessities. THRIVE Mental Health offers counseling (individual, group, couples, and family), group sessions, workshops, and events to support the wellbeing of VVC students. The student population is supported with Behavioral Intervention/Counseling held on Mondays, Wednesday and alternating Fridays in Building 44.

Student success is our success and Victor Valley College is not immune to the many barriers and challenges that students face as they matriculate. We realize our student success rate is dependent on our ability to help foster a safe and judgement free environment conducive to academic and vocational learning. Over the years we have added to our college website informational resources for wellbeing, technology, parenting and transportation.

Additionally, we believe that a student's academic success is directly linked to the ability to meet their basic needs. Due to the rising number of college students who may face food insecurity, nutrition is also made available daily, free of charge, through the THRIVE Care Corner as well as a weekly food distribution where students can pick up free groceries. In addition, students can access hygiene items, food bundles, and school supplies at no additional cost.

VII. Annual Review Recommendations

Victor Valley College currently offers services to meet the needs of Victor Valley College Family which consists of students, faculty, and staff. We focus on early intervention, education, and referral processes. The services and programs are as follows:

- Drop in Counseling
- Support Resources
- Workshops
- Student Referral Programs

For the next Annual Report, it is recommended that the Drug Free Enforcement Act Committee collaborate with the Director of Basic Needs to attain additional information for each program. The efficacy and quantity of program services distributed should be documented and reported for transparency and reflection on how to stay consistent with meeting the needs of our students.

More importantly, when students attend in-person orientation with the Student Services Department, it is recommended the students will receive information regarding the Drug Free School Communities Act and be provided with information on how to access support and assistance. The Drug Free Enforcement Act Committee requests the Student Services Department to report the term (season /year) and quantity of students who attend so that transparency and continuous growth is made on disseminating information to students.

All recommendations are subject to the Board of Trustees Approval.

VIII. Appendix

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs Available to Students and Employees

- Health Advocate/Employee Assistance Program (EAP)
healthadvocate.com/members
1-866-799-2655
- Higher Ed Centers (Drug and Alcohol Rehab Centers) 1-877-872-0540,
<https://www.higheredcenter.org/rehab/Victorville-CA/>
- SB County Department of Behavioral Health 800-968-2636,
<https://wp.sbcounty.gov/dbh/sudrs/>
- Top Alcohol & Drug Rehab Centers in Victorville, CA
<https://www.addictions.com/rehabs/california/victorville/>
- Victor Community Support Services, Inc. 760-243-5417
- VVC Drug & Alcohol Abuse Resources Web Page
<https://www.addictions.com/rehabs/california/victorville/>

During the 2023-2024 academic year, there were a total of (1) alcohol and (0) drug violations processed by the Office of Student Conduct.

Alcohol Violations- On Campus

Sanction	2022	2023	2024
Expulsion	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0
Counseling	0	0	1

Drug Violations- On Campus

Sanction	2022	2023	2024
Expulsion	0	0	0
Suspension	0	0	0
Counseling	0	0	0

Disciplinary Actions- On Campus

Criminal Offense	2022	2023	2024
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	1
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0
Liquor Abuse Violations	0	0	0

Disciplinary Actions- Non-Campus

Criminal Offense	2022	2023	2024
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0
Liquor Abuse Violations	0	0	0

Disciplinary Actions – Public Property

Criminal Offense	2022	2023	2024
Weapons: Carrying, Possessing, etc.	0	0	0
Drug Abuse Violations	0	0	0