

Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking on Campus

Drug-Free Environment

The district is committed to providing its employees, students, student workers, and volunteers with a drug free workplace and campus environment. It emphasizes prevention and intervention through education.

Health Services provides confidential mental health counseling for students who have questions or concerns about their use of alcohol or use of other substances, referral to community resources such as alcohol and drug treatment, as well as smoking-cessation information and referral.

Prohibition of Drugs and Alcohol

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of alcohol or any controlled substance is prohibited on district property, during district-sponsored field trips, activities or workshops, and in any facility or vehicle operated by the district, except as permitted in Administrative Procedure 3560, Alcoholic Beverages.

Violation of this prohibition will result in appropriate action up to and including termination of employment, student conduct processes, and referral for prosecution, or, as permitted by law, may require satisfactory participation in an alcohol- or drug-abuse-assistance or rehabilitation program.

As a condition of employment, employees must notify the district within ten (10) calendar days of any conviction for violating a criminal drug statute while in the workplace. The district is required to inform any agencies that require this drug-free policy within ten (10) calendar days after receiving notice of a workplace drug conviction.

Smoking on Campus

MiraCosta College is a tobacco/smoke/vapor-free institution. Smoking or the use of any tobacco product is prohibited at all campus sites. Students, employees, and visitors to the campuses of MiraCosta College are permitted to use tobacco products and/or vapor-producing implements in their personal vehicles only. Because MiraCosta College is committed to providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment for all students, faculty, employees and visitors, smoking or the use of any tobacco product is prohibited at all campus sites. The use of electronic cigarettes or other vapor-producing implements is also prohibited.

(Sources: MCCD Board Policy/Administrative Procedure 3550; MCCD Board Policy/Administrative Procedure 3560; MCCD Board Policy/Administrative Procedure 3570. All MiraCosta College board policies and administrative procedures are located on the Board of Trustees webpage (<https://www.miracosta.edu/office-of-the-president/board-of-trustees/board-policies-and-administrative-procedures.html>)).