



Michigan Technological University

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**Biennial Review
2022 - 2024**

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Executive Summary

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations (DFSCR) require institutions of higher education to review their Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) programs and policies every two years. This report explores the strengths, areas where improvements were made, and opportunities that have been identified during the biennial review reporting period for academic years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

During the review period, the President's Council on Health, Wellness, and Mindfulness (President's Council) was charged with conducting the biennial review. The committee reviewed the education and prevention programs offered, the Vector overview, and the annual distribution of the AOD policy. To further support this report and the charge of the committee, information was requested from the Office of Academic and Community Conduct, Human Resources, Residence Education, and Housing Services, Michigan Tech Athletics, the Center for Student Mental Health and Well-being, and The Waino Wahtera Center for Student Success (Orientation Programming).

The Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations require Institutions of Higher Education to review their Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) programs and policies every two years. This report describes Michigan Tech's biennial review of its AOD programs and policies from academic year 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

The review has three objectives: to determine the effectiveness of the AOD programming, to implement any needed changes to the AOD programming, and to ensure that the disciplinary sanctions for violating standards of conduct are enforced consistently and fairly.

Offices Responsible for Biennial Review

Under the direction of the Vice President of Student Affairs, the Assistant Dean of Community Conduct, Laura Putwen, MA, BSW, is the Chair of the Presidents Council for Health and Well-Being. The Co-Chair is the Student Wellness and Engagement Coordinator, Em Humes. It is the responsibility of the Chair and Co-Chair to compile and write the review in coordination with additional campus stakeholders to meet the review of the following:

- Current policies pertaining to alcohol and other drugs for students.
- Current policies pertaining to alcohol and other drugs for employees.
- Notification sent to students regarding the standards of conduct, policies, laws, health risks, consequences, and resources in relation to alcohol and other drugs.
- Educational programming in place regarding alcohol and other drugs directed towards students.
- Data from the Office of Academic and Community Conduct in regards to disciplinary actions related to alcohol and other drugs.

Annual Notification and Policies Related to Alcohol and Drug Use

Annually in the fall semester, students are provided via their University email the University's statement in support of the Drug-Free Schools and Community Act sent from the Vice President of Student Affairs and/or Dean of Students. Additionally, the notification is available on the University's website. The annual notification includes:

- [Board of Trustee Policy 12.4 - Alcoholic Beverages](#),
- [University Policy 7.01 Abuse of Alcohol and Other Drugs by Students and Student Organizations](#),
- [Student Code of Community Conduct](#),
- [Registered Student Organization Standards of Conduct](#).
- [Notification to Michigan Tech Employees Regarding University Alcohol and Other Drugs Policies](#)
- [Notification to Students Regarding University Alcohol and Other Drug Policy](#)

Other Relevant University Policies

[Drug-Free Workplace](#)

[Good Samaritan Provision](#)

[Healthy Campus, Tobacco Free, Smoke Free, Vapor Free Tech](#)

[Living Guide - Alcohol and Other Drugs](#)

[Living Guide - Tobacco Free](#)

[Michigan Tech Athletic Drug Testing Policy](#)

Alcohol and Other Drugs Programming Summary

Throughout the academic year, departments within Student Affairs plan programming which may focus on alcohol and other drug education. Additionally, many programs are planned throughout the academic year to be alternative programs to students to attend rather than participating in substance use. In this section, we will focus on the intentional alcohol and drug educational programming.

Academic and Community Conduct:

- Collaborate with Orientation to present alcohol and other drug policies and procedures to all First Year Students.
- Collaborate with Title IX and Public Safety and Police Services to promote the Good Samaritan Provision
- Present to new member educators for Greek life about their new member process not involving hazing, alcohol, or drugs
- Present to new members for Greek life about safety regarding hazing, alcohol, and other drugs
- Present to athletic teams individually regarding policies

Athletics:

- Supported two student athletes in attending the Apple Training Institute, equipping them with valuable education in promoting student wellness and substance use prevention.
- Provided educational presentations to student athletes focused on safe substance use and effects of said use on athletic performance.
- Surveyed all student athletes annually about attitudes towards and reported usage of substances.

Center for Student Mental Health and Well-being:

- Supported and marketed DEA Prescription Drug Takeback Day in collaboration with Public Safety
- Provided AOD educational presentations on an as needed basis, allowing student groups and departments to make requests through our webpage.
- Actively engaged with students about AOD related issues through our social media accounts and posted educational content throughout the academic year.
- Offered a Reduce Your Use support group to provide additional support to students struggling with substance use problems.
- Collaborate with orientation, Public Safety and Title IX to present on alcohol and drug related policies and procedures as well as campus resources to incoming freshman class.

Residential Living:

- Neighborhood meetings held for all residential students to discuss departmental alcohol and drug policies, as well as review Good Samaritan.
- The Wadsworth Hall Student Association (WWSA) hosts an Alcohol/Drug free program, late night karaoke/open mic, Coffee House, one Friday per month from 10pm-midnight during the academic year in the Wads Dining Hall
- During orientation week, residence life holds two events that provide alternative programming - McNair Fair, an outdoor dance party held from 9pm-11pm, and WWSA Vegas Night, held from 9pm-midnight.
- Bulletin boards done by all Resident Assistants on safe alcohol usage or safe sex are created with residence assistant support during week 7.

Student Leadership and Involvement:

- Greek New Member Orientation (4 times a year)
- Greek Leadership Roundtable (2 times a year)
- RSO Officer Training (2 times a year in addition to any RSO officer transition)
- Greek Leadership Retreat (1 time a year)
- IFC speaker for Beers Aren't Bad (1 time a year)

President's Council for Well-being:

- Mocktails opportunities for Winter Carnival
- Create winter carnival posters
- Assist in writing of safety message

Summary of State and Federal Laws

The following list includes some relevant state and federal laws relating to the possession, consumption, and sale of alcoholic beverages. This summary is intended to be an educational tool only, not legal advice.

A. Laws Relating to Use of Alcohol

All federal, state, and local laws governing alcohol use are applied to all activities at Michigan Tech. These summaries are an educational tool and other provisions not included may also apply.

1. **Legal Age for Possession and Consumption of Alcohol**-it is illegal for a person under 21 years of age to purchase, consume, or possess alcoholic beverages.
2. **Transporting Alcoholic Beverages**-It is a misdemeanor for a person under 21 years of age to knowingly transport alcoholic beverages in a motor vehicle.
3. **Fraudulent Identification**-A person under 21 years of age who furnishes fraudulent identification, or who uses fraudulent identification to purchase alcoholic beverages is guilty of a misdemeanor.
4. **Regulation of Sale**-Under Michigan Law, the sale, trade, or giving away of alcoholic beverages, including alcoholic beverages for personal use, requires a license or other prior written authorization.
5. **Open Container Laws**-It is illegal to transport or possess any alcoholic beverages in a container that is open, uncapped, or upon which the seal is broken within a motor vehicle on the highways in the state of Michigan.
6. **City Ordinances**-The Cities of Houghton and Hancock prohibit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on any public streets or sidewalks, in parks, or in any other public places.
7. **Liability**-In the state of Michigan, a person who is injured by a visibly intoxicated person, who has been furnished alcohol unlawfully, has the right of action.
8. **Drinking and Driving**-Michigan has a “zero-tolerance” law permitting no blood alcohol for drivers less than 21 years of age.
9. **Alcohol and Sexual Assault**-Engaging in sexual activity with a person who is unable to consent is considered sexual assault and is punishable under Michigan law.
10. **Disorderly Conduct** - In the state of Michigan, a person who is intoxicated in a public place and who is a danger to themselves or others is defined as a disorderly person.

B. Laws Regarding Controlled Substances

Under Michigan and federal law, it is unlawful for any person to manufacture, deliver, possess, use, or inhale any chemical or controlled substance, unless authorized.

Controlled substances are determined by the federal government. Certain drugs are categorized according to Schedules, which depend on the drug's known or potential medical value, its potential for physical or psychological dependence, and its risk, if any, to public health.

The penalty for the illegal possession, use, sale, or delivery of controlled substances depends on the quantity of the drug, and to which Schedule it belongs, Schedule I drugs carrying the most severe penalty, and Schedule V drugs carrying the least severe penalty. If the sale or transport of drugs crosses interstate lines, federal law and penalties will apply. Federal drug trafficking penalties can be found at https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/drug_of_abuse.pdf#page=30

Available Resource

Department of Public Safety and Police Services

Emergency? Dial 911

206 MacInnes Drive (Widmaier House)

(906)487-2216

<http://www.mtu.edu/publicsafety/>

Anonymous, online tip form: www.mtu.edu/tips

Anonymous phone tip line: 487-0TIP (487-0847)

The Center for Student Mental Health and Well-being

(906)487-2538

<http://www.mtu.edu/counseling/>

Office of Academic and Community Conduct

(906)487-2951

<http://www.mtu.edu/conduct/>

The Office of Student Leadership and Involvement

(906)487-1963

<https://www.mtu.edu/student-leadership/>

Dean of Students Office

(906)487-2212

<http://www.mtu.edu/deanofstudents/>

Residential Living

(906)487-2682

<http://www.mtu.edu/housing/>

Copper Shores Community Support & Outreach

Sexual Assault Hotline: 1(906)482-5797

<https://www.coppershores.org/>

TELUS Health

Call.Chat. Anytime. Anywhere: 1(877)376-7896

Upper Great Lakes Family Health Center-University Center

600 Macinnes Drive Houghton, MI 49931

(906)483-1860

<https://uglhealth.org/houghton-family-health-center/>

Office of Equal Opportunity Compliance and Title IX

308 Administration Building

(906)487-3310

<http://www.mtu.edu/equity/>

Title IX

Contact Abbi Halkola, titleix@mtu.edu, Title IX Coordinator

Campus Analytics

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Charge	Number of Cases	Responsible	Dismissed/Not Responsible	Conduct Intervention	Good Samaritan Provision
Alcohol - Man, Sale, Distribution	5	2	1	1	1
Alcohol - Poss and/or Use	61	27	21	9	4
Alcohol - Intoxication	3	3	-	-	-
Alcohol - Violating Code	6	-	6	-	-
Drugs - Poss and/or Use	21	7	7	5	2

January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Charge	Number of Cases	Responsible	Dismissed/Not Responsible	Conduct Intervention	Good Samaritan Provision
Alcohol - Man, Sale, Distribution	4	2	-	2	-
Alcohol - Poss and/or Use	41	13	7	12	9
Alcohol - Intoxication	7	5	-	1	1

Drugs Poss and/or Use	23	9	-	12	-
Drugs - Causing Involuntary Use	1	-	-	1	-
Drugs - Man, Sale, Distribution	1 (NO FINDING)	-	-	-	-

- One case has multiple drug charges but case was not completed prior to student leaving campus

January 1, 2024 - October 1, 2024

Charge	Number of Cases	Responsible	Dismissed/Not Responsible	Conduct Intervention	Good Samaritan Provision
Alcohol - Causing Involuntary Use	1	-	-	1	-
Alcohol - Man, Sale, Distribution	2	1	1	-	-
Alcohol - Poss and/or Use	39	23	5	6	5
Alcohol - Intoxication	8	4	-	1	3
Drugs Poss and/or Use	10	1	8	1	-
Drugs - Causing Involuntary Use	1	-	-	1	-
Drugs - Man, Sale, Distribution	2	-	1	-	-

SWOT Analysis

Strengths:

- Campus wide alcohol and other drug education
- Targeted engagement and departmental education
- Clear policies
- Departmental buy-in for educational opportunities (Residential Living, Athletics, Orientation)
- Commitment to student support (Center for Student Mental Health and Wellbeing)
- Commitment to employee support (Employee Assistance Program)

Weaknesses:

- Resources to complete assessment
- Quality assessments

- High engagement from students
- Lack of reported data from students regarding drug use other than marijuana prevents staff from planning targeted outreach efforts and education

Opportunities:

- Apply for an AOD outreach funding through Jamie Daniels Foundation and determine viability of a collegiate recovery program
- Continue to improve presentation materials with a shift towards activity based learning
- Continued collaboration with community and promotion of community resources and data exploration
- Continue to promote, review and revise the PAWS program based on campus assessment and demand
- Develop AOD related programming

Threats/Challenges:

- Student attendance and engagement
- Student completion of assessments
- Quality of assessments
- Cost of vendor for AOD online training

Recommendations

- Continue to collaborate with campus constituents that are already incorporating alcohol and other drug education into their communities within their programs/events/education to assist with a consistent message.
- Implement and prioritize assessment of alcohol and other drug education, programming, and sanctions.
- Evaluate the President's Counsel for Wellbeing and its structure to better serve the campus community, its goals, and purpose.
- Improve intentional activity based learning beyond presentations.

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President's Certification

Copies of this report are available in the President's Office, the Provost's Office, and the Dean of Students Office. Hard copies of the report are available for up to 10 years. To request a copy of a Biennial Review, please contact the Center for Student Mental Health and Well-being at (well-being@mtu.edu).

I have reviewed the foregoing 2022-2024 Biennial Review.

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12/16/24

 Date