

# ASU System Policy

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**Subject: Alcohol**

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## **1. Purpose**

The Arkansas State University System seeks to maintain an educational and working environment free from the influence of alcohol.

## **2. Arkansas State University System Alcohol Policy**

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of alcoholic beverages on any property owned or maintained by the Arkansas State University System or as a part of a campus activity is strictly prohibited. Possession of any alcoholic beverages in residence halls, educational facilities, or recreational facilities is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the chancellor for special events only and confirmed by written agreement setting out the terms controlling the use of university property for the special event. Under no circumstance shall any student or student group be authorized to possess alcoholic beverages in any residence hall, educational facility, or recreational facility. The sole exception to student possession of alcohol as set out above shall be for students of lawful age who attend a special event authorized by the chancellor. This policy is adopted to comply with all current laws and regulations relating to the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug-Free Workplace Act.

## **3. Process**

- A. Employees and students are encouraged to attend events which occur on campuses periodically designed to make the campus community aware of the dangers of alcohol abuse.
- B. Employees who believe that they need alcohol counseling or rehabilitation are urged to contact an Employee Assistance Program or other medical facilities offering appropriate services. In order to determine whether services of this type are covered by university insurance, contact the Human Resources Department.

- C. Employees working for the institution under the provisions of a federal grant are required to abide by this policy.
- D. Employees and students who violate this policy are subject to appropriate disciplinary action, up to and including termination. The university may refer violations to the appropriate state and federal authorities for criminal prosecution.
- E. Each campus shall biennially review their alcohol abuse prevention program to determine its effectiveness and implement needed changes.
- F. Each campus shall biennially review their disciplinary sanctions to ensure they are consistently enforced.

(Adopted by the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees on December 11, 2009, Resolution 09-92, Supersedes Drug-Free Workplace Policy of April 27, 1989, and the Unlawful Use of Drugs and Alcohol on Campus Policy of October 11, 1990.)