

ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE POLICY

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 (PL 101-226, as enacted, and any subsequent amendments) requires that as a condition of receiving funds or any other form of financial assistance under any Federal Program, an institution of higher education must certify that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees. In compliance with this statute, it is the position of Morningside College that the abuse of alcohol and the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs is strictly prohibited. Morningside College will comply and cooperate with all federal, state, and local authorities in their effort to prevent the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol.

The Morningside College policy on alcohol is that no student may manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess, or use alcohol in the work place and no student may bring, keep, or drink alcoholic beverages on the campus with the exception of individual residence hall rooms, and then only under the provisions set forth in the Residential Hall Policies and Regulations. Any student violating this regulation is subject to disciplinary action including dismissal from school, counseling, monetary penalties, and other sanctions, including dismissal from residence life as well as referral to the proper authorities for prosecution.

The State of Iowa prohibits the possession and use of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 years. Violation of this statute can result in monetary fines, incarceration, and other serious sanctions.

The Morningside College policy on drug use is that possessing, using, or distributing any stimulants, depressants, narcotics, or hallucinogenic drugs, including marijuana, is strictly prohibited among students and employees. Physician's prescription to the treated individual is the only exception to the policy. Violation of this policy may result in termination of employment, dismissal from school, counseling, monetary fines, or other serious sanctions up to and including referral to the proper authorities for prosecution.

Federal and Iowa laws prohibit the manufacture, delivery, or possession of illicit drugs. Violation of these statutes may lead to monetary fines, incarceration, and other serious sanctions.

Federal and Iowa laws governing the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs or alcohol may carry up to a "double penalty" for this illegal activity on or near school and campus. The penalty upon conviction can be both monetary as well as incarceration for a prescribed period of time. The fines and incarceration vary with the nature and severity of each offense.

For the protection of its students, faculty, administration and staff, Morningside College insists that all illegal activities be reported to the Office of Campus Security.

See Residence Hall Policy and Regulations.

In response to the Higher Education Reauthorization Act on parental notification, following is the policy Morningside College has adopted:

If a student is found in violation of the Morningside College alcohol policy twice within the academic year, a letter will be sent home to the parent/guardian after the second incident. The letter will state when the incident occurred and the sanctions imposed.

In the event that a student is transported to the hospital due to excessive alcohol or drug use, the parent/guardian will be notified. If a student is hospitalized due to excessive alcohol use, the parent/guardian will be contacted by telephone.

For students who are 21 years or older, the College will make the above communications to a parent or guardian only when it determines that the conduct posed a significant risk to the safety or well-being of the student, other students, or other members of

the College community.

Personal counseling for alcohol issues

Through the personal counselor or community counseling agencies, assistance and education is provided to the members of the college community:

- a. who are chemically dependent.
- b. whose use of alcohol or drugs is causing problems in their daily lives.
- c. who are concerned about another's use of alcohol or drugs.
- d. who are recovering from chemical dependency.
- e. who need support for their decision to remain chemically free.
- f. who have been affected by chemical dependency in their family of origin.

If you are concerned about a member of the Morningside community or have personal concerns, contact Student Services at 5104. All concerns and inquiries will be handled in a confidential manner.