

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY POLICY ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

GENERAL POLICY:

Under Maryland law, it is illegal for Morgan State University students, faculty and staff to possess or distribute certain classes of controlled dangerous substances. It is also illegal to be in possession of certain drug paraphernalia, Article 27, Section 276 et seq.

POLICY STIPULATIONS:

1. The manufacture, distribution, and possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance (narcotics) with intent to distribute/sell by an unauthorized person is a violation of Maryland State Criminal Law, Article 27, Section 286. The possession and/or administering of a controlled Dangerous Substance is in violation of Article 27, Section 287. The violation of these laws is punishable by fines ranging from \$100 - \$25,000 and/or one to twenty-five (25) years in prison.
2. Compliance with all the rules and regulations established by the University is mandatory.
3. Any student found to be in violation of the University's policy shall be promptly separated from the University and the matter referred to the Vice President for Student Affairs or his designee and the appropriate authority.
 - a. First time violators of the policy will be required to attend a substance abuse program as either designed by the Task Force or an appropriate referrals agency. The length of the program shall be determined by the severity of the violation. In addition, the violator must submit a five (5) page typed report on substance abuse. The nature of this report will be determined by the Special Judicial Board.
 - b. Second time violators of the policy will be suspended from the University for one semester. In order to be readmitted to the University the student must submit a written request that explains why the student should be readmitted, documentation that the student has completed a certified Substance Abuse Program, and a review of what the student has learned from this experience.
 - c. Third time violators will be permanently dismissed from the University.
 - D. In cases where controlled Dangerous Substances are found to be sold to others, then permanent separation from the University will result, and appropriate legal action will be instituted against the alleged

perpetrators.

DUE PROCESS GUIDELINES:

1. If a student is a clear and present danger to other persons, damages property or disrupts the class, his removal should be immediate.
2. Student suspended is entitled to be given written notice of the charges against him or her according to due process (Fourteenth Amendment).
3. Notice of suspension proceedings are to be sent to the student within 24 hours.
4. Within 72 hours after student's removal, a hearing will be provided.
5. Notice and hearing generally precede a student's removal, but if urgency necessitates, such notice may follow as soon as practicable.