



**Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Biennial Review,  
FY 2020-FY2022**

**Certification of Biennial Review**


As the President of Winona State University, I have read and support the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.

Signature:  Date: 10-17-22

As the Vice President for Enrollment Management & Student Life Winona State University, I have read and support the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.

Signature:  Date: 10-13-22

As the Dean of Students of Winona State University, I have read and support the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy.

Signature:  Date: 10-12-22

The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act requires institutions of higher education to conduct a biennial review of their alcohol and other drug policies and prevention programs in order to identify and implement the needed changes.

The biennial review has two objectives:

- “1. To determine the effectiveness of, and to implement any needed changes to the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) prevention program, and
2. To ensure that campuses enforce the disciplinary sanctions for violating standards of conduct consistently (DeRicco, 2006, p.13)”

The following is a report resulting from the Biennial Review of Winona State University’s alcohol and other drug prevention program implementation and policy enforcement for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years. The biennial review report can be found on the Health Promotion webpages under the Alcohol & Drug Prevention tab on the left side of the page. The report can also be requested by contacting the Health & Wellness Promotion Coordinator in Health & Wellness Services.

### **Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention Program Goals**

Winona State University’s AOD prevention program goals include:

- Foster changes in and beyond Winona State University to decrease illegal and high risk use of alcohol and other drugs while improving academic success, retention and wellbeing of all students in fulfilling WSU’s mission “A Community of Learners Improving Our World”.
- Educate students via peer education methodologies and high quality evidence based programs in alcohol and other drug use prevention.
- Engage students in all aspects of research and program development to assure high quality and appropriate prevention messages that resonate with the student population.
- Empower Students via peer education methodologies to make informed lifetime decisions regarding substance use and abuse.
- Develop and increase partnerships and collaboration with University entities and with other local community, state and national partners.
- Provide a reasonable level of care for individuals through AOD education, counseling and referral for treatment.
- Provide a safe and welcoming campus environment where students in recovery can receive support while working towards degree completion.

## ***Recommendations for Next Biennium***

- Review and update the strategic plan for ongoing growth and development of current alcohol and other drug prevention and education programs.
- Update current sanction schedule for accuracy in implementation and effectiveness.
- Update and improve the annual notice procedures for students and employees.
- Explore opportunities to evaluate and implement additional evidence-based campus prevention strategies to address “other drug use” by students including marijuana, cocaine, and misuse of prescription drugs.

## **Winona State University Alcohol & Other Drug Prevention Program Elements**

WSU Health & Wellness Services utilizes the typology matrix provided by the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Other Drug and Violence Prevention.

Winona State University Typology Matrix					
	Individual	Group	Institution	Community	State & Federal Policy
Knowledge, Attitudes, Behavioral Intentions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognitive/Behavioral</li> <li>• Motivational Enhancement</li> <li>• Education/Awareness</li> </ul>	E Check Up To Go Programs (Referred)  Motivational Interviewing through E Check Up To Go Programs	Choices: Getting the Facts Courses: Group Based Education  Residence Life Student Staff Training  Order In Programming through Health Promotion	New Student Orientation: Campus Speaker and group discussion courses  Orientation Semester Course  Grant funded prevention programs through Minnesota Department of Human Services, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Division. (Winona Partners for Prevention)		

			*Winona Partners for Prevention ended in Dec. 2020*		
<b>Environmental Change</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alcohol Free Options</li> <li>• Normative Environment</li> <li>• Policy Enforcement</li> </ul>	Conduct sanctions for alcohol and drug policy violations  E Check Up To Go programs (referred)	Alcohol Free Programing Occurring on a regular basis: Intramurals, UPAC Events, RHA Events, Residence Life Staff Events, Student Organization Events, Athletic Events, Etc.	Alcohol & Drug Free Campus  Annual Policy Notification Programs  Alcohol Wise/Marijuana Wise Survey (Alcohol & Other Drug Norms)  WSU Medical Amnesty Policy  H&WS Monitoring, Learning and Evaluation Committee (HERS) Practicum, Assessment Day and Focus Groups, etc.)  Conduct & Prevention Team	Crime Prevention Taskforce (Community /Law Enforcement / University)  Social Host Ordinance, City, 2012  Participation in Winona County Alliance for Sustenance Abuse Prevention.	
<b>Health Protection</b>	RA Security Rounds/Social Rounds  Security-Welfare Checks  Magnets, cups, and playing cards		BAIT (Behavioral Assessment Intervention Team)  Friday Morning Classes  Security Shuttles	Winona Transit Safe Ride	

	on Policy and Alcohol Poisoning				
Intervention/Treatment	Community Referrals if Needed				

### **Affecting Knowledge, Attitudes and Behavioral Intentions**

This category of activities includes cognitive/behavioral strategies, motivational enhancement, and educational/awareness programming. These are aimed at “changing people’s knowledge, attitudes, skills, self-efficacy, and behavioral intentions regarding reduced alcohol use” (Langford and DeJong, 2008, p.5).

#### ***Motivational Enhancement***

##### ***E CheckUp To Go Programs***

WSU offers E CheckUp To Go Programs for both Alcohol and Marijuana use to give students personalized evaluation of their use, negative consequences, and social norms clarification. Students may either self-refer or be required to complete the assessment(s) as part of university adjudication. The E CheckUp To Go Programs are developed and produced by San Diego State University. In addition to the web-based assessment, WSU utilizes trained staff, including the Health Promotion Coordinator and a graduate assistant to provide a motivational interview for students once the assessment is completed.

## ***Education/Awareness***

### *Choices: Getting the Facts*

In addition to E CheckUp To Go programs, WSU offers a 1 hour group based interactive alcohol abuse prevention program called Choices: Getting the Facts. This course utilizes the interactive journaling curriculum to engage students in self-reflection and discussion about facts, risks and norms associated with alcohol while equipping them with information, strategies and skills to make wise decisions. The course is taught by the Health Promotion Coordinator and a trained graduate assistant in Health & Wellness Services. The curriculum is based upon research by the University of Washington Addictive Behaviors Research, which has been recognized by NIAAA and SAMHSA as leading alcohol abuse prevention for college students. Students may either self-refer or be required to complete the course as part of university adjudication.

### *Training/Professional Development*

Various campus departments request alcohol and other drug prevention programs through Health & Wellness Services' Health Promotion Office for student staff training and education such as Residence Life and Housing, Freshman Orientation Committee, etc.

### *Order In/Don't Cancel That Class Programming*

Order In and Don't Cancel That Class Programming are a set of 1 hour group based educational sessions offered by the staff of the Health Promotion Office to student groups/organizations, departments, university programs and professors utilizing participatory approaches in numerous topics. All of the programs have evaluation tools, handouts and facilitator guide. The health promotion staff consists of trained graduate assistants and trained peer educators. Topics include: nutrition, stress, sleep, sexual health, mental health/suicide prevention, alcohol and other drugs, digital life presence, gender based violence (stalking, harassment, sexual assault, etc.), and more.

## **Environmental Management**

Environmental management strategies are those that seek to eliminate or modify the environmental factors that contribute to the problem (Langford and DeJong, 2008). There are five categories of environmental management: alcohol free options, alcohol marketing/promotion, promoting a healthy normative environment, reducing alcohol availability and policy development and enforcement (DeRicco, 2006).

## *Alcohol Free Options*

### *University Programming & Activity Committee (UPAC)*

The University Programming & Activity Committee (UPAC) sponsors numerous alcohol free events multiple nights of the week throughout the academic year on a regular basis. All programming is designed to attract students to events on campus which are alcohol-free rather than off campus events .

### *Kryzsko After Dark*

Kryzsko After Dark is a substance free late night alternative programming series. It occurs 6 times per year in the Student Union from 9pm to midnight. Activities include live entertainment, bingo, trivia, crafts, karaoke, free food and more. Kryzsko After Dark's attendance averages about 400 students. The peak of attendance was when it was first implemented in 2019, where 1400 students attended.

### *Residence Life Alcohol Free Housing and Programming*

WSU Housing and Residence Life continues to offer substance free housing and programming to students on a regular basis. Resident Assistants on campus must create an engaging bulletin board and host an event once per semester that educates the students in their Residence Halls on the topics of alcohol and drugs.

### *Mugshots Coffee House- Housing and Residence Life*

Mugshots is a free coffeehouse-styled entertainment venue planned and implemented by Housing Staff and a student staff member. The events are every Thursday night with a rotating focus between various styles of music, poetry and movies. This is a designated alcohol alternative event.

### *Ongoing Alcohol Free Activities*

The Office of Community Engagement provides numerous community volunteer opportunities and service learning projects throughout the university community. Numerous campus departments/programs offer alternative spring break trips annually. According the Office of Community Engagement, 80% of WSU students report participating in some form of volunteering or service learning activities completing 164,000 hours of volunteering and service learning activities in 2017-2018. Due to COVID, the Office of Community Engagement has not been able to collect accurate data concerning student volunteer hours and service-learning activities. It is expected that updated figures will be available by 2023.

### *Campus Building Space*

The University provides a student union, Kryzsko Commons that is open until 2:00am during the academic year. The Integrated Wellness Complex Fitness Center is open until 10pm 7 days a week and offers numerous intramural sports leagues with over 3,000 students participants per year. The campus library, Krueger Library, is also open late until 1:00am Sunday- Thursday.

### *Alcohol Marketing/Promotion*

*The campus alcohol and other drug policy restrict alcohol related marketing in all university publications, by student organizations and on-campus in general. The alcohol and other drug policy also restrict sponsorship by the alcohol industry for on-campus events and University events taking place off campus.*

### *Promoting a Healthy Normative Environment*

The University continues to promote a healthy normative environment through multiple ways including social norms messaging across campus. Health and Wellness Services annually facilitates an online assessment experience through 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium Classrooms. The Alcohol Wise and Marijuana Wise assessments were sent to all first-year students prior to arriving to campus and six weeks post arriving to campus in 2020. Social norms are garnered from this survey and shared in numerous digital marketing channels across campus. Health and Wellness Services is continually updating and pursuing new avenues of education. In the future, Health and Wellness Services will be utilizing the Ohio State University ScreenU alcohol assessment. ScreenU also has cannabis and prescription drug assessments that can be requested through Health Promotion.

The University offers core classes on Friday mornings. Scheduling Friday classes is one area of prevention that requires a closer look at WSU, as it is identified as a Tier 3 strategy by the NIAAA. Fall 2019, 235 classes met on Friday Mornings and 222 classes met on Friday Mornings in Spring 2020. Fall 2020, 33 classes met on Friday mornings and Spring 2021 had 49 classes meeting on Friday mornings. Fall 2021, 185 Friday morning classes were held, and in Spring 2022, 179 Friday morning classes were held. Most recently in Fall 2022, 195 classes met on Friday Mornings.

*\*COVID-19 impacted these numbers as only in-person classes were accounted for; online-synchronous courses offered on Friday morning courses are not represented in these figures.*

On August 1, 2013, the state of Minnesota passed a state statute providing immunity from prosecution for individuals who seek medical assistance for friends who require medical assistance due to intoxication. Prior to this legislation, the University had established an amnesty



policy for students seeking medical assistance for friends who require medical assistance due to intoxication. The University amnesty policy goes beyond alcohol, but also provides immunity for students consuming other substances in situations requiring medical assistance.

### ***Reducing Alcohol Availability***

The University restricts alcohol on campus with rare exceptions (e.g., Game Day Experience, alumni awards dinner) and can only be served at the discretion of the University President. Given that alcohol is restricted on campus, there is no alcohol allowed in the residence halls or apartments on campus.

The illegal use, possession, distribution, manufacture or sale of any controlled substance, drugs, or alcoholic beverages is prohibited for individual students and/or student organizations at University events on or off-campus and on travel status when representing the University (e.g., as a member of athletic team, sports club, Student Senate, student organizations and groups, member of a University group, delegation, etc.).

Further restrictions or allowances for legal and responsible use of alcohol may apply to individual students or student groups on travel status, based on the specific program's needs and direction of the faculty or staff supervisors/ advisors.

The University's alcohol and other drug policy (see page 15) is comprehensive in scope, the policy clarifies expectations for students off-campus, prohibits disruptive use of alcohol (aimed at student drinking off-campus and causing problems on-campus), and restricts alcohol advertising, among other areas addressed. The policy is supported by and supports other policies that already exist such as:

- Winona State University Hazing Policy:

<http://www.winona.edu/sld/hazingpolicy.asp>

- Winona State University Student Conduct Code:

<http://www.winona.edu/sld/studentconductcode.asp>

- Winona State University Residence Life and Housing Handbook:

The data below is from the University’s most recent Security Report required by the Clery Act. This shows the number of persons arrested for liquor and drug law violations and referred for alcohol or other drug policy violations during the calendar years of 2020 -2022.

Liquor law arrests	2021	28
	2020	0
Liquor law violations referred for disciplinary action		
	2021	166
	2020	154
Drug law arrests		
	2021	2
	2020	4
Drug law violations referred for disciplinary action		
	2021	2
	2020	0

### ***Sanction Programming for Students Referred for Conduct Action***

Students are referred through student conduct violations involving alcohol or marijuana. Currently, one level of Choices: Getting the Facts is offered and two E CheckUp To Go Programs for alcohol and marijuana, respectively. However, decisions are made by hearing officers who base all decisions individually to maximize student learning in each case.

#### ***1<sup>st</sup> Time Alcohol Offense***

- Choices: Getting the Facts
- Additional Sanctions as assigned by staff (Director of Student Conduct & Citizenship or Housing and Residence Life Professional Staff).

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Time Alcohol Offense***

- E CheckUp To Go: Alcohol including a 30 minute motivational interview with Health Promotion Graduate Assistant.
- Under the Influence online course
- Additional Sanctions as assigned by staff (Director of Student Conduct & Citizenship or Housing and Residence Life Professional Staff).

### ***3<sup>rd</sup> Time Alcohol Offense***

- Obtain External Alcohol and Other Drug Assessment.
- Housing Contract Terminated- \$800 Cancellation Cost.
- Possible suspension from University.
- Additional Sanctions as assigned by staff (Director of Student Conduct & Citizenship or Housing and Residence Life Professional Staff).

### ***1<sup>st</sup> Time Marijuana Offense***

- E CheckUp To Go: Alcohol including a 30 minute motivational interview with Health Promotion Coordinator or Health Promotion Graduate Assistant.
- Marijuana 101 online course
- Additional Sanctions as assigned by staff (Director of Student Conduct & Citizenship or Housing and Residence Life Professional Staff).
- Housing Contract Terminated- \$800 Cancellation Cost.

### ***2<sup>nd</sup> Time Marijuana Offense***

- Obtain External Alcohol and Other Drug Assessment.
- Housing Contract Terminated- \$800 Cancellation Cost.
- Possible suspension from University.
- Additional Sanctions as assigned by staff (Director of Student Conduct & Citizenship or Housing and Residence Life Professional Staff).

*\*Note: COVID-19 greatly impacted these numbers. For instance, during the 2020-2021 academic year, CHOICES was not offered as it requires in person participation. Instead, it was replaced by Under the Influence. For this reason, CHOICES/Under the Influence has been listed as 1 entry below.*

### **Choices/ Under the Influence Attendance (Required for Adjudication)**

Academic Year 2020-2021: 90 attended

Academic Year 2021-2022: 100 attended

*ECheckUp To Go Alcohol (Required for Adjudication)*

Academic Year 2020-2021: 11 attended

Academic Year 2021-2022: attended

*ECheckUp To Go Marijuana (Required for Adjudication)*

Academic Year 2020-2021: 10 attended

Academic Year 2021-2022: 100 attended

*Marijuana 101 (Required for Adjudication)*

Academic Year 2020-2021: 22 attended

Academic Year 2021-2022: 100 attended

***Health Protection***

Security guards and residence life staff members are trained to be alert, while monitoring residence halls and patrolling the campus, for students or others on campus who show signs of incapacitation and may be in need of emergency medical treatment. The prompt intervention of these individuals has been critical in particular situations to preventing further harm and even possibly, saving lives. Other strategies directed at individuals include:

There are multiple opportunities for students to receive substance use counseling and support services.

Counseling & Wellness Services

Peer Support

Winona Health Counseling Services

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Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center

Common Ground MN

Members of the University Conduct system are trained to use motivational interview techniques when discussing alcohol and other drug related incidents with students in a conduct setting. They are able to make referrals to resources such as E Check Up To Go programs, Choices: Getting the Facts, Health, Counseling & Wellness Services as needed.

### ***Intervention/Treatment***

Staff counselors in Counseling and Wellness Services department provide individual counseling for alcohol and other drug use to students who have sought assistance or who have been referred for assistance. Counselors make referrals to community agencies and providers as needed.

Health & Wellness Services practitioners conduct health screenings with students that include questions about alcohol use and make referrals as needed.

### ***Annual Policy Notification Process***

The alcohol and other drug policy can be found in the Residence Life and Housing Handbook and on Student Life and Development website. These publications are available to all students and employees. ***Appendix A contains the Alcohol & Other Drug Policy.***

The policy can be found on the following websites:

- Winona State University Student Conduct Code:

<http://www.winona.edu/sld/studentconductcode.asp>

- Winona State University Residence Life and Housing:

<http://www.winona.edu/housing/policy.asp>

NOTE: Although the Minnesota Medical Cannabis Law and program allows seriously ill Minnesotans to use medical marijuana to treat certain conditions, the possession and use of marijuana remains illegal under federal law, including the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, the Controlled Substances Act, and the Campus Security Act, and Board Policy 5.18 Alcoholic Beverages or Controlled Substances on Campus. Therefore, the use, possession,

production, manufacture, and distribution of marijuana continues to be prohibited while a student is on college or university owned or controlled property or any function authorized or controlled by the college or university.

## **Alcohol & Other Drug Policy**

### **I. Philosophy**

Winona State University is an environment in which the personal, social and academic growth of students is free from mind-altering chemicals including drugs and alcohol.

WSU recognizes that drugs and alcohol constitute significant personal and social problems within society in general and colleges in particular. WSU supports, promotes, respects and expects adherence to federal and state laws regarding alcohol and drugs.

WSU demonstrates its values concerning an excellent educational environment, encouragement of a student's maturity, and federal and state laws regarding drugs and alcohol in a variety of ways. WSU promotes and presents, to all members of the community, drug and alcohol awareness programs that address issues proactively. WSU offers a multitude of programs on student development; provides programming to students on developing the skills necessary to be effective at WSU and in life; empowers students who choose not to drink; offers easy access to services that are intended to assist students who have alcohol or drug problems; and provides students with the opportunity to choose a substance-free living and learning experience.

### **II. Winona State University Alcohol and Other Drug Policy**

Winona State University and this policy comply with and support Minnesota State Board policy, which prohibits excessive or illegal use, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and University-sponsored events on or off-campus.

#### A. Definitions

1. Student—means all persons who:
  - a. Are enrolled in one or more courses, either credit or non-credit, through the University.
  - b. Withdraw, transfer or graduate, after an alleged violation of the Student Code of Conduct.
  - c. Are not officially enrolled for a particular term but who have a continuing relationship with the University.
  - d. Have been notified of their acceptance for admission or have initiated the process of application for admission or financial aid.

- e. Are living in a University residence hall although not enrolled in the University.
2. University Recognized Organization: Any student group and/or organization that has successfully completed the process outlined by the Student Senate on forming a club or organization.
3. Travel Status: The period from departure until return to campus by students who have obtained travel authorization through the appropriate University representative for a University sponsored event.
4. Events: Activities that include, but are not limited to, official meetings, practices, competitions or trips involving students, registered student organizations (e.g. clubs, intramural, club sports, etc.), or intercollegiate athletic teams.
5. University Premises, Property and Facilities: Any building or property owned by Winona State University or that is controlled by the institution but owned by a third party.
6. Off-Campus Conduct: Any behavior that threatens the health or safety of our students, disrupts the educational process and/or negatively affects the University's relationship with the community.

#### B. Applicability of the Policy

1. Violation of the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy, the Student Code of Conduct, Minnesota State and University policies including Residence Life policies, Technology policies and/or local, state, or federal laws regarding use, possession, or distribution of alcohol and/or other drugs, or drug paraphernalia which may result in issuance of a court summons, arrest, or referral for University conduct action or any combination of the above.
2. This policy applies to all on-campus and off-campus activities that are considered University activities, such as events and officially sanctioned field trips. This policy also applies to student organization-sponsored activities and events.
3. This policy applies to students, student groups and organizations, and their guests or visitors on University property and facilities engaged in a University activity. WSU employees should refer to the Office of Human Resources for applicable policies.
4. Violations or alleged violations of local ordinances, state or federal laws may subject student(s) and/or student organizations to conduct action by the University when these violations occur on campus, on University owned property, during a University activity or event, or when behavior on or off-campus adversely affects the University's educational, research or service functions. Examples of off-campus behavior which may be subject to University conduct action include, but are not limited to the following: underage consumption, selling or otherwise providing alcohol to underage persons; hosting underage drinking or disruptive parties; actions that threaten or endanger the health or safety of individuals; using, selling or distributing illegal drugs; sexual violence; and/or hazing.

### C. Alcohol and Other Drug Policy

1. On-Campus: The use, possession, distribution, manufacture or sale of any controlled substances, illegal drugs, or alcoholic beverage is prohibited on campus. Students may use and possess prescription drugs (including controlled substances) for which they have a valid/current prescription.

2. Off-Campus: As members of the University community, students are expected to behave responsibly and comply with the law. University community members violating civil or criminal law may be subject to University conduct procedures when that conduct occurs off-campus and adversely affects the educational, research, or service functions of the University. Unlawful behavior by individual students or student organizations should be reported to the University (i.e. President, Vice Presidents, Deans, Directors and Supervisors either verbal or in writing). If reported, the University may take appropriate conduct action. The illegal use, possession, distribution, manufacture or sale of any controlled substance, drugs, or alcoholic beverages is prohibited for individual students and/or student organizations:

1. at University events on or off-campus;
2. on travel status when representing the University (e.g., as a member of athletic team, sports club, Student Senate, student organizations and groups, member of a University group, delegation, etc.). Further restrictions or allowances for legal and responsible use of alcohol may apply to individual students or student groups on travel status, based on the specific program's needs and direction of the faculty or staff supervisors/ advisors.

Student leaders, faculty, staff supervisors/advisors and coaches assume responsibility for ensuring University policies and local, state, and federal laws are followed.

3. Disruptive use of alcohol and other drugs is prohibited. Disruptive use of alcohol and other drugs, regardless of where consumed or ingested, includes behavior that disrupts the University community, endangers the health or safety of self or others, results in damage to University or personal property, or requires the intervention of University or community resources. Examples of disruptive use include, but are not limited to, disorderly conduct, excessive noise, violence, threats, vandalism, or intoxication (regardless of age), that leads to intervention by University personnel, law enforcement personnel or medical personnel.

4. The public display of advertising or promotion of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs, in University buildings or any other public campus area including all University-owned housing areas is prohibited. This includes alcohol containers, banners, lighted beer/ liquor signs, and large inflatable advertising.

5. The possession or display of alcohol "trophies," or other forms of empty alcohol containers, is not allowed on campus. The presence of empty containers, devices designed or intended to be used for the rapid consumption of alcohol (i.e., races, games, etc.), or drug paraphernalia, is prohibited. Possessing any of these materials may be considered evidence of use, consumption, or distribution.



6. The following advertising and promotional activities are prohibited for any student, University employee, registered student organization, or University office, department or program:

- a. Using alcoholic beverages as awards or prizes in connection with University events;
- b. Providing promotional items or advertising associated with alcohol and illegal drugs at University sponsored student events. This includes, but is not limited to, such items promoting alcohol or drug use on cups, shirts, beverage can coolers, or any other items advertising or promoting alcohol or illegal drug use;
- c. Advertising alcohol and/or illegal drugs in University controlled or affiliated publications, or on University premises, including University affiliated web sites;
- d. Advertising that includes brand names, logos, prices, visual images or phrases that refer to consumption of alcoholic beverages and use of illegal drugs;
- e. Use of alcohol for recruiting and student organization fund-raising activities and events;
- f. Purchasing alcohol and other drugs with University or organization funds, including student activities fee allocations; and
- g. Consuming or transporting alcohol and other drugs in University vehicles.

#### D. Exceptions to these policies

1. An exception for instructional purposes in accordance with Minnesota State Board Policy 5.18 allows for the use of alcohol in laboratory and classroom instruction or experiments.
2. Students may use and possess prescription drugs (including controlled substances) for which they have a valid/current prescription.
3. The Chancellor or the Office of the Chancellor, and the President of Winona State University have delegated authority to approve use of alcohol at specific special events on campus or University sponsored events off campus. Approval shall be consistent with the Alcohol and Other Drug Policy and with Minnesota State procedures. The procedures shall address the following: compliance with local ordinances and state law relating to sale; possession or consumption of alcohol; providing adequate dram shop/public liability insurance; and any other matters deemed necessary. Students who are of legal age to consume alcohol may choose to do so at these events.
4. Students studying abroad are expected to comply with the laws of the foreign country and the policies of the host institution or sponsoring program. Additionally, all enrolled students, including students who are studying abroad, must abide by all University policies, including but not limited to the Student Code of Conduct.

5. The University recognizes that various violations of the Student Code of Conduct involve use of alcohol. The University encourages the reporting of conduct violations such as sexual assault, hazing, physical violence, harassment and others and, therefore, the University may choose not to hold students accountable for Student Code of Conduct violations related to alcohol and other drugs when a more serious violation/crime has occurred.

#### E. Additional Information and Resources

##### 1. Prevention, counseling, treatment services, and referrals.

The University recognizes that chemical abuse and chemical dependency impact academic and personal success. This policy is not designed to discourage people from seeking counseling or rehabilitation.

Assistance and information are available on campus at Health & Wellness Services and/or the Counseling Center (Integrated Wellness Complex). Off campus resources include Winona Health, Hiawatha Mental Health Center, or First Call for Help - 800.362.8255.

Information about the health risks associated with the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs can be obtained at Health & Wellness Services or through the Health & Wellness Promotion Coordinator. In addition, WSU offers programs to students during New Student Orientation, in Residence Halls, and through classroom presentations.

#### Know the Health Risks:

**Depressants** - Alcohol is the most widely used depressant, but this category also includes barbiturates, tranquilizers, and methaqualone. These drugs act as a central nervous system depressant and cause slowed reaction time, impaired coordination, slurred speech, and impaired decision making. These drugs are addictive and abuse may result in overdose with coma and death as possible consequences.

**Stimulants** - Cocaine, diet pills, amphetamines, and ecstasy. These drugs stimulate the central nervous system and cause excitation, increased pulse, respiration and blood pressure. Abuse can lead to malnutrition, extreme agitation, convulsions and possible death.

**Marijuana** - THC is the psychoactive chemical in this plant. It can cause increased heart and pulse rate, increased appetite, an altered sense of time, impaired memory and decreased concentration,

reaction time and coordination.

Hallucinogens - This classification of psychoactive drugs includes LSD, Psilocybin, peyote, PCP, and other amphetamine based derivatives. Use of these drugs can create visual hallucinations, altered perception of one's own body, agitation, paranoia, and hyperactivity.

Narcotics - These drugs are primarily pain relievers such as codeine, morphine, Darvon, heroin, Demerol and Percodan. Use of these drugs produces euphoria, drowsiness, slowed respiration, clammy skin, nausea, and possibly death.

Solvents/Inhalants - These are toxic chemicals that are found in common household and industrial products and can be abused through the use of inhaling the fumes. This activity brings about a feeling of lightheadedness, euphoria, loss of appetite, forgetfulness, headache, nausea, flushed, dizziness and possibly death by heart or respiratory failure.

Predatory/date rape/club drugs - Drugs used for this purpose are typically central nervous system depressants such as rohypnol, ketamine, and GHB. These drugs can cause muscle relaxation, loss of consciousness and blackouts.

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