

# **Chattahoochee Technical College**

## **Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program 2026-2028**

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### **1. Purpose**

Chattahoochee Technical College is committed to maintaining a safe, healthy, and productive learning environment. This plan outlines policies, prevention strategies, and resources to address the misuse of alcohol and illegal drugs among students and employees.

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### **2. Standards of Conduct**

Students and employees are prohibited from:

- Possessing, using, manufacturing, distributing, or selling illegal drugs on campus or at college-sponsored events
- Being under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on campus or engaged in college activities
- Misusing prescription medications

These standards apply to all campuses, instructional sites, and off-site locations where college functions take place.

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### **3. Legal Sanctions**

Violations may result in penalties under local, state, and federal law, including:

- Fines and imprisonment

- Suspension or revocation of driver's license
- Criminal record

Georgia law strictly prohibits underage drinking and drug possession.

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#### **4. Institutional Sanctions**

Students and employees who violate this policy may face:

- Required participation in counseling or rehabilitation programs
  - Disciplinary probation
  - Suspension or expulsion
  - Termination of employment
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#### **5. Health Risks**

Substance abuse can lead to serious physical and mental health issues, including:

- Addiction and dependency
  - Impaired judgment and academic performance
  - Liver disease, heart problems, and neurological damage
  - Increased risk of accidents and injuries
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#### **6. Counseling and Support Services**

Students and employees have access to:

- Confidential counseling referrals
- Local treatment and rehabilitation programs
- Employee Assistance Programs (EAP), where applicable
- Campus support through Student Services

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## 7. Reporting and Emergency Procedures

- For all life-threatening emergencies, call 911 immediately. For non-life-threatening emergencies, please contact Campus Police at (770) 529-2311 or use the [See Something, Say Something reporting form](#) to report suspicious or concerning behavior on campus.
- To file a Student Conduct Report, Grievance, or CARE Report, check out "[Report A Concern](#)" on the Chattahoochee Tech website.

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## 8. Biennial Review

Chattahoochee Technical College will conduct a review every two years to:

- Evaluate program effectiveness
- Ensure consistent enforcement of sanctions
- Update policies based on current laws and best practices

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## 9. Policy Distribution

This policy will be distributed annually to all students and employees through:

- Email notifications
- Student handbook and employee handbook
- College website

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## 10. Commitment to Wellness

Chattahoochee Technical College promotes a culture of wellness, responsibility, and informed decision-making. Through education, prevention, and support, the college aims to reduce substance abuse and support student success.

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### **Drug and Alcohol Awareness Plan 2026**

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#### **Introduction**

College can be a vital transition in a student's life filled with enriching experiences. However, college life can sometimes foster experimentation with drugs and alcohol. While many students avoid misuse, others may face serious consequences such as alcohol-related accidents, overdoses, or alcohol poisoning. High-risk behaviors may also endanger others within the campus community.

Chattahoochee Technical College is committed to educating students not only on the dangers of substance use, but also on **real-world risks such as being unknowingly drugged during social settings, including Spring Break and other school breaks**, where students may be more vulnerable.

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#### **Purpose of the Plan**

In compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act, Chattahoochee Technical College maintains a comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Awareness Program designed to:

- Educate students and employees on the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse
  - Promote safe decision-making both on and off campus
  - Provide prevention strategies for high-risk situations (e.g., travel, vacations, social events)
  - Reinforce campus safety through collaboration with Campus Police
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## **Programs, Events, and Prevention Strategies**

### **Partnership with Campus Police**

The Office of Student Involvement will **host at least one Drug and Alcohol Awareness event two times per calendar year in partnership with Campus Police**. These events are implemented across all major campuses and are a core part of the college's prevention strategy.

Each Spring semester, the College will host a **targeted awareness event prior to Spring Break** focused on student safety.

These events include:

- Live demonstrations, such as **field sobriety testing using impairment simulation goggles**
- Real-life scenario discussions led by Campus Police
- Education on **legal consequences of substance misuse**
- Interactive student engagement activities to reinforce decision-making

This initiative will address:

- The **dangers of excessive alcohol use during travel and social gatherings**
- Awareness of **being drugged (drink spiking or substance tampering)**

- Tips for staying safe in unfamiliar environments
- Strategies such as:
  - Never leaving drinks unattended
  - Staying with trusted friends
  - Recognizing signs of impairment beyond normal alcohol consumption
  - Knowing when and how to seek help

These efforts reinforce the College's commitment to **preventative education beyond campus boundaries.**

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## **Substance Use Workshops**

The Office of Student Involvement will continue to partner with:

- Campus Police
- Local Public Health Departments
- Community prevention organizations

Workshops will now also include:

- **Situational awareness and personal safety education**
  - **Peer intervention strategies (how to help a friend in unsafe situations)**
  - **Recognition of overdose and emergency response basics**
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## **Student Engagement and Education**

Students will continue to receive:

- Educational materials on substance use
- Counseling and referral resources
- Opportunities to participate in awareness activities and campaigns

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## **Student Engagement Initiative: Drug & Alcohol Awareness Flyer Competition**

- Encourage student creativity and ownership in prevention efforts
  - Promote awareness of the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse
  - Reinforce messaging around **safe behaviors, including the risks of being drugged during social events and school breaks**
  - Support positive, student-driven messaging across campus
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## **Commitment to Safety and Wellness**

Chattahoochee Technical College remains committed to fostering a safe and informed campus community. Through ongoing education, strong partnerships with Campus Police, and targeted prevention efforts, the College aims to reduce substance misuse while also preparing students to make safe, informed decisions in all environments—both on and off campus.

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## **Health and Safety Committee Votes**

On Friday, September 18, 2026, the Health and Safety Committee were asked to approve this plan. The following members have submitted their approval:

- Amy Denney
- Marshall Armstrong
- Casey Worley
- Mary Forman