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Model Campus Alcohol Policies for 2021

Campus alcohol policies are an important tool in reducing excessive alcohol use among college students. These policies are especially valuable when they are clear, effective, and easily accessible.

The Maryland Collaborative to Reduce College Drinking and Related Problems has created a list of 21 model campus alcohol policies for campuses to consider adopting in 2021. These are 21 best practices that have been supported by both research and practice on college campuses across the country.

Which ones are appropriate for your campus?

1. No one may consume alcohol in public places on campus.
2. No one may consume alcohol in the campus stadium.
3. No one may tailgate on campus.
4. No one may consume alcohol at recruitment events for student groups.
5. No one may play drinking games or engage in activities that promote drinking games.
Similarly, no one may possess objects that promote drinking games.
6. No one may have alcohol delivered to campus.
7. Someone must be responsible for checking IDs at campus events where alcohol is served.
8. Campus events with alcohol must limit the total amount of alcohol provided to no more than 3 drinks per person.
9. We will patrol off-campus neighborhoods to help protect the health and safety of our students and their neighbors.
10. We will impose sanctions for off-campus violations of the student code of conduct.
11. We do not allow alcohol outlets or manufacturers to sponsor any of our clubs, teams, or events.
This applies off campus as well as on campus.
12. No one may use or possess a beer keg on campus or at off-campus affiliated events.
13. We do not allow ads for alcohol or alcohol outlets on campus.
14. We do not allow flyers for campus events that picture or mention alcohol.
15. Anyone hosting a campus event with alcohol must first register the event with the Dean of Students.
16. Campus events with alcohol must use servers trained in responsible beverage service.
17. We receive names of students cited or arrested off campus from local police.
18. We will let parents or guardians know the first time a student breaks an alcohol policy.
19. We will put a student group on probation the first time it violates an alcohol policy.
20. A student group will lose its student group status the second time it violates an alcohol policy.
21. We support students in recovery from alcohol or other drug problems with a safe space on campus. A formal student organization also provides support and a sense of community for these students.

