

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE

Policy and Procedures

Student Policy

Alcoholic Beverages

Policy:

Students at Bismarck State College are required to abide by all federal, state and local laws regarding the possession, sale, use and consumption of alcoholic beverages. In addition, they are required to obey campus regulations regarding alcoholic beverages, as stated in this policy.

Statement of General Principles:

Bismarck State College recognizes the serious problems created by the use and abuse of alcohol. In response to this awareness, Bismarck State College has an alcohol and drug prevention program and is committed to:

1. Establishing and enforcing clear policies and regulations regarding the use of alcohol.
2. Educating students about the dangers and health risks associate with the abuse of alcohol.
3. Conducting programming each year to provide activities and events promoting a healthy lifestyle and environment.
4. Providing resources through counseling and referral services for students who experience alcohol abuse.

Campus Regulations:

1. A student who brings intoxicating liquors or other alcoholic beverages on campus is subject to disciplinary action.
2. Student organizations, societies and clubs are not allowed to have on-campus parties at which alcoholic beverages are consumed.
3. Sale of alcoholic beverages by student organizations, societies and clubs is strictly forbidden. (This is to include any action that can be remotely construed as alcohol sale such as charging admission to parties, passing the hat, selling empty cups, selling drink tickets, etc.)
4. Alcoholic beverages may not be used as awards or prizes in connection with events or activities sponsored by student organizations, societies and clubs.

North Dakota Law:

1. The state of North Dakota requires that individuals be at least 21 years of age to buy, possess and consume alcoholic beverages.

2. It is illegal to give or sell alcohol to an individual under the age of 21.
3. It is illegal to have an open container of alcohol in any vehicle.
4. It is illegal to serve alcohol to an intoxicated person.
5. It is illegal to sell alcohol of any kind without a license or permit.
6. Organizations are not immune from prosecution for a legal violation. The officers of that group are usually the parties cited, but every group member is liable.
7. Driving while intoxicated (.08 blood alcohol content) is a criminal offense.
8. Being intoxicated is not a legal defense for any charge, including assault, rape, vandalism, slander, manslaughter or accident.
9. If an underage person is involved in a drinking/driving crash after leaving a party, the victim(s) of the crash may sue both the person at fault and those who provided the alcohol.

Disciplinary Action:

1. Students are expected to obey the regulations of this policy and are obliged to obey the alcoholic beverage laws of the State of North Dakota. Failure to abide by the College regulations and the laws of North Dakota will result in disciplinary action.
2. Procedures and definitions of disciplinary action are found in BSC Student Policy titled, "Student Conduct."

Where to Turn for Help:

Students may initiate help for themselves or others by contacting the Director of Student Life, or a counselor.

Reference:

Public Law 101-226
BSC Policies and Procedures - "Student Conduct"
North Dakota Law

History of This Policy:

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