



SAGINAW VALLEY
STATE UNIVERSITY

Certification of Biennial Review: Drug-Free Schools & Campuses Regulations

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY 2022-2023 and 2023-2024

The signature below certifies that the Biennial Review
was conducted for years 2022-2024

Dr. George Grant Jr, President

Date

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*Biennial Review:
Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations
SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
Academic Years 2022-2023/2023-2024*

In compliance with the U.S. Department of Education Drug Free Schools and Campuses Act and Amendments, a biennial review of the Saginaw Valley State University (SVSU) Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) program was conducted in January 2025.

Part 86, the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations, requires that, as a condition of receiving funds or any other form of financial assistance under any federal program, an institution of higher education (IHE) must certify that it has adopted and implemented a program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees.

This Biennial Review complies with the mandate set forth by the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act and Amendments. The objectives of this Biennial Review include:

- To determine the effectiveness of, and to implement any needed changes to, the Alcohol and Other Drug program;
- To ensure that the disciplinary sanctions for violating standards of conduct are enforced consistently.

The following components were considered in the biennial review of the AOD program at SVSU:

- I. Program Statement, Goals and Elements
- II. Policy
- III. Distribution of information
- IV. Prevention and Educational Programs
- V. Intervention and Enforcement
- VI. Evaluation
- VII. Recommendations for Change
- VIII. Biennial Review

I. Program Statement, Goals and Elements

A. SVSU has adopted and implemented a program to maintain an environment free from the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of controlled substance and/or alcohol. SVSU is striving to create a program that complies with the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations. SVSU is aware of the following key elements:

- Preparing a written policy on alcohol and other drug possession, use and/or distribution;
- Developing a sound method of distribution of the policy to every student and staff member each year; and
- Preparing a biennial review on the effectiveness of its AOD programs and enforcement.

B. Program Goals: The following goals have been established by SVSU as critical to the success and impact of the AOD program:

- Assess campus attitudes toward the use of alcohol and other drugs.
- Promote campus resources regarding alcohol education, assessment and assistance.
- Educate faculty and staff on how to identify alcohol/drug-influenced behaviors through Faculty Association meetings, Classroom visits by Mental Health & Wellness Center Staff, and through the distribution of the Guide to Working with Distressed or Disruptive Students Pamphlet.
- Communicate alcohol and drug information through orientations, freshman programs, leadership training, registered student organizations, the Greek community, student athletes and learning communities.
- Promote and educate the campus community on alcohol/drug regulations and sanctions for violations:
 - Distribute publications annually and methodically that outline specific alcohol/drug information, resources and regulations for students, staff and faculty.
 - Develop residential life policies, substance-free locations and resident education programs that promote healthy choices and ensure accountability.
- Develop program initiatives for responsible, healthy alternatives to alcohol and drug use.
- Promote campus events as an alternative to alcohol choices.
- Sponsor Valley Night through Program Board opportunities.
- Assess programming options and availability, as well as resources.
- Establish an ongoing system of evaluating AOD policies, programs and outcomes through an ad hoc committee of relevant stakeholders.
- Maintain ongoing records and data of AOD programs and violations.

C. Elements: The SVSU program pertaining to Alcohol and Other Drug programs includes the following:

- Policy
- Distribution of Information

- Prevention and Educational Programs
- Intervention and Enforcement
- Evaluation and Assessment

II. Policy

A. The SVSU policy for students contains the following elements:

Rationale and Commitment:

- Encouraging a campus environment where healthy choices are made;
- Working to prevent alcohol and other drug abuse;
- Accepting responsibility for one's own choices and behavior;
- Encouraging alcohol-free programs;
- Supporting and empowering those who choose responsibly not to use alcohol; and
- Enforcing University rules and regulations, and federal, state, and local laws that govern alcohol and other drug use.

University Response to Incidents Requiring Medical Assistance: SVSU subscribes to an amnesty policy for individuals who call for medical assistance if they should experience or assist other students who experience instances of alcohol poisoning and/or other drug-related overdose.

Disciplinary Process: An explanation of the process followed by the University in instances of violations of the AOD policy.

Parental Notification: SVSU's process for contacting parents in the case of a violation of the AOD policy by students under the age of 21.

Risks Related to Alcohol and Other Drugs

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and Alcohol

Campus Resources

Community Resources

Alcohol Policy Regulations: The general provisions of alcohol possession/consumption or distribution.

Alcoholic Beverage Policy for Approved University Student Functions: This section explains the process for hosting or participating in a University function where alcohol distribution has been approved.

Additional Resident Student Alcohol Policy Provisions: This section outlines more specific expectations for residential students.

Off-campus Activities: An explanation of the University's position on activities that may occur off-campus where SVSU students are present when alcohol is served.

Alcohol Disciplinary Sanctions: Sanctions that may be imposed by the University and relevant references to State and local jurisdictions.

State and Township Law: State and Local Law and Related Sanctions.

Civil (Dram Shop) Liability: Notification to students that civil liability may be incurred independent from University response to violations.

Provisions Specifically Relating to Other Drugs

University Drug-Related Regulations: The general regulations govern the possession, use, manufacture, sale or distribution of controlled substances (as defined by the Michigan Public Health Code),

Medical Marijuana and Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act

Drug Disciplinary Sanctions: Ranges of sanctions for students in violation.

Ranges of Sanctions for Students Violating Drug (Marijuana) Policy

Ranges of Sanctions for Students Violating Drug Policy Other than Marijuana

Federal Penalties and Sanctions for Illegal Trafficking and Possession of a Controlled Substance: Referral to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration website.

Michigan Compiled Laws, Michigan Regulations and Taxation of Marihuana Act (MCL 333.27951)

Michigan State Police Legal Update

- B. Drug-Free Workplace Policy for Faculty and Staff was adopted in 1990. The Substance Abuse Policy and Regulations was revised in 1998. Both policies were reviewed by General Counsel in 2018.

III. Distribution of Information

- A. A strategic approach to the distribution of the AOD policy and programs for enrolled students is in place and begins with the student's application to SVSU. Information continues to be provided through the orientation process, which includes annual comprehensive notification to all new freshmen and transfer students and an e-mail notification with a link to the policy and supporting resources to all students biannually. See Appendix A.
- B. Drug-Free Workplace and Substance Abuse Policy and Regulations are linked on the employee website for all faculty and staff. The policies are included in the University's Operations Manual. New employees are notified of the policies and their obligation to be familiar with the content. The policies are part of the new employee on-boarding procedures.

IV. Prevention and Educational Programs

See Appendix B and Appendix C for a complete list of prevention and educational programs for 2022-2023 and 2023-2024.

V. Intervention and Enforcement

Expectations for behavior relative to alcohol/other drugs is clearly communicated and enforced at SVSU. The offices of Residential Life, Mental Health & Wellness Center, Student Conduct Programs and University Police work closely to ensure that the University is responding appropriately when dealing with students struggling with alcohol- or drug-related personal issues. At the same time, the continuum of sanctions is closely enforced and students who exhaust the opportunity to find solutions to the choices they make relative to alcohol/drug behaviors, are removed from housing and/or enrollment, as prescribed.

See Appendix D for statistics related to alcohol/drug violations for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024.

VI. Evaluation

SVSU's Alcohol/Other Drug Policy and Programs are evidence-based. The University relies on attitudes and behaviors of its students to develop and implement the various components of alcohol and drug awareness. The University will explore options to gather more recent data.

Local data compiled by conduct and counseling personnel are maintained and considered in recommending revisions to practices relevant to the AOD program. The policy is reviewed annually, with changes examined by the Office of General Counsel and approved by SVSU's President.

An ad-hoc committee, consisting of members from Mental Health & Wellness Center, Human Resources, Peer Health Educators, Student Conduct Programs, University Police and the Student Body, has been formed to review SVSU's Biennial Review.

VII. Recommendations for Change

Students:

- Continue to ensure that an annual review of policy and practices is conducted, including appropriate stakeholders (i.e. student leadership, administration).
- Continue to sponsor Valley Nights through Program Board (Thursday, Friday, Saturday events).
- Continue to enhance peer mentoring through peer health educators.
- Monitor legal updates and revise policies and procedures accordingly.
- Explore options to gather data related to alcohol and drug use at SVSU.

Employees:

- Human Resources will distribute the Drug-Free Workplace Policy 4.3-2 annually.
- In consultation with supervisors, identify or develop supervisor and workforce training about the dangers and signs of drug and/or alcohol abuse by employees.
- Monitor legal updates and revise policies and procedures accordingly.

Biennial Review

The Biennial Review and Presidential Certification Statement are available for review online on the SVSU website and in the Office of Student Conduct Programs.

STUDENT NOTIFICATIONS Appendix A1 Fall 2022

This is the official notification to all Saginaw Valley State University students regarding various policies and procedures relevant to your enrollment during the 2022-2023 academic year:

- Student Problem Resolution Procedures: During their course of study at SVSU, students will likely encounter some situations that are puzzling or troublesome to them. The University wants to be sure that students can find answers to their questions and the help they need to resolve their problems and/or complaints. For that reason, it is important that these concerns be brought to the attention of the right individual. Please refer to the website for information regarding academic issues, administrative problems, student life, disability services, residential life, or discrimination/sexual/racial harassment matters. Additionally, you may submit a written complaint by using the General Complaint form: <https://Generalcomplaint.docx>
- Student Email Communication Policy: Official University correspondence is directed through the student's SVSU e-mail account, and it is the student's responsibility to monitor this account regularly and to read all posted University correspondence. Also, students are responsible for checking the mySVSU.edu portal page for notifications and announcements. See the policy for complete information.
- Code of Student Conduct: Admission to SVSU obligates each student to abide by regulations for acceptable student behavior. All students are expected to conduct themselves as responsible members of the University community and to respect the rights of their fellow citizens. SVSU regulations may apply to behavior off campus as well as on campus. Violations of the regulations may result in disciplinary action by both the University and civil authorities. Students at SVSU also are responsible for their guests' behavior. See the website for the entire Code.
- <http://www.svsu.edu/diversity/titleix/> Sexual Misconduct: Title IX of the Education Amendment Act of 1972 requires that all entities in receipt of any federal funds or financial assistance must prohibit sex discrimination in their education programs and activities. Additionally, the federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) put obligations in place for colleges and universities under its Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act provisions in 2014. Sexual misconduct/ harassment is a form of prohibited sex discrimination. The Title IX Coordinator, Dr. Mamie T. Thorns, is the individual responsible for ensuring compliance with the law in this area at SVSU. See the policy for complete information.
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- Cardinal NEST Plan: SVSU developed the Cardinal NEST Plan, which offers us the flexibility to adapt to changing demands for your health and safety – today and tomorrow, in classrooms and dining halls, and among friends and faculty alike. See the Cardinal NEST Plans for complete information.

The above information is not intended to be all-inclusive of various policies and/or procedures associated with your matriculation at SVSU. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the office of Student Conduct Programs: Curtiss 114, (989) 964-2220, or rabideau@svsu.edu.

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APPENDIX B: PREVENTION BY PEER HEALTH EDUCATORS (PHE)

2022-2023 PHE Programs

| Program | Program Goal | Attendance |
|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| TiKiE Party | Students show they can have fun without substance use | 500 students |
| Fatal Vision: Intoxication awareness | Education and show students physical impairments with substance use | 2 students |
| Halloween Bash | Educate students on alcohol use | 200 students |
| St. Patty's Bash | Educate students on alcohol use | 250 students |
| Mental Health Bingo | Educate students on mental health and alcohol use | 150 students |

2023-2024 PHE Programs

| Program | Program Goal | Attendance |
|---------------------------|--|------------------|
| TiKiE Party | Students show they can have fun without substance use | Campus wide 800+ |
| Wellness wall | Raise awareness of binge drinking, drinking trends | Not reported |
| Tailgate Tips | Spread info on tailgate safety, drugs, alcohol, and sexual assault | Not reported |
| MJB Trivia/Mocktails | Educate students on alcohol use and SVSU drug policy | Not reported |
| UVW Party safety handouts | Flyers/info on party safety, drugs, alcohol, and sexual assault | Not reported |

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| Halloween Bash: Mocktails | Education on alcohol use and SVSU drug policy | Not reported |
| Alcohol safety | Educate students on alcohol use | Not reported |
| Fall Entertainment: Mocktails/presentation | Education on alcohol use and SVSU drug policy | Not reported |

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| Marijuana Myths IG Post | Education on misconception on Marijuana use | Not reported |
| Night Cap WW | Educate students on drink spiking and drink spiking prevention | Not reported |
| Night Cap IG Giveaway | Activate social media as a means to give away NightCaps | Not reported |
| Bounce Back MJB meeting | Go over event expectations and needed materials. | Not reported |
| Bounce Back MJB | Show students they can have fun without drinking. | 80 |

APPENDIX C: Educational – Mental Health and Wellness Center

| Appointment Type | Fall 2022/Winter 2023 | Fall 2023/Winter 2024 |
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| | | |
| Basic 1 | 14 participants | 0 |
| Basic 2 | 5 participants | 1 participant |
| Choices | 21 participants | 42 participants; 12 groups |
| Marijuana | 14 participants | 3 participants |
| CANS (Cardinals Avoiding Negative Situations) | 3 participants | 4 participants |
| Individual Counseling | 4 participants | 2 participants |
| Total Counseling interventions | 61 participants | 52 participants |

Appendix D – Student Conduct Programs:

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| Report of Adjudications | | |
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| Code of Student Conduct Regulations | 2022- 2023 | 2023- 2024 |
| Alcohol | 15 | 44 |
| Alcohol Recidivism (2nd/3rd/4th) | 1/0/0 | 0/0/0 |
| Drugs | 2 | 12 |
| Drug Odor | 2 | 6 |
| Drug Paraphernalia | 2 | 1 |
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