



Dear Students:

Please find the "Texas State University-San Marcos On-campus Alcohol Guidelines for Sanctions" on the opposite side of this page. These guidelines are the minimum of what our hearing officers sanction Texas State students who are found responsible of violating alcohol policies. The hearing officers in both the Dean of Students office and the Department of Residence Life at Texas State provide sanctions to educate our students.

Our educational approach in sanctioning includes an alcohol education seminar and notification to parents. The alcohol education seminar is taught by state certified instructors employed by the Alcohol and Drug Resource Center at Texas State. Students learn about alcohol related laws as well as the physiological affects of alcohol use and abuse. The alcohol education seminar is the same class used by the courts in sentencing violations of the Minor in Possession law. In addition to the alcohol education seminar, students who violate the alcohol policies at Texas State are sanctioned to parental notification. Hearing officers notify the parents of students who are under 21 years old and have violated the alcohol policies at Texas State. Parental notification intends to inform parents of what is happening with their sons or daughters, so that Texas State and the parents may work as a team to educate and develop the students.

The Department of Residence Life at Texas State is committed to developing our students in every facet of their lives. As confirmed in our mission statement, "Residence Life provides an environment that supports the academic success of all students as well as the personal, professional, and social development of all persons living and working in university housing." Residence Life supports the students' academic education outside of the classroom by encouraging and providing tools to form study groups in the residence halls. During the course of the year, over 1,000 educational programs occur in the residence halls to educate students about a variety of issues such as creating resumes, eating healthy, managing emotions, and resolving conflicts. In addition to the education, these programs also present opportunities for residents to meet others. Texas State residence hall students overwhelmingly state each year in the annual Quality of Life Survey that the best part about living in the residence halls is meeting new people and making friends.

Meeting people and making friends is easy with over 5,000 students living in the residence halls at Texas State. The large on-campus population includes a variety of different people from different cities, states, and countries. Texas State and the Department of Residence Life value and embrace the importance of diversity in our communities. A diverse community affords us with different perspectives. Different perspectives are vital in learning how to effectively work together and live together.

I hope that all students will appreciate the well-rounded education that Texas State offers. I wish you all the best for a successful year at Texas State! Please sign the form on the reverse so that you may receive your key.

Sincerely,

Kathy Weiser
Associate Director for Residence Life

Texas State University-San Marcos On-Campus Alcohol Guidelines for Sanctions*

INDIVIDUAL BEHAVIOR(S)	FIRST OFFENSE	SECOND OFFENSE	THIRD OFFENSE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under age 21 possession and/or consumption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Education, \$50 fee Disciplinary probation Parental notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred suspension from the University. Alcohol Education, \$75 fee Parent notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from the University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possession/consumption in alcohol-free zone, includes DUI 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Education, \$50 fee Disciplinary probation Parental Notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred suspension from the University Alcohol Education, \$75 fee Parent notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from the University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hosting a party involving the illegal use of alcohol or making alcohol available to minors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Education, \$50 fee Disciplinary probation Parent notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred suspension from the University, Alcohol Education, \$75 fee Parent notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from the University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Intoxication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Education, \$50 fee Parent notification, if under 21 Disciplinary probation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deferred suspension from the University Alcohol Education, \$75 fee Parent notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from the University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving While Intoxicated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Education, \$50 fee Deferred suspension from the University Parent notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from the University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion from the University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Property damage while under the influence of alcohol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Education, \$50 fee Full restitution for any property damaged Deferred suspension from the University Parent notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from the University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion from the University
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Endangering self and/or others while under the influence of alcohol 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alcohol Education, \$50 fee Deferred suspension from the University Parent notification, if under 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension from the University 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expulsion from the University

All sanctions are cumulative, consequently, students who already have previous code of conduct violations, inclusive of alcohol policy violations, may receive increased sanctions. *Sanctions may be increased based on the severity of the behavior

The university reserves the right to communicate with parents at any time deemed necessary in cases involving alcohol use/abuse by students under the age of 21 years. However, parents will be called when a student endangers him/herself and/or others, is arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, or is responsible for property damage while under the influence of alcohol. The first parent contact will be to discuss the severity of the offense/sanction(s). The second offense notification will be to inform parents that subsequent violations may result in a student's suspension from the university.

I have read and understand the above-listed sanctions:

Signature

Date