

# Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program

Morgan Community College is a state system community college governed by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education.

Board policy requires the college to comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Amendments of 1989 (PL 101-226 in Federal Law). In compliance, MCC has adopted and implemented a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program that includes:

## Student Code of Conduct

It is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct to use, being under the influence of, manufacture, possess, cultivate, distribute, illegally purchase, or sell alcohol, illegal or controlled substance, and/or alcohol/drug paraphernalia while on college owned or college-controlled property, and/or at any function authorized or supervised by the college and/or in state-owned or leased vehicles.

Note: Although possession and use of marijuana consistent with the requirements of the Colorado Constitution is no longer a crime in the State of Colorado, the possession and use of marijuana remains illegal under federal law. Consistent with federal law, including the Controlled Substances Act and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, the use and/or possession of marijuana continues to be prohibited while a student is on college owned or college-controlled property, and/or any function authorized or supervised by the college and/or in state-owned or leased vehicles.

## Legal Sanctions

Any student convicted of the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, use or abuse of illicit drugs or alcohol is subject to criminal penalties under local, state or federal law. These penalties range in severity from a fine of \$100 to \$8,000,000 and/or imprisonment. The exact penalty assessed depends upon the nature and severity of the individual offense.

## MCC Penalties

The College will issue sanctions against students who violate the Student Code of Conduct. Violators will be subject to disciplinary action under student disciplinary policies. Sanctions include, but are not limited to, probation, suspension or expulsion from the College or probation, suspension or termination of employment, and referral to authorities for criminal penalties, as appropriate.

## Health Risks

Many health risks are associated with drug and alcohol abuse. Risks include malnutrition, brain damage, heart disease, pancreatitis, cirrhosis of the liver, mental illness, death, low birth-weight babies, and babies with drug

addictions. Personal relationships, family dynamics, and the ability to work and study are also at risk. The Welcome Center and the Office of Human Resources provide educational materials, programs, and resource referrals for MCC students and employees.

## Illegal Substances

A controlled substances schedule is listed [here](#). Illegally possessing, using, distributing or manufacturing any narcotic, dangerous drug or controlled substance as classified by federal, state, and local laws or appearing on campus while under the influence of any illegally obtained narcotic, dangerous or controlled substance is a crime and violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

## Referral Resources

Drug and Alcohol Prevention Information and policies are available on the website and in the MCC Welcome Center. MCC supports the efforts of local, state and federal governments in promoting a drug free America pursuant to Public Law 101.