Tobacco Policy

Western Dakota Tech is committed to providing a healthy learning environment that is conducive to the physical and mental well-being of the campus community. To enrich and support this atmosphere, WDT is a Tobacco Free Campus. This policy applies to all employees, students, visitors, and contractors. Smoking and the use of chewing tobacco or electronic cigarettes are prohibited anywhere in WDT buildings or on any WDT owned property with the exception of personal vehicles. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Information regarding a tobacco cessation program or other options is available through the Healthy South Dakota website: [www.healthysd.gov/QuitTobacco.html](http://www.healthysd.gov/QuitTobacco.html)

Alcohol and Other Drug Policy

As an institution of higher learning, Western Dakota Tech promotes responsible decision-making among members of the campus community. WDT recognizes that alcohol and other drugs can be dangerously habit-forming, which could lead to an individual’s loss of control. WDT’s primary goal is to provide students with a safe environment that supports the maximum growth of its members.

A person needs to feel secure to perform at a maximum level. Therefore, campus safety and security must be a concern of every student, faculty, and staff at WDT. Furthermore, drug use and alcohol abuse affect the entire campus community in increased drop-out rates, academic failure, disciplinary problems, and progression into addiction.

For the purpose of this policy, "drug" includes all controlled substances, illegal or controlled mood-altering chemicals, all look-alike drugs, all chemicals that release toxic vapors, and any prescription or patent drugs except those medications prescribed by and under the supervision of a licensed physician in a manner consistent with WDT policy.

The unlawful manufacture, possession, consumption, or distribution of alcohol or other controlled or illegal substances by students is prohibited on school property or at school-sponsored activities. Furthermore, students are prohibited from being on campus property while in an intoxicated state. Additionally, possession of empty alcohol beverage containers and drug paraphernalia is also prohibited. No student organization may sponsor any student-related activity at which alcoholic beverages are to be consumed.

Violations of this policy will be responded to in accordance with the seriousness and frequency of the offense. Any student displaying intoxicated behavior will immediately be referred to the Dean of Academics or Dean of Enrollment Services. Students found in violation of any of these policies will be subject to the following consequences:

1. The first offense will result in:
   - The student being removed from classes and given options for transportation.
   - The student being placed on conduct probation.

2. The second offense will result in:
   - The student being suspended from classes for five days.

3. Should the student appeal the suspension to the Dean of Enrollment Services or Dean of Academics and be reinstated, a third offense will result in expulsion from the institution.

4. Additionally, drug-related convictions may disqualify a student from receiving Federal Student Aid. United States Department of Education Federal Student Aid Regulations indicates that a federal or state drug conviction can disqualify a student for Federal Student Aid funds (i.e., grants, loans, federal work-study, federal campus-based aid). Students who are convicted of such drug offenses after submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must notify the financial aid office immediately.