

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Materials (34 CFR 86.100):

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AMBI's drug prevention materials must be annually distributed to each employee, and to each student who is taking one or more classes for any type of academic credit except for continuing education units, regardless of the length of the student's program of study.

1. **AMBI Alcohol & Drug Prevention Program.** In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, AMBI has established an alcohol and drug-free awareness and prevention program for its students and employees. The program provides information regarding the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse; maintenance of a workplace and learning environment free from alcohol and drug abuse; available alcohol and drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and the penalties that may be imposed on students and employees for alcohol and drug abuse violations. Questions regarding information in this policy should be directed to Scott Deidun, President & Chief Executive Officer, 571-620-7170.
2. **Standards of Conduct.** AMBI strictly prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession or use of illicit drugs or alcohol on campus property, and/or while on official duty and/or as part of any institute's activities. All students are expected to abide by local, state and federal laws pertaining to controlled substances, illicit drugs and the use of alcohol. Sanctions consistent with local, state, and federal law will be imposed on students and employees for violation of this policy.
3. **VIRGINIA DRUG PENALTIES.** For Virginia schedules, see Virginia Code Annotated at 54.1-3446. First Offense Manufacturing, selling, distributing, giving or possessing with the intent to manufacture, sell, give or distribute (Va. Code Ann. at 18.2-248 and 18.2-11): Schedule I and II drugs, and transporting into Virginia one or more ounces of cocaine and five or more pounds of marijuana with intent to sell or distribute: not less than five years nor more than 40 years; fine not more than \$500,000. Schedule III, IV or V drugs: not more than 12 months; fine not more than \$2,500. Trafficking in the following amounts is punishable by imprisonment of 20 years to life and a fine of not more than \$1 million: Heroin: 100 kilograms or more Cocaine: 500 kilograms or more Cocaine base: 1.5 kilograms or more Simple possession of a controlled substance is punishable as follows: Marijuana: a misdemeanor; not more than 30 days; fine of not more than \$500. (Va. Code Ann. at 18.2-250.1) Schedule I or II drug: not less than one year nor more than 10 years; or, in some cases, up to 12 months and fine of \$2,500. Schedule III drug: not more than 12 months; fine not more than \$2,500. Schedule IV drug: not more than six months; fine not more than \$1,000. Schedule V drug: fine not more than \$500. Schedule VI drug: fine not more than \$250 (Va. Code Ann. at 18.2-250.1, 18.2-11, and 18.2-10). Penalties for the sale, gift, distribution or possession with intent to sell, give or distribute marijuana (Va. Code 18.2-248.1): Not more than one

half ounce of marijuana: not more than 12 months, fine of not more than \$2,500. More than one half ounce of marijuana but not more than 5 pounds of marijuana: up to 10 years, fine of not more than \$2,500. More than five pounds of marijuana, not less than five years, nor more than 30 years. Manufacturing marijuana: not less than five years nor more than 30 years, fine not to exceed \$10,000. Other Penalties, Second and Later Offenses Sale of drugs on or near school property (including universities), state hospital grounds, a public recreation or community center, or any public library is a felony punishable by a mandatory sentence of not less than one year nor more than five years; fine of not more than \$100,000 (Va. Code Ann. at 18.2- 255.2). Forfeiture of driver's license may also occur as a result of drug violations. (Va. Code Ann. at 18.2-259.1). For penalties for sale of drugs to someone under age 18 who is at least three years younger than the seller, see Va. Code Ann. at 18.2-255. Enhanced penalties also apply to subsequent offenses.

4. **Counseling, treatment, or rehabilitation programs available to students and employees.**

- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
 - 1-800-662-HELP(4357)
- Substance Abuse Services Fairfax
 - 703-533-0180

5. **Health risks associated with the use of illegal drugs and alcohol.** Although initial drug use might be voluntary, drugs of abuse have been shown to alter gene expression and brain circuitry, which in turn affect human behavior. Once addiction develops, these brain changes interfere with an individual's ability to make voluntary decisions, leading to compulsive drug craving, seeking, and use. Additionally, the impact of addiction can be far-reaching. Cardiovascular disease, stroke, cancer, HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, and lung disease can all be affected by drug abuse. Some of these effects occur when drugs are used at high doses or after prolonged use, however, some may occur after just one use. See National Institute on Drug Abuse.

6. **Legal Sanctions.** In addition to penalties, up to and including expulsion from AMBI, a student who violates any of the following alcohol and/or drug laws will be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency and will be subject to prosecution in accordance with the law. Legal sanctions for a violation of local, state, and/or federal law may include, but not be limited to fines, probation, jail, or prison sentences.

7. **Biennial Review.** AMBI will conduct a biennial review of its program to determine its effectiveness and implement changes to the program if they are needed and ensure that any disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced.