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STUDENT RIGHT-TO-KNOW CAMPUS SECURITY ACT OF 1990

Statement of Compliance

In compliance with the Student-Right-to-Know (SRTK) and Campus Security Act of 1990, and as a service to its community, Southeastern Technical College makes available its completion and transfer rates to all current and prospective students as well as an annual campus crime report.

Student-Right-to-Know

Beginning in Fall 2000, all colleges receiving Title IV funds were required to track and publish, on an annual basis, the completion rate of degree, diploma, and certificate students from a "cohort" of students who were first-time, full-time award seeking students. These students are tracked over a three year period of time to determine their completion rate. The rates do not represent the success rates of the entire student population at Southeastern Technical College (STC), nor do they account for student outcomes occurring after this three year tracking period. The rates exclude students who are continuing their education, as well as students who attend STC to upgrade job skills, gain new job skills, improve basic skills, maintain licenses, complete credits for high school, and/or to formulate career interests. Also excluded are those who attended for intellectual or cultural desires. This rate only reflects the graduation and completion of the, first-time, full-time students who enrolled a specific Fall term, and for whom 150% of the normal time-to-completion has elapsed.

A similar group of cohort students have been studied at every Georgia technical college. While this information is calculated the same for all colleges, and is accurate, it can be misleading for a variety of reasons.

- The SRTK cohort is based only on a small percentage of the total STC student population of that time period (typically less than 15%).
- It consists only of students who entered STC:
 - First-time;
 - Full-time;
 - For that specific Fall term; and
 - Sought a degree, diploma, or certificate opportunity.
- The SRTK figures do not include those who transferred to another institution.

Finally, the rates do not describe other important features about the college and its students. For example, the job placement rates during the past five years have been 97.95% or more placed in field of study or related field of study.

INFORMATION

Where it can be found

- Tuition and Fees Charged to Full-time and Part-Time Students:
Catalog
- Estimates of Costs Necessary for Books and Supplies:
Catalog
- Additional Program Costs for Enrolled and Prospective Students:
Catalog
- Refund Policy for the Return of Unearned Tuition and Fees and Other Refundable Costs:
Catalog
- Requirements and Procedures for Officially Withdrawing from Southeastern Tech:
Catalog
- Financial Aid Refund Policy:
Catalog
- Current Degree Programs and other Educational and Training Programs:
Catalog
- Instructional, Laboratory and other Physical Facilities related to our Academic Progress:
Catalog
- Southeastern Tech Faculty and other Instructional Personnel:
Catalog

- Names of Associations, Agencies, or Governmental Bodies that provide Accreditation, Approval, and Licensing:
Catalog
- Procedures for Reviewing Documents which Describe Accreditation, Approval, and Licensing:
Office of Institutional Effectiveness
- Special Facilities and Services Available to Disabled Students:
Catalog

Individual designated and available to provide Student-Right-to-Know information:

Barry Dotson—Office 158A
Vice President for Student Affairs
3001 East First Street
Vidalia, GA 30474
912-538-3141

CAMPUS SECURITY

In compliance with Section 485 (a) and (f) of the Higher Education Act, also known as the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, 20 U.S.C. 1092 (a) and (f), Southeastern Technical College is required to disclose, on an annual basis, data on crimes committed on campus and campus safety policies and procedures.

Among its provisions, this consumer protection law requires the school to collect, prepare, publish and distribute an annual statement of all campus security policies to all current and prospective students and employees. Included in this report are statistics concerning the occurrence of campus crime.

The safety of students, visitors, faculty and staff is a top priority of Southeastern Technical College and is the goal of a combined effort of the school administration and local law enforcement officials.

Southeastern Technical College is committed to providing a safe environment for organized learning in all technical programs and activities.

It is the obligation of the school to ensure orderly operation; to protect the rights of all members of the service delivery area; to prohibit acts which materially and substantially interfere with legitimate educational objectives or interfere with the rights of others; and to institute disciplinary action where conduct adversely affects the school's pursuit of its educational objectives.

Campus security officers will provide assistance in both external and internal disruptions. In such incidents, the security officer's directions are to be followed explicitly by students and staff. Any disruption or criminal act observed by the security officer on duty will be reported to the Director of Safety and Security in order for law enforcement to be notified in necessary.

Campus security officers will maintain a presence on campus during all STC campus operation hours. If there are questions, problems, or special needs, faculty and staff are encouraged to call the administrator on duty or Director of Safety and Security. Our purpose is to serve our students and provide a safe and pleasant atmosphere on campus. All personnel should provide assistance and cooperation to security officers.

Students and Faculty/Staff shall not interfere with the campus security officer in the performance of duty.

If there is a concern regarding enforcement of the Code of Conduct, Traffic and Parking Regulations, and/or security procedures, the administrator on duty should be contacted. Officers are not to be interfered with in the performance of their duties nor are their actions to be questioned.

All emergencies, thefts, vehicle accidents, injuries, suspicious persons, suspicious activities, weapons, drugs, or solicitors are to be reported to security personnel or administrators.

Statistics concerning the occurrence of on-campus criminal offenses are available in the Student Affairs area and will be published annually in September. This information is also available in the library.

In the event of an accident, a Campus Crime/Accident/Incident Report Form must be completed immediately following the accident and turned in to the Director of Safety and Security. The form is reviewed by the Director of Safety and Security and forwarded to the Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness to determine if corrective action is needed.

In the event that a security alarm is activated after normal hours of operation, the security monitoring company will call the STC employees on the call list that has been provided to the security monitoring company until an employee is reached. The security monitoring company will also call 911 in order for local law enforcement to respond to the campus where the alarm has been activated.

The responding STC employee will make contact with local law enforcement, either in-person or by telephone, in order to determine whether or not the campus has been damaged in any manner. Local law enforcement will conduct a walk-through of the campus and if necessary a walk-through of the interior of the building(s). If necessary, the STC employee should respond to the campus in order to allow law enforcement entry into the building(s).

The Director of Safety and Security will be notified the next business day of any alarm calls received from the security monitoring company.

SAFETY MEASURES

The Maintenance Department of Southeastern Technical College maintains the buildings and grounds with a concern for safety and security. It inspects campus facilities regularly and promptly makes repairs. The department also responds to reports of potential safety and security hazards such as broken windows and locks. Students, as well as faculty and staff, may also call the Maintenance Department at 912-538-3128 Vidalia or 478-289-2200 Swainsboro to report safety and security hazards. The lighting of access areas and landscaped grounds is essential for safety. Southeastern Technical College maintenance/security personnel are responsible for closing and opening of the facilities on campus. The monitoring of the lighting system is conducted weekly.

Information on safety and security is provided to students, prospective students, and faculty and staff members through staff meetings, student orientation programs, and published materials.

MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Given the size and scope of facilities operated by Southeastern Technical College, an orderly process is required to ensure that maintenance and repair tasks are performed effectively and expeditiously.

Faculty, staff, and administration that identify the need for maintenance and repair tasks must submit their needs to the Director of Facilities via the Maintenance Help Desk via an on-line Maintenance Request Form which notifies the Director of Facilities and the Maintenance department. Students who identify a maintenance or repair task should contact a staff member so that an on-line Maintenance Request can be completed.

The Maintenance Request Form should be completed to provide the name of the person making the request, the date of the request, the physical location of the problem, and a brief description of the problem. The Maintenance Help Desk system will help the department prioritize maintenance and repair tasks, better utilize time, and track problem areas to implement corrective action.

PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING INCIDENTS

In the event of an accident/injury, other medical emergency, or crime-related incident, the nearest instructor or staff member and an administrator and Security should be notified. It should be noted that this procedure is in no way meant to prohibit or impede the reporting of an emergency directly to the appropriate party (i.e., police department, fire department, ambulance, hospital, etc.).

Professional emergency care, if needed, will be secured by an administrator. As a nonresidential institution, Southeastern Technical College expects that the student will normally secure medical services through a family physician.

In the case of a serious accident or illness, the College will refer the student to the nearest hospital for emergency care and will notify the student's next of kin. It is to be understood that the student or the student's family will be responsible for the cost of such emergency care.

If a crime has been committed, the Director of Safety and Security will call the local police department.

INCIDENT REPORT

In the event of an accident/injury, other medical emergency or crime-related incident involving a student, visitor, or employee at Southeastern Technical College, an Incident Report Form must be completed for any and all accidents or crimes occurring on campus. The report should be returned to the Director of Safety and Security.

SEXUAL OFFENDER INFORMATION

Federal law requires educational institutions to provide students with information concerning registered sex offenders in our service area. This information is available at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation website at the following address:
www.ganet.org.

SOUTHEASTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE CRIME STATISTICS

Our reports will be filed separately, but will be combined to put into this catalog each year.

Southeastern Technical College is committed to providing students with a safe and secure environment in which to learn and to keep parents and students well informed about campus security. Southeastern Technical College is committed to the enforcement of the Campus Security Act of 1990, which requires a school to compile an annual campus security report. By October 1 of each year, a school must publish and distribute an annual campus security report to all current students and employees.

Current students, faculty and staff, as well as prospective students and employees, may contact the following individual for clarification or additional information:

Travis Akridge

Director of Safety and Security

478-299-3530

takridge@southeasterntech.edu

MAIN CAMPUS – VIDALIA CAMPUS

Offense	Year	On Campus	Noncampus Building or Property	Public Property
Criminal Homicide				
Murder and No negligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Sex Offenses				
Forcible	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Non-Forcible	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Robbery	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Burglary	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Arson	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Unfounded Clery Crimes	2014	0	0	1
	2013	X	X	X
	2012	X	X	X

Arrests

Other Offenses	Year	On Campus	Noncampus Building or Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
Drug Abuse Violations	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
Illegal Weapon Possession	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X

Judicial Review

Other Offenses	Year	On Campus	Noncampus Building or Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
Drug Abuse Violations	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
Illegal Weapon Possession	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
VAWA Amendment Offenses	Year	On Campus	Noncampus Building or Property	Public Property
Dating Violence	2014	0	0	0
	2013	X	X	X
	2012	X	X	X
Domestic Violence	2014	0	0	0
	2013	X	X	X
	2012	X	X	X
Stalking	2014	0	0	0
	2013	X	X	X
	2012	X	X	X

**The incidents for sex offenses also include crimes reported by the Campus Security Department and Title IX Coordinator.

In the years 2012, 2013, 2014, there were no reported incidents of Hate Crimes in any of the areas of Clery Geography at Southeastern Technical College – Vidalia Campus.

CAMPUS – SWAINSBORO CAMPUS

Offense	Year	On Campus	Noncampus Building or Property	Public Property
Criminal Homicide				
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Sex Offenses				
Forcible	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Non-Forcible	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Robbery	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Burglary	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Arson	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	0	0	0
Unfounded Clery Crimes	2014	0	0	1
	2013	X	X	X
	2012	X	X	X

Arrests

Other Offenses	Year	On Campus	Noncampus Building or Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
Drug Abuse Violations	2014	0	0	1
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
Illegal Weapon Possession	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X

Judicial Review

Other Offenses	Year	On Campus	Noncampus Building or Property	Public Property
Liquor Law Violations	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
Drug Abuse Violations	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X
Illegal Weapon Possession	2014	0	0	0
	2013	0	0	0
	2012	X	X	X

VAWA Amendment Offenses	Year	On Campus	Noncampus Building or Property	Public Property
Dating Violence	2014	0	0	0
	2013	X	X	X
	2012	X	X	X
Domestic Violence	2014	0	0	0
	2013	X	X	X
	2012	X	X	X
Stalking	2014	0	0	0
	2013	X	X	X
	2012	X	X	X

**The incidents for sex offenses also include crimes reported by the Campus Security Department and Title IX Coordinator.

In the years 2012, 2013, 2014, there were no reported incidents of Hate Crimes in any of the areas of Clery Geography at Southeastern Technical College – Swainsboro Campus.

NOTE: *** A "Hate Crime" is one in which the victim is selected intentionally because of his or her actual or perceived race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or disability. Hate crimes must be reported by category of prejudice: race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability. For the purposes of this data collection, only the total numbers of hate crimes are being requested. Hate crime information is gathered by the criminal offenses of: (1) Murder/Non-negligent man-slaughter, (2) Aggravated Assault, (3) All forcible sex offenses, (4) Forcible rape, (5) Negligent Manslaughter, (6) Arson, and (7) Simple Assault.

WEAPONS POLICY

It is unlawful for an individual to bring to, possess, or have under such person's control, any explosive compound, firearm, or knife designed for the purpose of offense or defense while at a public gathering (O.C.G.A. 16-11-127). Having a license to carry a pistol is no justification under this policy.

Also prohibited on technical College campuses, in state-owned vehicles or at technical College functions, are other dangerous weapons including straight razors, blackjacks, any knife having a blade of three inches or more, bowie knife, switchblade knife, throwing knife, metal knuckles, spring sticks, any flailing instrument with two or more rigid parts hinged such that one or more parts can swing freely, nun chucks, fighting chains, any disk having two or more points or blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled, or other objects that may reasonably pose a danger to the health and safety of students, instructors, or any individual.

This policy exempts law enforcement officers, judges, magistrates, solicitors, district attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, and employees of the Department of Corrections, or employees of local or federal correctional facilities who are authorized to carry a firearm. Also exempt are persons employed as campus police or security officers who are authorized to carry a weapon in accordance with Chapter 8, Title 20, and private detectives/security agents who hold firearms permits issued by the Georgia

Board of Private Detective and Security Agencies. Also exempt is any legal weapon carried in a locked container, locked compartment or locked gun rack in a privately owned vehicle.

An employee or student found in violation of this policy shall, in addition to any criminal action taken, be subject to dismissal from the College or termination of employment as determined by the President.

According to the Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A. 16-11-106), violation of this law can result in the following punishment:

- A fine of not more than \$10,000; imprisonment for not less than two, nor more than ten, years, or both. A juvenile who violates this shall be subject to the provision of O.C.G.A. 15-11-37.

DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

The abuse of alcohol and the use of illegal drugs by members of the Southeastern Technical College community are incompatible with the goals of the College. In order to further the College's commitment to provide a healthy and productive educational environment, and in compliance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, the College has established the following policy on alcohol and other drugs.

Drug-Free Campus Program

In accordance with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989, Southeastern Technical College provides the following information to provide a campus environment free of illicit drug use and alcohol abuse and to prevent the abuse of alcohol and drugs by students and employees.

Illegal Drugs

The use, possession, or distribution of narcotics, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, hallucinogens, and any other dangerous or controlled drugs, not prescribed by a physician, is prohibited on Southeastern Technical College property or at College sponsored events including student organization functions. Any individual, known to be possessing, using, or distributing such drug is subject to disciplinary action and possible arrest, imprisonment, or fine according to state law.

Alcoholic Beverages

Southeastern Technical College seeks to encourage and sustain an academic environment that both respects individual freedom and promotes health, safety, and welfare of all members of its community. In keeping with these objectives, Southeastern Technical College adopts and enforces all of the Technical College System of Georgia policies and guidelines governing the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages. Selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to anyone is not permitted on any Southeastern Technical College campus.

Student Misconduct

The Southeastern Technical College student conduct regulations prohibit the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of alcohol and other drugs by students and student organizations. The regulations also prohibit alcohol-related misconduct. In addition, student organizations are not permitted to sponsor events where alcohol is present. Sanctions for violation of these student conduct regulations may include alcohol and/or other drug education, mandated evaluation and treatment, community service, suspension, and/or expulsion. Student organizations which knowingly permit illegal drug activity will be excluded from campus for a minimum of one year, and criminal charges will be filed with local law enforcement.

A federal drug conviction may result in the denial of federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to one year for first offense, up to five years for second and subsequent offenses [21 U.S.C. sec. 853]. Moreover, any person convicted of a federal drug offense punishable by more than one year in prison will forfeit personal and real property related to the violation, including homes, vehicles, boats, aircraft, or any other personal belongings [21 U.S.C. sec. 853 (a) (2), 881 (a) (7) and 881 (a) (4)]. Further, persons convicted on federal charges of drug trafficking within 1,000 feet of Southeastern Technical College may face penalties of prison terms and fines that are twice as high as the regular penalties for the offense, with a mandatory prison sentence of at least one year [921 U.S.C. sec. 845 (a)].

Student Sanctions

1. Students indicted for possession or sale of illegal drugs, alcohol, and/or other mind-altering substances will be suspended from school, forfeit all claim to financial aid, and may be requested to repay all previously received financial aid;
2. If a student is convicted (including a plea of nolo contendere) of committing certain felony offenses involving any criminal drug and/or alcohol statute of any jurisdiction, regardless of whether the alleged violations occurred at the

College or elsewhere, the student will be suspended immediately and denied state and/or federal funds from the date of conviction;

3. The College shall notify the appropriate state/federal funding agency within 10 days after receiving notice of the conviction from the student or otherwise after receiving the actual notice of conviction;
4. Within 30 days of notification of conviction, the College shall, with respect to any student so convicted, take additional appropriate action against such student, up to and including expulsion, as it deems necessary.

Title 20-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated states that any student of a public educational institution who is convicted, under the laws of the state, the United States, or any other state, of any felony offense involving the manufacture, distribution, sale, possession, or use of marijuana, a controlled substance, or a dangerous substance, shall, as of the date of conviction, be suspended from the public educational institution in which said person is enrolled. Except for cases in which the College has previously taken disciplinary action against a student for the same offense, such suspension shall be effective as of the date of conviction, even though the educational institution may not complete all administrative actions necessary to implement such a suspension until a later date. Except for cases in which the College has already imposed disciplinary sanctions for the same offense, such suspension shall continue through the end of the term, semester, or other similar period for which the student was enrolled as of the date of conviction. The student shall forfeit any right to any academic credit otherwise earned or earnable for such term, semester, or other similar period; and the educational institution shall subsequently revoke any such academic credit which is granted prior to the completion of administrative actions necessary to implement such suspension.

Southeastern Technical College Responsibility

The College is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a drug-free awareness program to inform students of the following:

- The dangers of the drug and alcohol abuse on the campus and elsewhere;
- Any available drug and alcohol counseling, rehabilitation and assistance programs;
- Any penalties to be imposed upon students for drug and alcohol abuse violations occurring on the campus.

Employee Misconduct

Employee misconduct related to alcohol or other drug abuse will not be tolerated. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, sale, use, or possession of illegal drugs by employees of Southeastern Technical College is prohibited by the Technical College System of Georgia policy. Violation of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary sanctions, including referral for legal prosecution.

As a condition of employment, Southeastern Technical College faculty and staff agree to abide by the terms of this policy and to notify the Personnel Department of any criminal drug arrest or conviction (including a plea of nolo contendere) no later than 5 working days after the arrest or conviction. This policy applies to all employees regardless of the jurisdiction of arrest or whether the alleged violations occurred at the workplace or elsewhere.

As a condition of employment, all current and new employees must certify they have read and will abide by the terms of the Drug Free Policy. Certification is placed in the employee's personnel file.

Within 30 days of notification of conviction, Southeastern Technical College shall, with respect to any employee so convicted:

1. Take appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to, and including, termination;
2. Require such employee to participate in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a federal, state, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.

Southeastern Technical College is responsible for ensuring the development and implementation of a drug free awareness program to inform employees of the following:

1. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace and elsewhere;
2. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs;
3. Any penalties to be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the work-place.

Health Risks Associated with the Use of Illicit Drugs and the Abuse of Alcohol

The use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol can, and in many instances, very probably will, lead to serious health problems, chemical dependency, deterioration of the quality of life, and, if untreated, early death.

Cocaine provides a short-lived "high" followed by depression, paranoia, anxiety, guilt, anger and fear. It can cause rapid physical and psychological addiction. In some instances, cocaine may cause a heart attack or sudden death, even on the first use. The dangers of this highly addictive drug and its close derivative, "crack", are evidenced daily through the news media. Overdose of cocaine (or other stimulants) can cause agitation, increase in body temperature, hallucinations, convulsions and possible death.

Marijuana, like cocaine, provides a short-term high, and like cocaine, is addictive. While the "high" may last only a short time, traces remain in the body for a month or more, inhibiting short-term memory, reducing reaction time and impairing visual tracking. It may also cause an inability to abstract and understand concepts. In some instances it can depress the immune system, increase the risk of heart attack, contribute to lung diseases, and infertility. Marijuana and other cannabis can cause euphoria, relaxed inhibitions, increased appetite and disoriented behavior. Overdose can cause fatigue, paranoia and possible death. Depressants such as barbiturates, chloral hydrate, benzodiazepines, etc., can cause slurred speech, disorientation and drunken behavior without the odor of alcohol. Overdose can cause shallow respiration, clammy skin, dilated pupils, weak and rapid pulse, coma, and possible death.

Hallucinogens such as LSD, Mescaline and Peyote, amphetamine variants, etc., can cause illusions and hallucinations, and poor perception of time and distance. Overdose can cause longer, more intense illusionary hallucinatory episodes, psychosis and possible death.

Narcotics such as opium, heroin, morphine, and codeine can cause euphoria, drowsiness, respiratory depression, constricted pupils and nausea. Overdose of narcotics can cause slow and shallow breathing, clammy skin, convulsions, coma and possible death.

Prescription drugs, used improperly, can cause tiredness, or hyperactivity, impaired reflexes, brain damage, and, in some instances, addiction or death.

Alcohol, used abusively, will impair judgment, result in anxiety, feelings of guilt, depression and isolation. Prolonged use may cause liver and heart disease, cancer, and psychological problems and dependency in the form of alcoholism. Alcohol used by pregnant women is the leading preventable cause of mental retardation in children.

NOTE: See chart on the following page for possible long-term effects of substance abuse.

Criminal Sanctions

Under Georgia and federal law, it is a crime to possess, manufacture, sell, or distribute illegal drugs. As required by federal regulations, charts at the current Safe and Secure Web site detail federal penalties for drug trafficking and state sanctions for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs.

Federal sanctions for the illegal possession of drugs include imprisonment up to 1 year and/or a minimum fine of \$1,000 for a first conviction; imprisonment for 15 days to 2 years and a minimum fine of \$2,500 for a second drug conviction; and imprisonment for 90 days to 3 years and a minimum fine of \$5000 for a third or subsequent drug conviction. For possession of a mixture or substance which contains a cocaine base, federal sanctions includes 5 to 20 years in prison and a minimum fine of \$1000 for a first conviction if the mixture or substance exceeds 5 grams, for a second conviction if the mixture or substance exceeds 3 grams, and for a third or subsequent conviction if the mixture or substance exceeds 1 gram. Additional possible penalties for the illegal possession of drugs are forfeiture of real or personal property used to possess or to facilitate possession of a controlled substance if the offense is punishable by more than 1 year imprisonment; forfeiture of vehicles, boats, aircraft, or any other conveyance used, or intended for use, to transport or conceal drugs; civil fine up to \$10,000 per violation; denial of federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses for up to 1 year for the first and up to 5 years for a second or subsequent offense; successful completion of a drug treatment program; community service; and ineligibility to receive or purchase a firearm.

Georgia law prohibits the purchase or possession of alcohol by a person under the age of 21, or the furnishing of alcohol to such a person. Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs also is illegal. It is against Georgia law, under certain

circumstances, to walk and be upon a roadway while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. The punishment for these offenses may include imprisonment, payment of fine, mandatory treatment and education programs, community service, and mandatory loss of one's driver's license.

The use, possession, manufacture, distribution, dispensing, and trafficking of illegal drugs is prohibited by federal law. Strict penalties are provided for drug convictions, including mandatory prison terms for many offenses. The following information, although not complete, is an overview of potential federal statutory maximum penalties.

However, precise federal sentencing is governed by the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Please note that sentencing under these guidelines can result in penalties that are more severe than the federal statutory maximums and which are more severe than the penalties imposed under state law under certain circumstances.

NOTE: See chart below for possible penalties for substance possession.

A federal drug conviction may result in the denial of federal benefits, such as student loans, grants, contracts, and professional and commercial licenses, up to one year for first offense, up to five years for second and subsequent offenses [21 U.S.C. sec. 853]. Moreover, any person convicted of a federal drug offense punishable by more than one year in prison will forfeit personal and real property related to the violation, including homes, vehicles, boats, aircraft, or any other personal belongings [21 U.S.C. sec. 853(a)(2), 881(a)(7) and 881(a)(4)]. Further, persons convicted on federal drug trafficking within 1,000 feet of Southeastern Technical College may face penalties of prison terms and fines that are twice as high as regular penalties for the offense, with a mandatory prison sentence of at least one year [921 U.S.C. sec. 845(a)].

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Programs

A variety of counseling services and treatment centers are available throughout the state for anyone experiencing problems related to substance abuse. Although most counseling and treatment centers charge for their services, some programs are free of charge. Faculty, staff, and students should avail themselves of sources to identify the services or programs which most closely meet their specific needs.

Consistent with its educational mission, Southeastern Technical College provides useful and informative educational programs on drug/alcohol abuse. Programs of this type begin with orientation each semester. A variety of departments sponsor work-shops and lectures on alcohol and drug related issues to support and encourage healthy, productive lifestyles.

The following agencies can be contacted for assistance with drug/alcohol abuse related issues:

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Assistance	
Alcoholic Anonymous	912-537-3431
Meadows Regional Medical Center	912-537-8921
Montgomery Counseling Center (located in Dublin)	478-272-1190
Pineland Counseling/Substance Abuse Hotline	1-800-746-3526
Tattnall Counseling/Substance Abuse	912-557-6794
Toombs Substance Abuse Center / Day Treatment Center	912-537-0209
Toombs Counseling Center	912-537-8921
Pineland Mental Health	912-764-9868
Ogeechee Behavior Health	706-437-6863

SUBSTANCE	POSSIBLE LONG-TERM EFFECTS	DEPENDENCE POTENTIAL
Alcohol	Toxic psychosis, addiction, neurological and liver damage, fetal alcohol syndrome	Yes
Amphetamines <i>Uppers, Speed</i>	Loss of appetite, delusions, hallucinations, heart problems, hypertension, irritability, insomnia, toxic psychosis	Yes
Barbiturates <i>Barbs, Bluebirds, Blues</i>	Severe withdrawal symptoms, possible convulsions, toxic psychosis, depression	Yes
Cocaine and Cocaine Freebase <i>Coke, Crack</i>	Loss of appetite, depression, weight loss, seizure, heart attack, stroke, hypertension, hallucinations, psychosis, chronic cough, nasal passage injury	Yes
Codeine	Addiction, constipation, loss of appetite, lethargy	Yes
Heroin <i>H, Junk, Smack</i>	Addiction, constipation, loss of appetite, lethargy	Yes
LSD <i>Acid</i>	May intensify existing psychosis, panic reactions, can interfere with psychological adjustment and social functioning, insomnia, hallucinations	Possible
MDA, MMDA, MOMA, MDE <i>Ecstasy, xtc</i>	Same as LSD, sleeplessness, nausea, confusion, increased blood pressure, sweating	Possible
Marijuana Cannabis <i>Pot, Grass, Dope, Weed, Joint</i>	Bronchitis, conjunctivitis, possible birth defects	Yes
Mescaline/Peyote Cactus <i>Mesc, Peyote</i>	May intensify existing psychosis, anxiety, lack of coordination, sweating, chills, and shivering	Possible
Methaqualone <i>Ludes</i>	Coma, convulsions	Yes
Morphine <i>M, Morph</i>	Addiction, constipation, loss of appetite	Yes
PCP <i>Crystal, Tea, Angel dust</i>	Psychotic behavior, violent acts, psychosis	Yes
Psilocybin <i>Magic mushrooms, Shrooms</i>	May intensify existing psychosis	Possible
Steroids <i>Roids, Juice</i>	Cholesterol imbalance, acne, baldness, anger management problems, masculinization of women, breast enlargement in men, premature fusion of long bones preventing attainment of normal height, atrophy of reproductive organs, impotence, reduced sterility, stroke, hypertension, congestive heart failure, liver damage	Yes

SUBSTANCE	AMOUNT	POTENTIAL PENALTY — FIRST OFFENSE
Heroin	1 kg or more	Prison: Not less than 10 years, not more than life Fine: Up to \$4 million
Cocaine	5 kg or more	
Crack Cocaine	50 gm or more	
Methamphetamine	100 gm or more	
PCP	100 gm or more	
LSD	10 gm or more	
Marijuana	1,000 kg or more	Prison: Not less than 5 years, not more than 40 years Fine: Up to \$2 million
Heroin	100-999 gm	
Cocaine	500-4,999 gm	
Crack Cocaine	5-49 gm	
Methamphetamine	10-99 gm	
PCP	10-99 gm	
LSD	1-10 gm	Prison: Up to 5 years Fine: Up to \$250,000
Marijuana	100-1000 kg	
Amphetamines	Any amount	
Barbiturates	Any amount	
Marijuana	50-100 kg	
Hashish	10-100 kg	
Hash Oil	1-100 kg	Prison: Up to 20 years, Not more than life if death or serious bodily injury results from use of the substance.
Marijuana	Less than 50 kg	
Hashish	Less than 10 kg	
Hash oil	Less than 1 kg	Fine: Up to \$250,000