



POLICY TITLE: Family Notification and Evaluation Policy

POLICY PURPOSE: To illustrate the steps that will be taken if parental notification needs to be given in the event a student is hospitalized and follow-up after a student was taken to the ER.

BACKGROUND:

APPLIES TO: All university community members

DEFINITIONS:

CONTENTS:

POLICY STATEMENT: The inherent risks associated with the abuse of alcohol and other drugs affect the entire community. One important goal of any institutional effort to mitigate the impact of alcohol and drug abuse on the campus at large is to involve faculty, staff, students, medical and law enforcement services, alumni, and parents in a collaborative relationship to promote a safe and healthy learning community. Broad collaboration and the formation of partnerships between and among these groups can assure collective ownership in protecting a healthy environment where learning, performance, and the social aspects of college life are not compromised.

To that end, in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and section 952 of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act, which provides for the notification of parents/legal guardians in the case of alcohol and/or drug activity, the University (Vice President for Student Affairs or designee) may notify the parents/legal guardians of any student hospitalization directly due to alcohol poisoning, drug overdose, or mental health problems. Consent of the student is not required under FERPA provisions and section 952 of the Higher Education Reauthorization Act for this notification process.

Any student whose level of risk has reached the point that they need to be transported to the ER must follow up with either the Student Health Center, and/or the Kelly Center, and/or an outside provider dependent upon the circumstances for the hospitalization. The Student Health Center and/or Kelly Center may evaluate the physical and/or psychological state of the student before the student can return to their regular schedule.

**EXCLUSIONS OR
SPECIAL
CIRCUMSTANCES:**

RELATED

Policies:

DOCUMENTS:

Forms:

Other:

KEYWORDS:

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OFFICE:**

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