

POLICY: 3.3.6. (II. C. 6.)

Use of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus

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POLICY:

The presence of alcohol on college campuses shall be governed by the provisions of federal, state, and local laws and applicable State Board of the Technical College System of Georgia policies and procedures. All persons entering the campus, or any facility owned or operated by the Technical College System of Georgia or any of its Technical Colleges must comply with these laws, policies, and procedures.

A Technical College may permit the service of alcoholic beverages in conjunction with the operation of a business conference center, provided the center can accommodate 200 or more people. Alcohol may be served only at events sponsored by a third party (e.g., an organization, individual, etc.) possessing the appropriate federal, state, and local licenses. Additionally, the event must serve a business, economic development, civic, social, or educational purpose.

Alcoholic beverages may not be served or sold at any student-sponsored function, nor may a Technical College sponsor an event at which alcohol is sold or otherwise provided.

With respect to events held on a Technical College campus, there shall be no exchange of money involved with the service of alcohol and a cash bar will not be permitted.

An Agreement setting forth the requirements for the service of alcoholic beverages shall be signed by any third party sponsoring an event at which alcohol will be served. Said agreement shall include a release of the Technical College and the TCSG from all liability associated with the event.

For purposes of regulating alcoholic beverages, the campus shall be within a municipality if the campus, or a more significant part of the campus, is within the limits of a municipality. Suppose the campus or a more significant part of the campus is located within an unincorporated area of a county. In that case, the campus shall be considered to be within the county's unincorporated area.

Any advertisement or promotional materials which indicate that alcohol will be available at an event/function held on a Technical College campus shall not contain any information which would suggest that the event is sponsored by the Technical College or any Technical College employee. College logos, names, etc., shall not be used as an endorsement for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

No State or Federal funds may be used to purchase alcohol for service at a Technical College. However, this prohibition does not apply to purchasing alcohol for exclusive use in a college's culinary arts programs. In these instances, the college must adopt written procedures to strictly regulate the purchase, storage, and use of alcohol in these academic programs.

A Technical College President may, at his or her sole discretion, decline to allow alcoholic beverages to be served at events held on campus; however, a President's decision to permit the service of alcohol at an event must comply with the guidelines of this policy and all accompanying procedure(s) established by the Commissioner.

RELATED AUTHORITY:

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-11 – Powers of Board.

O.C.G.A. § 20-4-14 – TCSG Established; Powers and Duties.

TCSG Procedure 3.3.6p. – Use of Alcoholic Beverages on Campus.

TCSG Procedure 4.3.2p4. – Standards of Business Conduct.

O.C.G.A. §3-8-6 – Technical Institutes; Services of Alcoholic Beverages; Regulation and Tax.

O.C.G.A. §3-3-21.1 – Possession of Alcoholic Beverages on the Grounds of a Public School.