

# ANNUAL STUDENT DISCLOSURES

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## Welcome to the 2025-2026 Academic Year at Governors State University!

This packet contains information relevant to GovState and your education with us. Federal and State law and regulations require all institutions of higher education to provide specified information directly to their enrolled students on an annual basis. This academic year, GovState has compiled much of that specified information into a single PDF format for convenience of distribution. The exact contents of this packet are listed to the left.

Please review these items when you have the opportunity. This PDF will also be available on the webpage listed in the header.

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# ACCESS TO STUDENT EDUCATIONAL RECORDS

## Notification of Rights under FERPA

The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, and the regulations promulgated thereunder, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (collectively, “FERPA”), guarantee certain rights regarding access to, confidentiality of, and correction of the education records of students attending postsecondary institutions. The purpose of this disclosure is to notify the students of Governors State University (the “University” or “GovState”) of their rights and of GovState’s policies and procedures with respect to the implementation and exercise of those rights.

### I. NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

FERPA affords students certain rights with respect to their Education Records, including:

1. The right to provide written consent before GovState discloses personally identifiable information from the student’s Education Records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
2. The right to inspect and review the student’s Education Records.
3. The right to request the amendment of the student’s Education Records that the student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.
4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by GovState to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

### II. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this disclosure and notification:

1. “Student” is one who has attended or who is attending GovState and whose Education Records are in the files of the University.
2. “Education Records” are those records that are directly related to a student and maintained by GovState or by a party acting for GovState. The following *are not* considered Education Records:
  - (a) Records made by and kept in the sole possession of the maker that are not accessible or revealed to any other person (except a temporary substitute for the maker of the record) that are used only as a personal memory aid.
  - (b) Law enforcement records of the GovState Department of Public Safety created for a law enforcement purpose and maintained by the Department of Public Safety.

- (c) Records relating to a University employee that are made and maintained in the normal course of business, relate exclusively to that person in the person's capacity as an employee, and are not available for use for any other purpose, except where such person is employed as a result of the person's status as a student.
- (d) Records on a student:
  - (i) Made or maintained by a physician, psychiatrist, psychologist, or other recognized professional or paraprofessional acting in his or her professional capacity or assisting in a paraprofessional capacity;
  - (ii) Made, maintained, or used only in connection with treatment of the student; and
  - (iii) Disclosed only to individuals providing the treatment.

For the purpose of this definition, "treatment" does not include remedial educational activities or activities that are part of the program of University instruction.

- (e) Records created or received by the University after an individual is no longer a student in attendance and that are not directly related to the person's attendance as a student.
  - (f) Grades on peer-graded papers before they are collected and recorded by an instructor.
3. "Directory Information" is information contained in an Education Record which would not generally be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released. This includes: (a) name, (b) campus address, (c) university-issued email address, (d) telephone number, (e) photo, (f) dates of attendance, (g) enrollment status, (h) classification, (i) previous educational institutions attended, (j) participation in officially recognized activities and sports, (k) weight and height of members of athletic teams, (l) fields of study, (m) awards, (n) honors, and (o) degrees conferred with dates. Directory information shall not include a student's: (y) social security number or (z) student identification number except when used in conjunction with one or more factors that authenticate the user's identity, such as a PIN, password, or other factor known or possessed only by the authorized user.
  4. "Record" means any information or data recorded in any medium, including but not limited to handwriting, electronic, print, tapes, file, disks, microfilm, and microfiche.
  5. "Records Custodian" is the office or administrative officer (or their designee) who is responsible for maintaining student records.

6. “School Official” is any trustee, officer, agent, or employee of GovState. This includes a person or organization employed by or under contract with the University to perform a special administrative or professional task, such as an attorney or auditor, or the National Student Clearinghouse.
7. A “parent” includes a natural parent of a student, a guardian, or an individual acting as a parent in the absence of a parent or a guardian.
8. “Eligible parent” means either:
  - (a) A parent of a student who has given written consent for the parent to review the student’s Education Records; or
  - (b) A parent who has claimed the student as a dependent (as defined in section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (“IRC”), 26 U.S.C. § 152) in the most recently ended tax year.

### **III. IMPLEMENTATION AND EXERCISE OF RIGHTS**

#### **1. Disclosure of Education Records**

##### **A. Disclosure without Prior Student Authorization or Consent**

GovState will disclose information from a student’s Education Records only with the written consent of the student, except:

- (1) To School Officials who have a legitimate educational interest in the Education Records. The determination of a “legitimate educational interest” will be made by the Records Custodian responsible for the maintenance of the Education Record. Treatment records may be accessed internally solely by those providing treatment services except as otherwise permitted by law.
- (2) To third parties, including contractors, consultants, and volunteers, retained by the University to conduct institutional services or functions for which the University would otherwise use employees who are under the direct control of the University with respect to the use and maintenance of the education records and are subject to confidentiality requirements.
- (3) To officials of another institution, upon request, in which a student seeks or intends to enroll or where the student is already enrolled so long as the disclosure is for the purpose related to the student’s enrollment or transfer.
- (4) To certain officials of the Comptroller of the United States, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Education, and state and local educational authorities, in connection with the audit and evaluation of certain state or federally supported education programs and to enforce laws.

- (5) In connection with a student's request for or receipt of financial aid as necessary to determine eligibility, amount, or conditions of financial aid or to enforce the terms and conditions of financial aid for which the student has applied or received.
- (6) To organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the University.
- (7) To accrediting organizations to carry out their functions.
- (8) To an eligible parent of a student who claims the student as a dependent for income tax purposes as defined in IRC section 152.
- (9) To comply with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena.
- (10) To appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency if the information is necessary to protect the health or safety of the student or other persons.
- (11) For Directory Information, which may be released to agencies or persons outside the University unless the student completes the appropriate form which indicates that this information should be withheld.
- (12) For the final results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the University against an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense to the alleged victim of that crime.

## **B. Student Consent for Disclosure of Education Records**

In the event a student wants or otherwise consents to a third party (i.e., anyone not the student, GovState, or a School Official) having access to the student's Education Record(s), the student should complete the "[FERPA Authorization to Release Information](#)" form and submit it to the Office of the Registrar. Once the Office of the Registrar has received a completed and signed form, GovState will have the authority to disclose the specified Education Record(s) to the specified third party(ies) as the student directs.

## **C. Release of Information to Third Parties**

Regardless of whether GovState is disclosing a student's Education Records to a third party pursuant to an express student authorization or consent or pursuant to an exception to consent listed in Section III.1.A, the Education Records will be released to the third party only by the University Registrar, Executive Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, Provost, or the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (or their designees). No other University office will release Education Record information to third parties directly except in the case of institutional audits.

Any third party wishing access to Education Records without GovState having received a student's prior written disclosure authorization or consent, must submit the request in writing, and, unless the third party is seeking only Directory Information, the third party must specify a legitimate reason for

seeking access. Any such request will be referred to either the Registrar, Executive Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, Provost, or Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management as appropriate.

Under FERPA, a student has the right to request that the disclosure of his or her Directory Information be withheld and omitted from the University Directory as long as the student is enrolled or maintains continuing student status at the University. If a student wishes to have any or all Directory Information withheld, the student must submit a written request to the Office of the Registrar (see the Registrar's "[Request to Prevent Disclosure of Director Information](#)" form). Directory Information may be released without permission for students who are no longer enrolled, have graduated, or have lost continuing student status at GovState, unless otherwise requested.

GovState will maintain a record of all requests for information from a student's Education Records received from third parties and all disclosures of information from a student's Education Records to a third party (except for requests and/or disclosures related to a third party with written student consent or to a third party seeking only Directory Information). The record will indicate the name of the party making the request, any additional party to whom the requested information may be redisclosed, and the legitimate interest the party had in requesting or obtaining the information. The record will be kept with the student's Education Records by the Registrar, Executive Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, or the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management (or their designees), and may be reviewed by the student.

A reasonable attempt will be made to notify a student prior to the release of information from the student's Education Records if: (a) the request for information takes the form of a subpoena or court order (excluding law enforcement subpoenas and *ex parte* orders); and (b) disclosure without notice would infringe upon the student's rights under FERPA.

## 2. Inspection and Review of Education Records

### A. Location of Education Records

All students have Education Records maintained by the Office of the Registrar. Additionally, students may have Education Records maintained by one or more other Records Custodians. The following is a list of types of Education Records that GovState maintains and the Records Custodian of each type.

Type of Record	Office or Department	Records Custodian
Academic Records	Office of the Registrar	Registrar
Counseling, Testing, Tutoring Records	Academic Resource Center	Executive Director of the Academic Resource Center
Admissions Records	Admissions Office	Director of Admissions
Athletics Records	Athletics and Recreation	Director of Athletics
Career-related Records	Office of Career Services	Executive Director of Career Services
Student Disciplinary Records	Student Affairs	Dean of Students
Disability Services Records	Disability Services	Director of Disability Services

Type of Record	Office or Department	Records Custodian
Financial Assistance Records	Office of Financial Aid	Executive Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships
International Student Records	Office of International Services	Director of International Services
Student Accounts and Billing Records	Student Accounts	Assistant Director
Advising Records	Undergraduate Academic Advising Center	Director of Undergraduate Academic Advising Center

Some Colleges and departments or divisions may maintain records separately. A list of departments and divisions that have separate records, their location, and Records Custodian responsible for the record may be obtained from the Office of the Dean of the College in which the department or division is located. The following departments and offices may also maintain Education Records:

Office or Department	Administrative Officer
Counseling and Wellness Center	Director of Counseling and Wellness
University Housing	Director of Housing and Auxiliary Services
Veterans Resource Center	Director for Veterans and Military Personnel
Center for Student Engagement and Intercultural Programs	Executive Director for the Center for Student Engagement and Intercultural Programs

## **B. Procedure to Inspect and Review Education Records**

### ***i. Request to Review***

Students may inspect and review their Education Records upon request to the appropriate Records Custodian(s) listed above. A student should submit to the appropriate Records Custodian a written request that specifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect.

An eligible parent of a student may inspect the student's Education Records if: (1) written consent is provided to the appropriate Records Custodian by the student; or (2) a copy of the 1040 series income tax form filed with the IRS for the most recently ended tax year is submitted by the eligible parent to the appropriate Record Custodian showing that the student is claimed as a dependent by the eligible parent as defined in IRC section 152.

### ***ii. Accessibility of Education Records***

The Records Custodian will make the needed access arrangements as promptly as possible and notify the student or eligible parent of the time and location where the Education Records may be inspected. Access must be provided within 45 days or less from receipt of the written request.

When a specific record contains information about more than one student, the student or eligible parent may inspect and review only the parts of the record that relate to the student.

The review of Education Records must be done in the presence of a University representative. Original records may not be removed from any office where they are maintained.

**iii. Right of the University to Refuse Access for Inspection**

GovState reserves the right to refuse to permit a student (or eligible parent except with respect to the parent's financial records) to inspect the following Education Records:

- (1) The financial statement of the student's parents.
- (2) Letters and statements of recommendation for which the student has waived the right of access, or which were placed in the student's file before January 1, 1975.
- (3) Those records that are not "Education Records" and do not fall within the definition of "public records."

**iv. Refusal to Provide Copies**

GovState reserves the right to deny transcripts or copies of Education Records not otherwise required to be made available by FERPA in any of the following situations:

- (1) The student or eligible parent lives within commuting distance (presumed to be 50 miles) of the University.
- (2) The student has an unpaid financial obligation to the University or an administrative hold on the Education Record.
- (3) There is an unresolved disciplinary action against the student.
- (4) There is an unresolved academic action against the student.

**v. Fees for Copies of Records**

Students may have copies made of their Education Record upon payment of an appropriate charge established by the University.

**3. Correction of Education Records**

Students have the right to ask for correction of Education Records that they believe are inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of their privacy rights. The following are procedures for the correction of Education Records:

- (1) A student must ask the appropriate Records Custodian (as listed in Section III.2.A, above) to amend a specific Education Record. As part of the request, the student should identify the portion of the Education Record the student wants changed and specify why the student believes that portion to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's privacy or other rights.
- (2) The Records Custodian may comply with the request or may decide not to comply. If the Records Custodian decides not to comply, the Records Custodian will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of the right to a hearing to challenge the portion of the Education Record believed to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights.
- (3) Upon request, the Records Custodian will arrange for a hearing and will notify the student reasonably in advance of the date, location, and time of the hearing.
- (4) The hearing will be conducted by a hearing officer who is a disinterested party appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. The hearing officer may be an official of the University. The student shall be afforded a full and fair opportunity to present evidence relevant to the issues raised in the original request to correct the student's Education Records. The student may be assisted by one or more individuals, including an attorney.
- (5) The hearing officer will prepare a written decision based solely on the evidence presented at the hearing. The decision will include a summary of the evidence presented and the reasons for the decision.
  - (a) If the hearing officer decides that the contested portion of the Education Record is not inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights, the hearing officer will notify the student that the student has a right to place in the Education Record, a statement commenting on the contested portion and/or a statement setting forth reasons for disagreeing with the hearing officer's decision. The statement will be maintained as part of the student's Education Records as long as the contested portion is maintained. If GovState discloses the contested portion of the Education Record, it will also disclose the student's statement.
  - (b) If the hearing officer decides that the contested portion of the Education Record is inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights, the appropriate Records Custodian will amend the Education Record and notify the student, in writing, that the Education Record has been amended to correct the inaccurate, misleading, or violative portion.

#### **4. Student Complaints about Rights Violations under FERPA**

Students have the right to file complaints with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by GovState to comply with the requirements of FERPA. If a student has a complaint about

securing their rights under FERPA, the student should direct the complaint to the office that administers FERPA:

Student Privacy Policy Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202  
[FERPA.Complaints@ed.gov](mailto:FERPA.Complaints@ed.gov)

The Student Privacy Policy Office has posted a "[FERPA Complaint Form](#)" on its website.

#### **IV. RESPONSIBLE PARTY**

The Registrar is responsible for establishing and overseeing GovState's FERPA policy and procedures, including [GovState Policy 12](#) ("Access to Student Educational Records"). Questions regarding FERPA compliance at GovState should be directed to the Office of the Registrar at 708.534.4500, [regoffice@govst.edu](mailto:regoffice@govst.edu), or on campus in Suite C1300.

#### **V. FORMS AND DOWNLOADS**

The forms mentioned in this disclosure and notification are accessible as follows:

GovState FERPA Authorization to Release Information form  
<https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Ferpa/FERPA%206%2016%2014%20lg.pdf>

GovState Request to Prevent Disclosure of Director Information form  
[https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Registration\\_and\\_Enrollment/Admissions\\_General/Request%20to%20Prevent%20Disclosure-%20Fillable.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Registration_and_Enrollment/Admissions_General/Request%20to%20Prevent%20Disclosure-%20Fillable.pdf)

GovState Policy 12  
<https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=43280>

U.S. Department of Education FERPA Complaint Form  
<https://studentprivacy.ed.gov/file-a-complaint> (click "FERPA COMPLAINT FORM" button)

*Governors State University acknowledges and credits policies from the following in establishing its own FERPA policies and procedures: Northeastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Western Illinois University, and the University of Illinois at Springfield.*

## DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM MATERIALS FOR STUDENTS

In accordance with the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Regulations, including 34 C.F.R. Part 86, Subpart B, Governors State University (“GovState”) hereby distributes this annual notification of the following information to all GovState students:

1. Standards of conduct and list of institutional sanctions for alcohol and drug related violations.
2. List of legal sanctions related to unlawful use, possession, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol.
3. Description of health risks associated with drug and alcohol use and abuse.
4. Referral sources for drug and alcohol programs that are available to students.

### STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND INSTITUTIONAL SANCTIONS

Several GovState policies govern student alcohol and drug use and possession and impose sanctions for misconduct related to any such use and possession. Those policies can be found in:

- The Student Conduct Policy (GovState Policy 4)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=55095>
- The University Housing Handbook
  - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus\\_Life/Student\\_Activities\(1\)/University%20Housing%20Handbook%202025-2026.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus_Life/Student_Activities(1)/University%20Housing%20Handbook%202025-2026.pdf)
- University Housing Policy Webpage
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Campus\\_Life/University\\_Housing/Rates\\_Contracts\\_and\\_Policies/Policies/](https://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/University_Housing/Rates_Contracts_and_Policies/Policies/)
- The Student Handbook
  - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus\\_Life/Student\\_Activities\(7\)/SAEM\\_202526StudentHandbook\\_0825\\_MS\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus_Life/Student_Activities(7)/SAEM_202526StudentHandbook_0825_MS_FINAL.pdf)
- The Student Athlete Handbook
  - [https://www.qsujaquars.com/d/2025-2026\\_Student\\_Athlete\\_Handbook\\_-002-.pdf](https://www.qsujaquars.com/d/2025-2026_Student_Athlete_Handbook_-002-.pdf)

### The Student Conduct Policy (GovState Policy 4)

GovState instituted its Student Conduct Policy (sometimes referred to as the “Student Code of Conduct”) to further its goal of cultivating a community that values academic freedom, integrity, and excellence in scholarship, justice, diversity, and access to educational opportunities. Each member of the community is responsible for creating and maintaining conditions that support these values and GovState’s mission. The Student Conduct Policy outlines a Code of Conduct for students at GovState and specifies the rights and responsibilities of the GovState community in considering misconduct. The Code of Conduct applies to students who are admitted to or enrolled at GovState and to student-sponsored organizations. The following provisions of the Student Conduct Policy discuss non-academic misconduct policies related to alcohol and drugs:

III. POLICY

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B. Non-academic Misconduct

Prohibited acts include, but are not limited to:

- Alcohol: Use, possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, except as expressly permitted by law and university regulations. Alcoholic beverages may not, under any circumstances, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under 21 years of age. Public intoxication is also prohibited.

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- Controlled Substances (Drugs): Use, possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, including marijuana, heroin, narcotics, and other controlled substances, in accordance with state and federal law. Recreational and medical marijuana, while legal in Illinois, is not legal under federal law and is prohibited. Marijuana in any form, including but not limited to tinctures, edibles, and topicals is prohibited. Misuse of prescription and over-the-counter medication or other substance being used in a manner other than its intended purpose is also prohibited

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F. Sanctions

One or more of the following sanctions may be imposed when a student is found to be in violation of the Student Code of Conduct:

- Warning: A written warning or official notice that previous conduct was unacceptable and that future misconduct may result in more severe disciplinary action.
- Probation: A specific period of time during which a student must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with university policy. Violation of university policy by a student while on disciplinary probation, as well as any sufficiently severe violation, may result in more severe disciplinary action, including separation from the university. Students on a probationary status may not be eligible for participation in student activities, intercollegiate athletics, awards, prizes, or scholarships, when conduct acceptable to the university is a condition of such participation.
- University Suspension: Temporary separation of the student from the university for a specific period of time, after which the student is eligible to

return. Conditions for return may be specified. Suspension excludes the student from registration, class attendance, extracurricular activities, and use of university facilities during the specified period of time.

- **University Dismissal:** Permanent separation of the student from the university. Dismissal excludes the student from registration, class attendance, and use of university facilities with no promise (implied or otherwise) that the student may return at a future time. Use of university facilities is prohibited without authorization from the Office of the Dean of Students.
- **Educational Activities:** Educational activities include programs and assignments designed to increase awareness and education about the impact of misconduct on self and community. This may include, but is not limited to, modules, assigned papers, mediation, community service, workshops, or meetings with appropriate university personnel.
- **Loss of Privilege:** The withdrawal of a university privilege including but not limited to use of services, participation in a program, event, or activity for a specified period of time, or removal from an appointed position of authority.
- **Loss of Recognized Student Organization/Club Status:** The withdrawal of all privileges identified within the student club/organization protocols for a specified period of time.
- **Restitution:** Requires payment for damages to, or misappropriation of, university property, or the property of visitors to, or members of, the university community. Such restitution may be charged to any student who alone, or through group conducted activities, organizes or knowingly participates in the events causing the damages or costs.
- **Housing Probation:** University Housing probation is a specific period of time during which a student must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with university and housing policy. Failure to comply with the terms of probation or future violations while on probation may result in more severe disciplinary action, including removal from university housing.
- **Housing Suspension:** Temporary separation of the student from university housing for a specific period of time, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for return may be specified.
- **Housing Expulsion:** Permanent separation of the student from university housing.

## [The University Housing Handbook](#)

The University Housing Handbook is a student's guide to being a responsible member of the living and learning community in Prairie Place, GovState's sole on-campus residence building for students. The University Housing Handbook contains rules and regulations for residents with the goal of promoting a

safe learning environment that fosters personal responsibility and growth. Students residing on campus are required to engage in responsible conduct and to model good citizenship in the community. The following provisions of the University Housing Handbook (2025-2026 edition) discuss restrictions related to alcohol:

## 1.7 Residential Code of Conduct

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### University Housing Policies

Students are responsible for knowing and complying with the following policies and the Student Code of Conduct which is available online.

#### Alcohol

##### *Alcohol – Underage Presence*

No underage person may be in the presence of alcohol in University Housing, regardless if the person who possesses or is consuming the alcohol is 21 or older.

##### *Alcohol Containers*

Residents who are under 21 are not permitted to possess/use empty alcohol containers for decoration or storage.

##### *Alcohol – Possession and Storage*

Residents who are 21 and older may possess alcohol in their contractually assigned bedroom in a “non-visible enclosure” (e.g., mini-fridge, trunk, wardrobe) if the student shares a room/living area with a resident under 21 OR in the common area(s) within their contractually assigned apartment where all individuals sharing the space are over 21. Residents who are 21 and older are limited to a maximum of one case of beer OR one liter of wine OR one liter of liquor per housing room type at any one time. A case of beer is defined as twenty-four (24) 12oz. cans or bottles. Residents who are of legal drinking age must conceal alcohol in a bag when entering University Housing and are not permitted to have open containers in common areas (lounges, hallways, lobby, etc.) or parking lot.

##### *Alcohol - Drinking Games and Common Sources*

Common sources of alcohol such as kegs, barrels, half-barrels, pony-kegs, and large containers / bowls of mixed alcoholic beverages are prohibited.

Engaging in drinking games and the use and/or possession of any device designed to encourage excessive drinking such as bongos, funnels, or hoses are prohibited.

#### General Procedures Regarding Alcohol

- Any person in possession of alcohol can be expected to be asked for identification to verify age.

- Residents under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, regardless of age, will not be allowed to participate in University Housing sponsored programs.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed by residents and their guests at University Housing sponsored events.
- If your guests are under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, they are not welcome in the University Housing and will be asked to leave.
- Alcohol possessed by individuals under the age of 21 or amounts in excess of allowable limits for individual 21 and older will be either confiscated by an appropriate University official or the student may be asked to facilitate in discarding the alcohol.

Specific procedures including notification, hearings, sanctions, appeals are published in the Student Handbook.

### University Housing Policy Webpage

In addition to the content of the University Housing Handbook, the GovState website includes a publicly accessible webpage that sets forth the following policies related to drugs and alcohol that are applicable to students residing in Prairie Place:

Substance-free residence - The possession or consumption of drugs by residents and their guests in University Housing facilities is prohibited. No person under the age of 21 may store, possess, consume, or be in the presence of alcoholic beverages in University Housing. A person 21 years of age or older, may possess, store, or consume alcohol in the following locations only:

In his or her contractually assigned bedroom in a non-visible enclosure (e.g. mini fridge, trunk, wardrobe) if the student shares a room/living area with a resident under 21, OR

In the common area(s) within his/her contractually assigned apartment where all individuals sharing the space are over 21.

### The Student Handbook

The Student Handbook is a guide for students, faculty, staff, and administrators to ensure that all members of the GovState community are informed about policies, procedures, rights, and privileges that affect students. It contains helpful information, guides, and directories that make navigating campus life easier. While neither an exclusive nor comprehensive source of all GovState policies and procedures, the Student Handbook does discuss many policies and procedures in language that provides enhanced organization and clarity (without substantive changes or procedural implications due to rephrasing the official policy or procedure language). The following provisions of the Student Handbook (2025-2026 edition) discuss GovState's drug and alcohol abuse prevention policies and efforts:

#### SECTION TWO: STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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## Alcohol and Other Drugs

The health and well-being of GovState students, faculty, and staff are critical components of the overall health of our university community. Consequently, Governors State University seeks to maintain a campus environment that is free from the illegal use of alcohol and other drugs. Consistent with its mission as a public institution of higher education, the university is committed to educating the students, faculty, and staff on the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse, and to establishing standards of conduct that maintain a campus environment in which such abuse is prohibited. These standards are following the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug Free Schools and Campuses Act of 1989.

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GovState students should comply with local, state, and federal laws related to the use of drugs, alcohol, and crimes of violence. The Student Code of Conduct details expectations for students' behavior regarding alcohol and drugs as well as possible sanctions for violations of these policies, which include disciplinary sanctions and educational programs.

## Recreational Cannabis

Recreational cannabis, while legal in Illinois, is not legal under federal law. Possession, use, manufacture, distribution, or sale of any controlled substance, including cannabis, or drug paraphernalia is prohibited on university property and at any university-sponsored activity. There are no medical exemptions regarding cannabis use on campus.

## Health Risks

The abuse or illegal use of alcohol and the illegal use of controlled substances can seriously injure the health of employees and students, adversely impair the performance of their duties and their academic achievements, and endanger the safety and well-being of fellow employees, students, and others.

Substance abuse may involve not only controlled substances and illegal drugs but also alcohol and other substances that pose a health risk. When drugs are combined, their negative effects on the mind and body are often multiplied beyond the effects of the same drugs taken singly, which can be deadly.

## Support Services

The Counseling & Wellness Center offers counseling and substance use assessments to help students evaluate their alcohol and substance use in a confidential, non-judgmental setting. These assessments give students a structured opportunity to understand their own risk levels, consider potential changes, and reduce the likelihood of future problems. If needed, students can be referred to community treatment programs for a more comprehensive assessment and treatment. Additionally, students have access to online screening tools for alcohol and substance use, behavioral health, and mental well-being, allowing them to anonymously evaluate these areas and receive immediate feedback for informed decision-making. To access the Mindwise and eCheckup-to-Go screening tools, visit [govst.edu/livingwell@GovState/](http://govst.edu/livingwell@GovState/).

Certain incidents involving alcohol, drugs, or violence may be reported to reported to public safety.

## Medical Amnesty (Good Samaritan)

The health and safety of each student are important to GovState. The Office of the Dean of Students recognizes that potential disciplinary action may deter students from seeking medical assistance for another student or themselves. As a university, we support and encourage all students to reach out for assistance in the case of a medical emergency or when they see others in need.

Under the Medical Amnesty practice, students are encouraged to be active bystanders and respond to potentially risky circumstances (such as alcohol or drug intoxication) without consequence from the university. A student who makes an effort to obtain medical assistance will not face formal disciplinary action for possession or use of alcohol (under 21) or other drugs so long as there are no other violations of the Student Code of Conduct. A student may still be required to meet with the Office of the Dean of Students to discuss the incident.

Behavior that violates local, state, and/or federal laws are still subject to criminal charges.

For medical assistance, contact the Department of Public Safety (DPS) at 708.534.4900 or dial 911. All students who reach out for assistance must self-identify so that the university can recognize your amnesty.

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### SECTION THREE: STUDENT RIGHTS

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#### General Information

#### Violations of the Law

When students violate a university policy, they are subject to disciplinary action by the university whether or not the conduct violates the law. When a student is subject to allegations that may violate federal, state, and/or local laws, the university may simultaneously and independently investigate and address potential conduct code violations. The university conduct process shall proceed notwithstanding any criminal or civil complaint that may arise from the same incident.

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#### Student Misconduct Policies

#### Non-Academic Misconduct

Prohibited acts include, but are not limited to:

1. Alcohol. Use, possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcoholic beverages, except as expressly permitted by law and university regulations. Alcoholic beverages may not, under any circumstances, be used by, possessed by, or distributed to any person under 21 years of age. Public intoxication is also prohibited. *Additional regulations regarding the use or possession of alcohol in University Housing are published in the University Housing*

*Handbook. Violations of the Residential Code of Conduct regarding alcohol, include but are not limited to:*

- a. Persons under 21 being in the presence of alcohol;
- b. Persons under 21 possessing empty alcohol containers for storage or decorative purposes;
- c. Exceeding quantity limits for persons 21 and older;
- d. Common sources of alcohol (kegs, punch bowls) and drinking games.

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4. Controlled Substances (Drugs). Use, possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia, including marijuana, heroin, narcotics, and other controlled substances, per state and federal law. Recreational and medical marijuana, while legal in Illinois, is not legal under federal law and is prohibited. Marijuana in any form, including but not limited to tinctures, edibles, and topicals is prohibited. Prescription and over-the-counter medication or other substances being used in a manner other than its intended purpose are also prohibited.

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19. Smoking. Smoking, use of tobacco products, or carrying any kind of lighted smoking materials on campus property.

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#### SECTION FOUR: STUDENT CONDUCT PROCEDURES

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#### Outcomes / Sanctions

Sanctions are designed to promote the university's educational mission, safety of the university community, and to deter students from behavior that violates the Standards of Conduct. Some behavior may be so harmful or disruptive to the university community or to the educational process that it may require more severe sanctions. More than one sanction may be imposed in any one case.

The following factors are generally considered when determining sanctions for a particular case:

- The nature of the violation(s)
- Prior findings of responsibility and sanction(s)
- Mitigating circumstances surrounding the violation
- The student's motivation(s) for engaging in the behavior
- Impact of the behavior
- Sanctions which have been imposed in similar cases in the past
- The developmental and educational impact on the student
- The overall impact on the university community

#### Administrative Sanctions

- A. **Warning:** A written warning or official notice that previous conduct was unacceptable and that future misconduct may result in more severe disciplinary action.
- B. **Disciplinary Probation:** A specific period during which a student must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with university policy. Future violations of university policy while on disciplinary probation may result in more severe disciplinary action, including separation from the university. Students on probationary status may not be eligible for participation in student activities, intercollegiate athletics, awards, prizes, or scholarships when conduct acceptable to the university is a condition of such participation.
- C. **Loss of Privilege:** The withdrawal of a university privilege including but not limited to the use of services, participation in a program, event, or activity for a specified period, or removal from an appointed position of authority.
- D. **No Contact Order:** A no-contact order prohibits contact between specific individuals through any means or media including, but not limited to: in-person, phone, voicemail, text message, social media, instant messenger, e-mail, notes, cards, letters, flowers, or other gifts. This includes contact via any third party (family, friends, or acquaintances) on either party's behalf. The no-contact order also requires that the individuals will take reasonable measures to maintain a distance of 30 feet away from one another and will not threaten or retaliate against the other individual.
- E. **Restitution:** Requires a student to pay for damages to, or misappropriation of, university property, or the property of visitors to, or members of, the university community. Such restitution may be charged to any student who alone, or through group conducted activities, organizes, or knowingly participates in the events causing the damages or costs. Restitution may be imposed separately or in addition to any other sanction(s).
- F. **Loss of Recognized Student Organization/Club Status:** Loss of all privileges identified within the student club/organization protocols, for a specified period.

#### University Housing Sanctions

- A. **Loss of Guest Privileges:** Revocation of a resident's ability to host guests or for a non-residential student to be a guest for a defined period of time.
- B. **Housing Reassignment:** Reassignment to a new room.
- C. **University Housing Probation:** University Housing probation is a specific period during which a student must conduct themselves in a manner consistent with university and housing policy. Failure to comply with the terms of probation or future violations while on probation may result in more severe disciplinary action, including removal from university housing.
- D. **University Housing Suspension:** Temporary separation of the student from university housing for a specific period, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for return may be specified.

E. University Housing Expulsion: Permanent separation of the student from University Housing.

#### Educational / Developmental Sanctions

- A. Educational Activities: Educational activities include programs and assignments designed to increase awareness and education about the impact of misconduct on self and community. This may include, but is not limited to, modules, assigned papers, mediation, community service, workshops, or meetings with appropriate university personnel.
- B. Recommendation for Assessment: A recommendation may be made for the student to seek assistance with anger/conflict, substance use, or other matters from trained professionals and/or service providers. An assessment is designed to assist students in examining emotions and behaviors such as anger, aggression, elevated interpersonal conflict, or substance use in a judgment-free and confidential environment. An assessment provides a structured opportunity to assess individual behavior and identify potential strategies to manage emotions/conflict or risk. Counseling and Wellness Center staff will report attendance to Community Standards but will keep the assessment content confidential.

#### Elevated Sanctions

- A. University Suspension: Temporary separation of the student from the university for a specific period, after which the student is eligible to return. Conditions for return may be specified. Suspension excludes the student from registration, class attendance, and use of university facilities during the specified period.
- B. University Dismissal: Permanent separation of the student from the university. Dismissal excludes the student from registration, class attendance, and use of university facilities with no promise (implied or otherwise) that the student may return at a future time. Use of university facilities is prohibited without authorization from the Office of the Dean of Students.

A student who has been dismissed may be readmitted only by the action of the university president. A student who has been dismissed is not eligible for readmission sooner than one year from the date of dismissal. Students must reapply which the student must reapply to be considered for admission. Readmission is not automatic or guaranteed.

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#### Parent/Guardian Notification

Parents, or designated guardians, will receive written notification when a student is found responsible for violating the Student Code of Conduct and/or engaging in the following behaviors:

- Alcohol Policy Violation
- Controlled Substances (Drugs) Policy Violation
- Firearms, Weapons, & Dangerous Substances Policy Violation
- Alcohol/Drug Citation Issued by University Police
- Medical/Intoxication Transport: The student received medical assistance due to incapacitation, suspected incapacitation, and/or self-injury.

This notification is supported by FERPA, which allows colleges and universities who receive federal funding to notify parents/guardians of dependent students when a student has been found responsible for violating university alcohol, drug, or weapons policies.

This notification occurs because of the significant health and safety risks and consequences associated with underage alcohol consumption, drug use, and weapons possession. Governors State University supports the idea that the student, their parents/guardians, and the university are engaged in a partnership in which each partner has the responsibility to promote a healthy and productive educational experience for the student.

## The Student Athlete Handbook

The Student Athlete Handbook is designed to articulate the application of GovState policies and procedures to student-athletes and supplements, not replaces, applicable University documents such as the Student Handbook, University Housing Handbook and Academic Catalog. The following provisions of the Student Athlete Handbook (2025-2026 edition) outline GovState's drug and alcohol policies:

### University Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco Policies

The University strives to create a healthy environment, one in which the high-risk use of alcohol and the use of illicit drugs does not interfere with learning, performance, or development. Substance abuse disrupts this environment and places at risk the lives and well-being of the members of the university community.

GSU prohibits the use, possession, manufacture, sale, or distribution of alcohol, drugs, tobacco and other controlled substance on university premises and during university sponsored events, in accordance with law. Per (110 ILCS 64/) the Smoke-Free Campus Act, as of July 1, 2015, Governors State University prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco products indoors and outdoors on campus property, including parking lots and in parked cars. Littering the remains of tobacco products or any other related waste product on campus property is further prohibited. Public intoxication, driving under the influence, and all other violations of university policy and federal, state, and local laws are prohibited. Full policy details are available in the Student Handbook (<https://www.govst.edu/handbook/>).

### Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Policy

All student athletes are governed by the Student Code of Conduct and the 2025-2026 NAIA Handbook. Violations of the following, while you are a current student athlete will result in suspension from athletic participation and loss of tuition waiver, if applicable.

- a. Use of alcohol, drugs, tobacco.
- b. Possession of alcohol, drugs, tobacco.
- c. Under the influence of alcohol, drugs, tobacco.
- d. Bringing unauthorized alcohol, drugs, tobacco onto campus, or any athletics sanctioned trip or to any GSU-sponsored or NAIA sanctioned competitions and practices for such competition.

<https://www.naia.org/legislative/2022-23/files/NAIA-2022-Official-Handbook.pdf>  
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## PED (Performance Enhancing Drugs) Policy

Governors State University's Athletic program prohibits the use of the following classes of drugs by the student-athlete:

- a. Stimulants
- b. Anabolic Agents
- c. Alcohol and Beta Blockers
- d. Diuretics and Other Masking Agents
- e. Street Drugs
- f. Peptide Hormones and Analogues
- g. Anti-estrogens
- h. Beta-2 Agonists

Any substance chemically related to these classes is also banned. The student athlete shall be held accountable for all drugs within their bloodstream.

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## Disciplinary Action for Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Violations

1. First offense for alcohol, drug, and tobacco related infractions (while a member of any GSU athletic team):
  - a. Suspension for two games or one week of most immediate off-season practice
  - b. Coach's discretion on further sanctions with the approval of the athletic director
  - c. Any sanctions issued via the University conduct or the legal system
2. Second offense for alcohol, drug, and tobacco infractions (while a member of any GSU athletic team):
  - a. Immediate suspension for remainder of season or one week of most immediate off-season practice
  - b. Scholarships revoked; effective immediately
  - c. Coach's discretion on further sanctions with approval of athletic director
  - d. Any sanctions issued via the University conduct system or the legal system

## Medical Exceptions

The institution recognizes that some banned substances are used for legitimate medical purposes. Accordingly, the institution allows exception to be made for those Student athletes with a documented medical history demonstrating the need for regular use of such a drug. Exceptions may be granted for substances included in the following classes of banned drugs:

- Stimulants: (including those used to treat ADHD), beta blockers, beta-2 agonists, diuretics, peptide hormones, anabolic agents and anti-estrogens.
- Hormones or anabolic agents: pre-approval is required for the use of peptide.

For all drug exceptions, the student-athlete must submit medical records that include the diagnosis, course of treatment and current prescription.

## LEGAL SANCTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL USE, POSSESSION, OR DISTRIBUTION OF ALCOHOL AND ILLICIT DRUGS

### State and Local Alcohol Laws

#### **Consumption, Purchase, Acceptance, or Possession of Alcohol by a Person Under Age 21**

Illinois law forbids any person under age 21 from consuming alcoholic beverages. See 235 ILCS 5/6-20(e); Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances § 131.02(A).

A person under age 21 may not buy alcoholic beverages, accept alcoholic beverages as a gift, or have alcoholic beverages in his or her possession. See 235 ILCS 5/6-20(a); Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances § 110.070(C); Univ. Park Code of Ordinances § 609-03. Any person who violates those restrictions is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, the sanctions for which include the following: a prison sentence of up to one (1) year and a fine up to \$2,500. See 235 ILCS 5/6-20(f); see also Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances §§ 110.999 (imposing a fine of \$1,000 for a first violation of Chapter 110 in a 12-month period and of \$1,500 for a second violation within a 12-month period and of \$2,000 for a third violation within a 12-month period), 131.99(A) (imposing a fine between \$100-\$500 for a violation of § 131.02); Univ. Park Code of Ordinances § 609-99(a) (imposing a fine between \$25-\$500 per violation of § 609-03).

The consumption, purchase, acceptance, or possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under age 21 may also result in the suspension or revocation of that person's driving privileges by the Illinois Secretary of State. See 625 ILCS 5/6-206(a)(38), (43). The consumption, purchase, acceptance, or possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under age 18 may also result in the denial of a driver's license to that person by the Illinois Secretary of State. See 625 ILCS 5/6-107(d).

#### **Sale or Delivery of Alcohol to a Person Under Age 21**

It is unlawful for any store, bar, restaurant, or other liquor licensee to sell, give, or deliver alcoholic beverages to any person under age 21 or to any intoxicated person. See 235 ILCS 5/6-16(a)(i); Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances § 110.070(B); Univ. Park Code of Ordinances § 609-01(a). Any individual officer, associate, representative, agent, or employee of a liquor licensee who violates that law is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, the sanctions for which include the following: a prison sentence of up to one (1) year and a fine up to \$2,500. See 235 ILCS 5/6-16(b); see also Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances § 110.999; Univ. Park Code of Ordinances § 609-99(b) (imposing a fine of \$100 for a first violation of § 609-01, of \$300 for a second violation, and of \$750 for a third or any subsequent violation).

It is also unlawful for any person, after purchasing or otherwise obtaining an alcoholic beverage, to sell, give, or deliver such alcoholic beverage to another person under age 21 (except in the performance of a religious ceremony or service). See 235 ILCS 5/6-16(a)(iii); Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances §§ 110.070(A), 131.02(B); Univ. Park Code of Ordinances § 609-01(a). Any person who violates this law is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, the sanctions for which include the following: a prison sentence of up to one (1) year and a fine of not less than \$500 for a first offense and of not less than \$2,000 for a

second or subsequent offense. See 235 ILCS 5/6-16(a); see also Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances §§ 110.999, 131.99(A); Univ. Park Code of Ordinances § 609-99(b).

Further, any person who knowingly obtains an alcoholic beverage for the purpose of providing it to another person under age 21, will be guilty of a Class 4 felony (the sanctions for which include a prison sentence of 1-3 years and a fine up to \$25,000) if a death occurs as the result of the illegal act. See 235 ILCS 5/6-16(a).

Additionally, in Will County, it is unlawful for a person under age 21 to enter an establishment (such as a bar) or the portion of an establishment (such as a bar section of a restaurant) that serves alcoholic beverages for consumption on site. (This restriction does not apply to regular seating areas in restaurants or to persons under age 21 who are with their parent or guardian). See Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances §§ 110.071, 110.999.

### **Use of Fraudulent or Fake ID by a Person Under Age 21**

Illinois law also forbids any person under age 21 from presenting, as evidence of age and identity, documentation that is false, fraudulent, or not actually his or her own (a “fake ID”) for the purpose of obtaining or attempting to obtain an alcoholic beverage. Any person under age 21 who presents a fake ID or who has in his or her possession any such fake ID, is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, the sanctions for which include the following: a prison sentence of up to one (1) year, a fine of not less than \$500, and at least 25 hours of community service (preferably to be performed for an alcohol abuse prevention program). See 235 ILCS 5/6-16(a), 6-20(c); see also Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances §§ 110.073(C)-(D), 110.999; Univ. Park Code of Ordinances § 609-02(b), 609-99(a).

Any person who provides a fake ID to any person under age 21 is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, the sanctions for which include the following: a prison sentence of up to one (1) year and a fine of not less than \$500. See 235 ILCS 5/6-16(a), 6-20(c); see also Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances §§ 110.073(D), 110.999; Univ. Park Code of Ordinances §§ 609-02(a), 609-99(a).

### **Driving While Under the Influence**

It is illegal for a person to drive, or be in actual physical control of, any vehicle within Illinois while:

- (1) under the influence of alcohol;
- (2) under the influence of cannabis;
- (3) under the influence of any other drug or drugs (illicit or otherwise); or
- (4) under the influence of any combination of the substances listed above.

See 625 ILCS 5/11-501(a).

A driver is legally considered to be “under the influence” if he or she has a blood-alcohol content (“BAC”) of .08 or more, has a tetrahydrocannabinol (cannabis) concentration (“THC”) of either 5 nanograms or more per milliliter of whole blood, has used any other controlled substance, or is impaired by medication to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely driving. See 625 ILCS 5/11-501(a), 11-501.2(a).

The sanctions for driving while under the influence (a “DUI” offense) in Illinois vary depending on the circumstances of the arrest and conviction of the driver. Such relevant, aggravating circumstances may include the driver’s age, the driver’s BAC, whether the driver was transporting a child (*i.e.*, someone under age 16), whether the driver has any previous DUI convictions, and whether the driver injures anyone. See 625 ILCS 5/11-501(c). If the circumstances of the arrest and conviction for a DUI offense results in felony charges, instead of misdemeanor charges, the offense is classified as an “Aggravated DUI.” See 625 ILCS 5/11-501(d). Possible penalties and sanctions for a DUI or Aggravated DUI offense conviction are listed in **SCHEDULE A** attached hereto.

A person under age 21 convicted of a DUI offense, in addition to all other applicable sanctions, may be ordered by a judge, as a condition of probation or discharge, to participate in the Youthful Intoxicated Driver’s Visitation Program. See 625 ILCS 5/11-501.7. The offender will undergo a comprehensive counseling session prior to visitation to determine if the program is appropriate. If approved, the offender may be sent on a supervised visit to a location where the results of alcoholism or DUI crashes may be viewed.

Illinois has also enacted a “Zero Tolerance Law” with respect to drivers under age 21 found to have any trace of alcohol in their systems (*i.e.*, a BAC between .00 and .08). See 625 ILCS 5/11-501.8; see *also* 625 ILCS 5/6-208.2. Under that law, a law enforcement officer may request a chemical test after a traffic stop and issuance of a citation for any offense, when the officer has probable cause to believe an underage driver has any trace of alcohol in his/her system. If the test(s) administered reveal a BAC of above .00, or if the underage driver refuses to submit to the requested testing, the law enforcement officer submits a sworn statement to the Illinois Secretary of State’s office and the offender’s driver’s license is suspended. Applicable sanctions for violating the Zero Tolerance Law are listed in **SCHEDULE B** attached hereto.

Other DUI-related offenses and penalties include:

- Knowingly permitting a driver under the influence to operate a vehicle (see 625 ILCS 5/6-304.1):
  - A Class A misdemeanor for which possible sanctions include a prison sentence of up to 1 year and a fine up to \$2,500
- Transporting or possessing alcoholic beverages (as either the driver or a passenger) in the passenger area of a motor vehicle other than in the original container and with the seal unbroken (see 625 ILCS 5/6-205, 6-206, 6-208, 11-502):
  - For drivers aged 21 and older:
    - First offense: Points assigned for a moving violation
    - Subsequent offense within 12 months: Suspension of driving privileges for 1 year
  - For drivers under age 21:
    - First offense: Suspension of driving privileges for 1 year
    - Subsequent offense: Revocation of driving privileges

- Using or possessing medicinal or recreational cannabis (as the driver) within any area of a motor vehicle other than possessing such cannabis in a sealed, odor-proof, child-resistant cannabis container that is inaccessible (see 625 ILCS 5/11-502.15(a), (b), (d)):
  - A Class A misdemeanor for which possible sanctions include a prison sentence of up to 1 year and a fine up to \$2,500
  - Revocation of any medical cannabis card held by the driver for a period of 2 years from the end of the sentence imposed
- Possessing medicinal or recreational cannabis (as a passenger) in the passenger area of a motor vehicle other than possessing such cannabis in a sealed, odor-proof, child-resistant cannabis container that is inaccessible (see 625 ILCS 5/11-502.15(c), (d)):
  - A Class A misdemeanor for which possible sanctions include a prison sentence of up to 1 year and a fine up to \$2,500
  - Revocation of any status as a medical cannabis caregiver, medical cannabis cultivation center agent, or medical cannabis dispensing organization agent held by the passenger for a period of 2 years from the end of the sentence imposed

## State Drug Possession and Trafficking Laws

Under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, it is unlawful for any person knowingly to possess a controlled substance. See 720 ILCS 570/402. A “controlled substance” under Illinois law is:

1. A drug, substance, immediate precursor, or synthetic drug listed in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act under:
  - a. Schedule I (720 ILCS 570/204),
  - b. Schedule II (720 ILCS 570/206),
  - c. Schedule III (720 ILCS 570/208),
  - d. Schedule IV (720 ILCS 570/210), and
  - e. Schedule V (720 ILCS 570/212); or
2. A drug or other substance, or immediate precursor, designated as a controlled substance by the Illinois Department of Human Services through administrative rule.

The term does not include alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. See 720 ILCS 570/102(f).

The possible sanctions for violating the Illinois Controlled Substances Act provisions regarding possession are listed in **SCHEDULE C** attached hereto.

Under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, it is also unlawful for any person knowingly to manufacture or deliver, or possess with intent to manufacture or deliver, a controlled substance (other than methamphetamine) (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “drug trafficking”). See 720 ILCS 570/401. The possible sanctions for violating the Illinois Controlled Substances Act provisions regarding drug trafficking are listed in **SCHEDULE D** attached hereto.

Illinois passed the Methamphetamine Control and Community Protection Act (the “Methamphetamine Control Act”) as a separate statute to address the manufacture, distribution, and use of methamphetamine (a Schedule II controlled substance under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act).

See 720 ILCS 646/1, 5. Methamphetamine is not only distributed and used in Illinois but also manufactured in the State, with the manufacture of methamphetamine being extremely and uniquely harmful to children, families, communities, businesses, the economy, and the environment in Illinois. See 720 ILCS 646/5.

The Methamphetamine Control Act makes it unlawful knowingly to: (1) possess methamphetamine; (2) engage in the delivery (*i.e.*, “trafficking”) or possession with intent to traffic methamphetamine; and (3) participate in the manufacture of methamphetamine with the intent that methamphetamine or a substance containing methamphetamine be produced. See 720 ILCS 646/15, 55, 60. The possible sanctions associated with violating those provisions of the Methamphetamine Control Act are listed in **SCHEDULE E** attached hereto.

### **Federal Drug Possession and Trafficking Laws**

Under the Federal Controlled Substances Act, it is illegal for any person knowingly or intentionally to possess a controlled substance unless such substance was obtained directly, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order, from a practitioner, while acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by Federal law. See 21 U.S.C. § 844. A “controlled substance” under Federal law is a drug or other substance, or immediate precursor, included in Schedules I, II, III, IV, and V under section 812. See 21 U.S.C. §§ 802(6), 812 (Sch. I-V); see also 21 C.F.R. §§ 1308.11-1308.15. The term does not include alcoholic beverages or tobacco products. See 21 U.S.C. § 802(6). The sanctions for violating that provision of the Federal Controlled Substances Act are listed in **SCHEDULE F** attached hereto.

Under the Federal Controlled Substances Act, is it also unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled substance (*i.e.*, “drug trafficking”). See 21 U.S.C. § 841. The sanctions for violating the Federal Controlled Substances Act provisions regarding drug trafficking are listed in **SCHEDULE G** attached hereto.

Further, any person who engages in illegal drug trafficking on or within 1,000 feet of the GovState campus is subject to twice the maximum sanction under the Federal Controlled Substances Act as set forth in **SCHEDULE G**. See 21 U.S.C. § 860(a).

### **Federal, State, and Local Drug Paraphernalia Laws**

Under the Federal Controlled Substances Act, it is unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale drug paraphernalia. See 21 U.S.C. § 863. If convicted of such conduct, the sanctions include a prison term of up to 3 years and a monetary fine.

Under the Illinois Drug Paraphernalia Control Act, any person who keeps for sale, offers for sale, or sells any item of drug paraphernalia commits a Class 4 felony for which a minimum fine of \$1,000 for each such item shall be imposed. Any person 18 years of age or older who sells or delivers for any commercial consideration any item of drug paraphernalia to a person under 18 years of age is guilty of a Class 3 felony. See 720 ILCS 600/3.

Under the Will County Code of Ordinances, it is a violation for any person to knowingly possess an item of drug paraphernalia with the intent to use it in ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing cannabis or a controlled substance into the human body, or in preparing cannabis or a controlled substance for that use. See Will Cnty. Code of Ordinances § 132.03. The sanction for violating that Ordinance is a fine between \$250-\$1,000, plus the County administrative fee. See *id.* at § 132.99.

## HEALTH RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE AND ABUSE

The abuse or illegal use of alcohol and the illegal use of controlled substances can seriously injure the health of an individual, adversely impair the performance of their duties and their academic achievements, and endanger the safety and well-being of others. The health risks posed by the use of illicit drugs, and alcohol, can range anywhere from headaches and confusion to cardiac issues, even death.

Substance abuse may involve not only controlled substances and illegal drugs, but also alcohol and other substances that pose a health risk. When controlled substances are used chronically or in conjunction, the health risks to the user's physical and mental wellbeing are multiplied, sometimes exponentially.

**Alcohol:** Alcohol is commonly abused. In the short term, alcohol impairs judgment, slurs speech, distorts vision and hearing, affects coordination, and causes blackouts. In the long term, alcohol abuse can lead to liver and neurological damage, physical dependence, severe memory issues, and even death.

**Cannabis:** Cannabis impairs short-term memory and comprehension, which affects the ability to perform complex tasks. It slows reaction time and can cause heightened anxiety. Prolonged use of cannabis can lead to a suppressed immune system, bronchitis, and both psychological and physical dependence.

**Hallucinogens:** Hallucinogens such as LSD or MDMA cause intense distortions in perception, confusion, and sometimes lead to panic attacks or psychosis. Chronic use or an overdose of hallucinogenic drugs can cause heart or lung failure, insomnia, paranoia, and even death.

**Depressants:** Depressants, including alcohol, cause disorientation and other behaviors akin to drunkenness. Intense or chronic use of depressants lead to shallow breathing, decreased motor control, coma, and death.

**Stimulants:** Stimulants such as cocaine and amphetamines decrease appetite, increase heart rate and blood pressure, and cause paranoia or anxiety. Long term use of such stimulants is psychologically and physically addictive, leading to kidney and liver damage, seizures, or strokes.

It is important to note that even legal stimulants like nicotine and caffeine can have negative effects and pose serious health risks. Prolonged use of nicotine products especially, leads to increased risks of cancer, lung and respiratory problems, and heart disease.

**Narcotics:** Narcotics such as heroin, methadone, opioids, or opiates increase the potential for physical or psychological dependence, leading to respiratory issues, seizures, an increased risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, and death.

## REFERRAL SOURCES FOR DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS

The Counseling & Wellness Center (the “CWC”) at GovState provides counseling and substance use assessments designed to assist students in examining their use of alcohol and/or other drugs in a judgement-free and confidential environment. An assessment will provide students with a structured opportunity to assess their own risk, identify potential changes that could work for them, and help them to reduce their risk for developing future problems. Students may also be referred to appropriate community treatment programs for a more in-depth assessment and treatment if required. Certain alcohol, drug, and/or violent crimes may be referred to public safety.

The CWC can be contacted at:

Counseling & Wellness Center  
1 University Parkway, Suite A1120  
University Park, IL 60484  
Ph: 708.235.7334

Regular counseling office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM. Additional information about the CWC is available at <https://www.govst.edu/counselingcenter/>.

Students also have access to online screening tools for alcohol and substance use, behavioral health, and mental well-being, allowing them to anonymously evaluate these areas and receive immediate feedback for informed decision-making. The Mindwise and eCheckup-to-Go screening tools are accessible through <https://www.govst.edu/livingwell@gsu/>.

GovState also encourages students to reach out to the following resources, especially outside of the CWC’s counseling hours:

- 24-Hour Addiction and Alcohol Hotline at **844.244.3171**
- Illinois Helpline for Opioids and Other Substances at **833.234.6343** or text “**HELP**” to **833234**
  - Visit the Helpline’s website for additional information: <https://helplineil.org/app/home>
  - See also: <https://isp.illinois.gov/CriminalInvestigations/OpioidMisuse>
- SAMHSA’s National Helpline at **800.662.HELP (4357)**
  - Visit the Helpline’s website for additional information: <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline>

In the event of an alcohol or drug related emergency, students are urged to contact emergency services, whether on or off campus, by calling **911**.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES

Additional information about the State sanctions associated with driving while under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants is available from the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State (<https://www.ilsos.gov/>), including the following resources:

### Illinois “DUI Fact Book” (2025)

- [https://www.ilsos.gov/publications/pdf\\_publications/dsd\\_a118.pdf](https://www.ilsos.gov/publications/pdf_publications/dsd_a118.pdf)

### Driving under the Influence (DUI)

- [https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/traffic\\_safety/DUI/home.html](https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/DUI/home.html)

### Zero Tolerance/Underage Drinking

- [https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/traffic\\_safety/DUI/uselose.html](https://www.ilsos.gov/departments/drivers/traffic_safety/DUI/uselose.html)

Information about efforts by the State of Illinois to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic are available from the Illinois Department of Public Health (<https://dph.illinois.gov/>), including the following sources:

### “State of Illinois Opioid Action Plan” Page

- <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/opioids/il-opioid-action-plan.html>

### “Opioids” Topic Page

- <https://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/opioids.html>

Information about “date rape” drugs is available from the Illinois State Police (<https://isp.illinois.gov/>) at:

### Date Rape Drugs

- <https://isp.illinois.gov/CriminalInvestigations/DateRapeDrugs>

Additional, detailed information about the health effects and federal trafficking sanctions for various controlled substances is available from the Drug Enforcement Administration of the U.S. Department of Justice (<https://www.dea.gov/>), including the following resources:

### “Drugs of Abuse” (2024 Edition)

- <https://www.dea.gov/documents/2024/2024-12/2024-12-12/drugs-abuse-2024>

### Drug Fact Sheet: Stimulants

- <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/stimulants>
- <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/Stimulants-Drug-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

### Drug Fact Sheet: Depressants

- <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/depressants>

- <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/Depressants-2024-Drug-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

#### Drug Fact Sheet: Synthetic Opioids

- <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/synthetic-opioids>
- <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/Synthetic-Opioids-Drug-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

#### Drug Fact Sheet: Hallucinogens

- <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/hallucinogens>
- <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/Hallucinogens-Drug-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

#### Drug Fact Sheet: Inhalants

- <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/inhalants>
- <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/Inhalants-Drug-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

#### Drug Fact Sheet: Steroids

- <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/steroids>
- <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/Steroids-Drug-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

#### Drug Fact Sheet: Ketamine

- <https://www.dea.gov/factsheets/ketamine>
- <https://www.dea.gov/sites/default/files/2025-01/Ketamine-Drug-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

Additional, detailed information about many different controlled substances and their effects on human health is available from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (“NIDA”) (<https://nida.nih.gov/>), including the following resources:

#### “Research Topics” Page

- <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics>

#### “Drugs A to Z” Page

- <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/drugs-a-to-z>

#### Drugged Driving

- <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/drugged-driving>
- <https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/drugged-driving>

#### Tobacco/Nicotine and Vaping

- <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/tobacconicotine-vaping>
- <https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/cigarettes-other-tobacco-products>

#### Over-the-Counter Medicines

- <https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/over-counter-medicines>
- <https://nida.nih.gov/publications/drugfacts/over-counter-medicines>

## SCHEDULE A

### ILLINOIS SANCTIONS FOR DUI CONVICTIONS

Conviction	Classification	Charge	Add'l Circumstances	Sanctions
First	DUI	Class A misdemeanor	None	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 1 year (≥ 2 years if driver is under age 21); Suspension of vehicle registration; Imprisonment: ≤ 1 year; Fine: ≤ \$2,500
First	DUI	Class A misdemeanor	Committed with a BAC of .16 or more	Additional Sanctions -- Mandatory Fine: ≥ \$500; Mandatory Community Service: ≥ 100 hours
First	DUI	Class A misdemeanor	Committed while transporting a child	Additional Sanctions -- Mandatory Fine: ≥ \$1,000; Mandatory Community Service: 25 days in a program benefiting children
First	Aggravated DUI	Class 4 felony	Committed while transporting a child and involved in a crash that resulted in bodily harm to the child	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 1 year; Imprisonment: 1-3 years; Fine: ≤ \$25,000; Additional Sanctions -- Mandatory Fine: ≥ \$2,500; Mandatory Community Service: 25 days in a program benefiting children
First	Aggravated DUI	Class 4 felony	Involved in a crash that resulted in great bodily harm to another person	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 2 years; Imprisonment: 1-12 years; Fine: ≤ \$25,000
First	Aggravated DUI	Class 4 felony	Committed when knew or should have known that vehicle was not covered by a liability insurance policy	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 1 year; Imprisonment: 1-3 years; Fine: ≤ \$25,000
First	Aggravated DUI	Class 2 felony	Involved in a crash that resulted in the death of another person or persons	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 2 years from date of release from prison; Imprisonment: 3-14 years (if 1 person died), 6-28 years (if more than 1 person died) Fine: ≤ \$25,000

Conviction	Classification	Charge	Add'l Circumstances	Sanctions
Second	DUI	Class A misdemeanor	None	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 1 year (≥ 5 years if 2nd conviction within 20 years of 1st conviction); Suspension of vehicle registration; Imprisonment: ≥ 5 days OR 240 hours Community Service; Fine: ≤ \$2,500
Second	DUI	Class A misdemeanor	Committed with a BAC of .16 or more	Additional Sanctions -- Mandatory Imprisonment: 2 days; Mandatory Fine: ≥ \$1,250
Second	Aggravated DUI	Class 4 felony	Committed while transporting a child	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 1 year (≥ 5 years if 2nd conviction within 20 years of 1st conviction); Imprisonment: 1-3 years; Fine: ≤ \$25,000
Second	Aggravated DUI	Class 2 felony	Committed while transporting a child and involved in a crash that resulted in bodily harm to the child	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 1 year (≥ 5 years if 2nd conviction within 20 years of 1st conviction); Imprisonment: 3-7 years; Fine: ≤ \$25,000; Additional Sanctions -- Mandatory Fine: ≥ \$5,000; Mandatory Community Service: 25 days in a program benefiting children
Third	Aggravated DUI	Class 4 felony	None	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 10 years; Suspension of vehicle registration; Imprisonment: 1-3 years; Fine: ≤ \$25,000
Third	Aggravated DUI	Class 2 felony	Committed with a BAC of .16 or more	Revocation of driving privileges: ≥ 10 years; Suspension of vehicle registration; Imprisonment: 3-7 years; Fine: ≤ \$25,000; Additional Sanctions -- Mandatory Imprisonment: 90 days; Mandatory Fine: ≥ \$2,500
Fourth	Aggravated DUI	Class 2 felony	None	Revocation of driving privileges: Life; Suspension of vehicle registration; Imprisonment: 3-7 years; Fine: ≤ \$25,000

## SCHEDULE B

### ILLINOIS “ZERO TOLERANCE LAW” SANCTIONS

<b>Zero Tolerance While Driving</b>	
<b>First Conviction</b>	6-month suspension of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
<b>Second Conviction</b>	1-year suspension of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
<b>Third Conviction</b>	Revocation of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
<b>Zero Tolerance While Driving with Open or Pending Revocation</b>	
<b>First Conviction</b>	Revocation of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
<b>Second Conviction</b>	Revocation of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
<b>Third Conviction</b>	Revocation of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test

## SCHEDULE C

### ILLINOIS SANCTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF ILLICIT DRUGS

<b>Controlled Substances:</b> Heroin; Cocaine; Morphine; Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD); MDA; MDMA; MDEA; BZP; MMDA; N-hydroxy MDA; 2, 5-DMA; 4-bromo-2, 5-DMA; 2CB/Nexus; PMA; 5-methoxy-3,4-methylenedioxy-amphetamine; DOET			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$200,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	6-30 years	
	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	8-40 years	
	≥ 900 grams	10-50 years	
<b>Controlled Substances:</b> Peyote; Barbituric acid derivative; Amphetamine			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 200 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$200,000
<b>Controlled Substances:</b> Pentazocine, Methaqualone, Phencyclidine, or Ketamine			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 30 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$200,000
<b>Controlled Substances:</b> Narcotic Drugs in Schedules I and II not otherwise listed above			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 200 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$200,000
<b>Controlled Substances:</b> Anabolic Steroids			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
1st Offense: Class C misdemeanor	Any	≤ 30 days	\$75-\$1,500
2nd Offense (within 2 years of prior conviction): Class B misdemeanor	Any	≤ 6 months	\$75-\$1,500
<b>Controlled Substances:</b> Any (other than methamphetamine) not listed above			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 4 felony	Any	1-3 years	≤ \$25,000

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<b>Controlled Substance: Cannabis</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Decriminalized (IL residents over 21)	≤ 30 grams of cannabis flower; ≤ 500 milligrams of THC contained in cannabis-infused product; and ≤ 5 grams of cannabis concentrate	None	None
Decriminalized (non-IL residents over 21)	≤ 15 grams of cannabis flower; ≤ 250 milligrams of THC contained in cannabis-infused product; and ≤ 2.5 grams of cannabis concentrate	None	None
Civil law violation (except as expressly decriminalized)	≤ 10 grams	None	\$100-\$200
Class B misdemeanor	> 10 but ≤ 30 grams	≤ 6 months	\$75-\$1,500
1st offense: Class A misdemeanor	> 30 but ≤ 100 grams	< 1 year	\$75-\$2,500
Subsequent Office: Class 4 felony	> 30 but ≤ 100 grams	1-3 years	\$75-\$25,000
1st offense: Class 4 felony	> 100 but ≤ 500 grams	1-3 years	\$75-\$25,000
Subsequent Office: Class 3 felony	> 100 but ≤ 500 grams	2-5 years	\$75-\$25,000
Class 3 felony	> 500 but ≤ 2,000 grams	2-5 years	\$75-\$25,000
Class 2 felony	> 2,000 but ≤ 5,000 grams	3-7 years	\$75-\$25,000
Class 1 felony	> 5,000 grams	4-15 years	\$75-\$25,000

## SCHEDULE D

### ILLINOIS SANCTIONS FOR TRAFFICKING ILLICIT DRUGS

<b>Controlled Substances: Heroin; Cocaine</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 1 but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Class X felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	
	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	
	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	
<b>Controlled Substances: Morphine</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 1 but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Class X felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	
	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	
	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	
<b>Controlled Substances: Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD); MDA; MDMA; MDEA; BZP; MMDA; N-hydroxy MDA; 2, 5-DMA; 4-bromo-2, 5-DMA; 2CB/Nexus; PMA; 5-methoxy-3,4-methylenedioxy-amphetamine; DOET</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 5 but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Class X felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	
	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	
	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	
<b>Controlled Substance: Fentanyl</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 2 felony	> 5	3-7 years	≤ \$200,000
Class 1 felony	≥ 5 but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Class X felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000
	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	
	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	
	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	
<b>Controlled Substances: Peyote; Barbituric acid derivative; Amphetamine</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 50 but < 200 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Class X felony	≥ 200 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000
<b>Controlled Substances: Pentazocine, Methaqualone, Phencyclidine, or Ketamine</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 10 but < 30 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Class X felony	≥ 30 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000

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<b>Controlled Substances: Hydrocodone; Dihydrocodeine; Oxycodone</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 1 felony	≥ 50 but < 100 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Class X felony	≥ 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000
<b>Controlled Substances: Narcotic Drugs in Schedules I and II not otherwise listed above</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 2 felony	< 50	3-7 years	≤ \$200,000
Class 1 felony	≥ 50 but < 100 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Class X felony	≥ 200 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000
<b>Controlled Substances: Any classified in Schedules I or II (other than methamphetamine) not listed above</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 3 felony	Any	2-5 years	≤ \$150,000
<b>Controlled Substances: Any classified in Schedule III not listed above</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 3 felony	Any	2-5 years	≤ \$125,000
<b>Controlled Substances: Any classified in Schedule IV not listed above</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 3 felony	Any	2-5 years	≤ \$100,000
<b>Controlled Substances: Any classified in Schedule V not listed above</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class 3 felony	Any	2-5 years	≤ \$75,000
<b>Controlled Substance: Cannabis</b>			
<b>Charge</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Sanction: Imprisonment</b>	<b>Sanction: Fine</b>
Class B misdemeanor	≤ 2.5 grams	≤ 6 months	\$75-\$1,500
Class A misdemeanor	> 2.5 but ≤ 10 grams	< 1 year	\$75-\$2,500
Class 4 felony	> 10 but ≤ 30 grams	1-3 years	\$75-\$25,000
Class 3 felony	> 30 but ≤ 500 grams	2-5 years	≤ \$50,000
Class 2 felony	> 500 but ≤ 2,000 grams	3-7 years	≤ \$100,000
Class 1 felony	> 2,000 but ≤ 5,000 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$150,000
Class X felony	> 5,000 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$200,000

## SCHEDULE E

### ILLINOIS SANCTIONS FOR POSSESSION, TRAFFICKING & MANUFACTURE OF METHAMPHETAMINE

Possession of Methamphetamine			
Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
Class 3 felony	< 5 grams	2-5 years	≤ \$25,000
Class 2 felony	≥ 5 but < 15 grams	3-7 years	≤ \$25,000
Class 1 felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$25,000
Class X felony	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$100,000
	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	8-40 years	≤ \$200,000
	≥ 900 grams	10-50 years	≤ \$300,000
Trafficking of Methamphetamine			
Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
Class 2 felony	< 5 grams	3-7 years	≤ \$25,000
Class 1 felony	≥ 5 but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$25,000
Class X felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$100,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	≤ \$200,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	≤ \$300,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	≤ \$400,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Manufacture of Methamphetamine			
Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
Class 1 felony	< 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$25,000
Class X felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$100,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	≤ \$200,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	≤ \$300,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	≤ \$400,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)

## SCHEDULE F

### FEDERAL SANCTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF ILLICIT DRUGS

<b>First Conviction</b>	Up to 1 year in prison and a minimum fine of \$1,000, or both
<b>Second Conviction</b>	Not less than 15 days but not more than 2 years in prison and a minimum fine of \$2,500
<b>Subsequent Conviction(s)</b>	Not less than 90 days but not more than 3 years in prison and a minimum fine of \$5,000
<b>Additional Fine</b>	The amount of the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the offense

## SCHEDULE G

### FEDERAL SANCTIONS FOR TRAFFICKING SCHEDULE I, II, III, IV & V DRUGS (except marijuana)

Drug/Schedule	Quantity	Sanctions	Quantity	Sanctions
Cocaine (Schedule II)	500–4999 grams mixture	<b>First Offense:</b> Not less than 5 yrs., and not more than 40 yrs. If death or serious injury, then not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual; \$25 million if not an individual.  <b>Second Offense:</b> Not less than 10 yrs., and not more than life. If death or serious injury, then life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual; \$50 million if not an individual.	5 kgs or more mixture	<b>First Offense:</b> Not less than 10 yrs., and not more than life. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life. Fine of not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.  <b>Second Offense:</b> Not less than 20 yrs., and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.  <b>2 or More Prior Offenses:</b> Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.
Cocaine Base (Schedule II)	28–279 grams mixture		500–4999 grams mixture	
Fentanyl (Schedule II)	40–399 grams mixture		28–279 grams mixture	
Fentanyl Analogue (Schedule I)	10–99 grams mixture		40–399 grams mixture	
Heroin (Schedule I)	100–999 grams mixture		10–99 grams mixture	
LSD (Schedule I)	1–9 grams mixture		100–999 grams mixture	
Methamphetamine (Schedule II)	5–49 grams pure or 50–499 grams mixture	<b>Second Offense:</b> Not less than 10 yrs., and not more than life. If death or serious injury, then life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual; \$50 million if not an individual.	1–9 grams mixture	<b>Second Offense:</b> Not less than 20 yrs., and not more than life. If death or serious injury, life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.  <b>2 or More Prior Offenses:</b> Life imprisonment. Fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.
PCP (Schedule II)	10–99 grams pure or 100–999 grams mixture		5–49 grams pure or 50–499 grams mixture	

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Drug/Schedule	Quantity	Sanctions
Other Schedule I & II drugs	Any amount	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. Fine \$1 million if an individual, \$5 million if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, life imprisonment. Fine \$2 million if an individual; \$10 million if not an individual.</p>
Any drug product containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid	Any amount	
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	≥1 gram	
Other Schedule III drugs	Any amount	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 10 years. If death or serious injury, not more than 15 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual; \$2.5 million if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 20 yrs. If death or serious injury, not more than 30 yrs. Fine not more than \$1 million if an individual; \$5 million if not an individual.</p>
All other Schedule IV drugs	Any amount	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual; \$1 million if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual; \$2 million if other than an individual.</p>
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	<1 gram	
All Schedule V drugs	Any amount	<p><b>First Offense:</b> Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual; \$250,000 if not an individual.</p> <p><b>Second Offense:</b> Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual; \$500,000 if not an individual.</p>

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## FEDERAL SANCTIONS FOR TRAFFICKING CANNABIS

Drug/Schedule	Quantify	1st Offense	2nd Offense*
Marijuana (Schedule I)	≥ 1,000 kgs marijuana mixture; or ≥ 1,000 marijuana plants	Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, then not less than 20 yrs., or more than life. Fine not more than \$10 million if an individual; \$50 million if other than an individual.	Not less than 20 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, then life imprisonment. Fine not more than \$20 million if an individual; \$75 million if other than an individual.
Marijuana (Schedule I)	100-999 kgs marijuana mixture; or 100-999 marijuana plants	Not less than 5 yrs. or more than 40 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, then not less than 20 yrs., or more than life. Fine not more than life. Fine not more than \$5 million if an individual, \$25 million if other than an individual.	Not less than 10 yrs. or more than life. If death or serious bodily injury, then life imprisonment. Fine not more than \$20 million if an individual; \$75 million if other than an individual.
Marijuana (Schedule I)	50-99 kgs marijuana mixture; or 50-99 marijuana plants	Not less than 20 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, then not less than 20 yrs., or more than life. Fine \$1 million if an individual; \$5 million if other than an individual.	Not less than 30 yrs. If death or serious bodily injury, then life imprisonment. Fine \$2 million if an individual; \$10 million if other than an individual.
Hashish (Schedule I)	> 10 kgs		
Hashish Oil (Schedule I)	> 1 kg		
Marijuana (Schedule I)	< 50 kgs marijuana (but does not include 50 or more marijuana plants regardless of weight); or 1-49 marijuana plants	Not less than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000; \$1 million if other than an individual	Not less than 10 yrs. Fine \$500,000 if an individual; \$2 million if other than individual.
Hashish (Schedule I)	≤ 10 kgs		
Hashish Oil (Schedule I)	≤ 1 kg		

\*The minimum sentence for a violation after two or more prior convictions for a felony drug offense have become final is a mandatory term of life imprisonment without release and a fine up to \$20 million if an individual and \$75 million if other than an individual.

# STATEMENT OF PENALTIES FOR COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

## Summary of Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Federal Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code, 17 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or “statutory” damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For “willful” infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys’ fees. For details, see:

- Title 17, United States Code, Section 504 (17 U.S.C. § 504)  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2018-title17/html/USCODE-2018-title17-chap5-sec504.htm>
- Title 17, United States Code, Section 505 (17 U.S.C. § 505)  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/USCODE-2018-title17/html/USCODE-2018-title17-chap5-sec505.htm>

Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five (5) years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.

For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at <https://copyright.gov>.

## Governors State University Policies Related to Copyrights Protection

Governors State University (“GovState”) has several policies related to the protection and acceptable use of copyrighted material with which students should make themselves familiar. Those policies include the following:

- Policy 24 – Academic Honesty
- Policy 62 – Fair Use of Copyrighted Works for Education and Research
- Policy 64 – Acceptable Use Policy for Computing and Networking, Network Security and Wireless Computing
- Policy 74 – Open Access Policy
- Policy 94 – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence

In accordance with such policies and the GovState Student Code of Conduct (Policy 4), copyright infringement may qualify as Academic Misconduct (e.g., plagiarism in fulfilling an academic assignment) or Non-Academic Misconduct (e.g., misuse of GovState computer systems or software to infringe on copyrights in violation of GovState policies). Engaging in misconduct such as copyright infringement may subject a student to discipline up to and including disciplinary dismissal.

Copies of the GovState Policies mentioned above may all be downloaded from the following webpage:  
<https://www.govst.edu/templates/policies/policies.aspx?id=tn>

## INSTITUTIONAL AND PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITING AGENCIES

As required by section 485 of the Federal Higher Education Act, as amended (20 U.S.C. § 1092(a)(1)(J)), and the regulations promulgated thereunder (34 C.F.R. § 668.43(a)(6) and (b)), Governors State University (“GovState”) provides the following information about GovState’s institutional and programmatic accreditors and government regulating body. This and additional information is also available on GovState’s website at: <https://www.govst.edu/accreditation/>.

### **Institutional Accreditor: The Higher Learning Commission (“HLC”)**

The HLC’s Statement of Accreditation Status for GovState is available at:

<https://www.hlcommission.org/component/directory/?Action=ShowBasic&Itemid=&instid=1091>

The HLC’s main website is: <https://www.hlcommission.org/>

The HLC can be contacted at:

Higher Learning Commission  
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500  
Chicago, IL 60604-1411  
Phone: 800.621.7440 / 312.263.0456  
Fax: 312.263.7462  
[info@hlcommission.org](mailto:info@hlcommission.org)

Complaints regarding GovState may also be submitted via:

Email: [complaints@hlcommission.org](mailto:complaints@hlcommission.org)

Web portal: <https://www.hlcommission.org/Student-Resources/complaints.html>

Copies of documents describing GovState’s accreditation with the HLC can be obtained by contacting:

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Office of the Provost  
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Room G351  
University Park, IL 60484  
Phone: 708.534.4980  
Fax: 708.534.8399  
[provost@govst.edu](mailto:provost@govst.edu)

## Regulating Body: The Illinois Board of Higher Education (“IBHE”)

The IBHE’s Institutional Profile for GovState is available at:

<https://ibheprofiles.ibhe.org/profile.aspx?fice=009145>

The IBHE’s main website is: <https://www.ibhe.org/>

The IBHE can be contacted at:

Illinois Board of Higher Education  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333  
Springfield, IL 62701-1377  
Phone: 217.782.2551 / 888.261.2881 (TTY)  
Fax: 217.782.8548  
[info@ibhe.org](mailto:info@ibhe.org)

Complaints regarding GovState may also be submitted via:

Institutional Complaint Hotline: 217.557.7359  
Online Institutional Complaint System: <https://complaints.ibhe.org/>

Copies of documents describing IBHE oversight of GovState can be obtained by contacting:

Governors State University  
Office of the Provost  
1 University Parkway  
Room G351  
University Park, IL 60484  
Phone: 708.534.4980  
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[provost@govst.edu](mailto:provost@govst.edu)

## Programmatic Accreditors:

Additionally, the following programs at GovState have been accredited by the identified agencies:

Program(s)	Accrediting Agency	Contact Information
Addictions Studies (BHS in Community Health) (MHS in Addiction Studies)	National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC)	NASAC 44 Canal Center Plaza Ste 301 Alexandria, VA 22314 Ph: 703.741.7686 Fax: 703.741.7698 <a href="mailto:admin@nasacaccreditation.org">admin@nasacaccreditation.org</a> <a href="http://www.nasacaccreditation.org">www.nasacaccreditation.org</a>
GovState information from NASAC: <a href="https://nasacaccreditation.org/accreditation/nasac-accredited-programs/">https://nasacaccreditation.org/accreditation/nasac-accredited-programs/</a>		
Chemistry (BS)*  *A program approved by ACS	American Chemical Society (ACS)	ACS 1155 Sixteenth St, NW Washington, DC 20036 Ph: 800.333.9511 <a href="mailto:service@acs.org">service@acs.org</a> <a href="http://www.acs.org">www.acs.org</a>
GovState information from ACS: <a href="https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/policies/acs-approval-program/data-reports.html">https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/policies/acs-approval-program/data-reports.html</a>		
Secondary Education (Biology, Chemistry, English, and Mathematics)	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)  Biology and Chemistry – National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)  English – National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)  Mathematics – National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)	CAEP 1140 19th St NW, Ste 400 Washington, DC 20036 Ph: 202.223.0077 <a href="mailto:caep@caepnet.org">caep@caepnet.org</a> <a href="https://caepnet.org/">https://caepnet.org/</a>
GovState information from CAEP: <a href="http://caepnet.org/provider-search?state=IL&amp;program=&amp;tab=program#progresults">http://caepnet.org/provider-search?state=IL&amp;program=&amp;tab=program#progresults</a>		

Program(s)	Accrediting Agency	Contact Information
Elementary Education (BA)  Early Childhood Education (BA)  Principalship (MA)  Superintendent (Ed.D.)	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)  Elementary Education – Association for Childhood Education for Elementary Teachers (ACEI)  Early Childhood Education – National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)  School Leadership – Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC)	CAEP 1140 19th St NW, Ste 400 Washington, DC 20036 Ph: 202.223.0077 <a href="mailto:caep@caepnet.org">caep@caepnet.org</a> <a href="https://caepnet.org/">https://caepnet.org/</a>
GovState information from CAEP: <a href="http://caepnet.org/provider-search?state=IL&amp;program=&amp;tab=program#progresults">http://caepnet.org/provider-search?state=IL&amp;program=&amp;tab=program#progresults</a>		
Public Administration (MPA)	Network of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)	NASPAA 1029 Vermont Ave NW Ste 1100 Washington, DC 20005 Ph: 202.628.8965 <a href="mailto:naspaa@naspaa.org">naspaa@naspaa.org</a> <a href="http://www.naspaa.org">www.naspaa.org</a>
GovState information from NASPAA: <a href="https://www.naspaa.org/accreditation/roster-accredited-programs">https://www.naspaa.org/accreditation/roster-accredited-programs</a>		
Accounting; Business Administration; Business & Applied Science; Management Information Systems/Business Analytics (BA, BS, MBA, MS)	The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)	AACSB 777 S. Harbour Island Blvd. Ste 750 Tampa, FL 33602 Ph: 813.769.6500 <a href="mailto:accreditation@aacsb.edu">accreditation@aacsb.edu</a> <a href="http://www.aacsb.edu">www.aacsb.edu</a>
GovState information from AACSB: <a href="https://www.aacsb.edu/accredited?F_Country=United+States&amp;regions=americas&amp;countries=united-states&amp;states=illinois">https://www.aacsb.edu/accredited?F_Country=United+States&amp;regions=americas&amp;countries=united-states&amp;states=illinois</a>		

Program(s)	Accrediting Agency	Contact Information
Communication Disorders (MHS in Speech-Language Pathology)	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology	CAA American Speech-Language-Hearing Association 2200 Research Blvd. Ste 310 Rockville, MD 20850 Ph: 800.498.2071 <a href="mailto:accreditation@asha.org">accreditation@asha.org</a> <a href="https://caa.asha.org/">https://caa.asha.org/</a> Complaints: <a href="https://caa.asha.org/programs/complaints/">https://caa.asha.org/programs/complaints/</a>
<p style="text-align: center;">GovState information from ASHA CAA: <a href="https://apps.asha.org/eweb/ashadynamicpage.aspx?site=ashacms&amp;webcode=caalisting&amp;caacat=all">https://apps.asha.org/eweb/ashadynamicpage.aspx?site=ashacms&amp;webcode=caalisting&amp;caacat=all</a></p>		
Health Administration (BHA)	Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)	AUPHA 1730 Rhode Island Ave, NW, Ste 810 Washington DC 20036 Ph: 202.763.7283 <a href="mailto:aupha@aupha.org">aupha@aupha.org</a> <a href="http://www.aupha.org">www.aupha.org</a>
<p style="text-align: center;">GovState information from AUPHA: <a href="https://www.aupha.org/resourcecenter/auphaprogramdirectory">https://www.aupha.org/resourcecenter/auphaprogramdirectory</a></p>		
Health Administration (MHA)	Commission on Accreditation of Health Management Education (CAHME)	CAHME PO Box 911 Spring House, PA 19477 Ph: 301.298.1820 <a href="mailto:info@cahme.org">info@cahme.org</a> <a href="http://www.cahme.org">www.cahme.org</a>
<p style="text-align: center;">GovState information from CAHME: <a href="https://cahme.org/programs/?govstate">https://cahme.org/programs/?govstate</a></p>		

Program(s)	Accrediting Agency	Contact Information
Nursing (BSN/MSN)	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)	ACEN 3390 Peachtree Rd NE, Ste 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326 Ph: 404.975.5000 <a href="http://www.acenursing.org">www.acenursing.org</a> Complaints: <a href="https://www.acenursing.org/students-public/complaints">https://www.acenursing.org/students-public/complaints</a>
<p style="text-align: center;">GovState information from ACEN: <a href="http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm">http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm</a></p>		
Occupational Therapy (MOT)	Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)	ACOTE 6116 Executive Blvd, Ste 200 North Bethesda, MD 20852 Ph: 301.652.6611 <a href="mailto:accred@aota.org">accred@aota.org</a> <a href="http://www.acoteonline.org">www.acoteonline.org</a> Complaints: <a href="https://acoteonline.org/about/compliments-complaints/">https://acoteonline.org/about/compliments-complaints/</a>
<p style="text-align: center;">GovState information from ACOTE: <a href="https://acoteonline.org/schools/?cn-cat-in%5B%5D=&amp;cn-cat-in%5B%5D=&amp;cn-cat-in%5B%5D=&amp;cn-region=IL">https://acoteonline.org/schools/?cn-cat-in%5B%5D=&amp;cn-cat-in%5B%5D=&amp;cn-cat-in%5B%5D=&amp;cn-region=IL</a></p>		
Physical Therapy (DPT)	Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)	CAPTE 3030 Potomac Ave, Ste 100 Alexandria, VA 22305 Ph: 800.999.2782 <a href="http://www.capteonline.org">www.capteonline.org</a> <a href="http://www.apta.org">www.apta.org</a> Complaints: <a href="https://www.capteonline.org/complaints">https://www.capteonline.org/complaints</a> Ph: 703.706.3245 <a href="mailto:accreditation@apta.org">accreditation@apta.org</a>
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Social Work (BSW/MSW)	Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)	CSWE 333 John Carlyle St, Ste 400 Alexandria, VA 22314 Ph: 703.683.8080 Fax: 703.683.8099 <a href="mailto:info@cswe.org">info@cswe.org</a> <a href="http://www.cswe.org">www.cswe.org</a>
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Counseling (MA in Clinical Mental Health, Marriage and Family, or School Counseling) (Ed.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision)	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)	CACREP 500 Montgomery St, Ste 350 Alexandria, VA 22314 Ph: 703.535.5990 <a href="mailto:cacrep@cacrep.org">cacrep@cacrep.org</a> <a href="http://www.cacrep.org">www.cacrep.org</a> Complaints: <a href="https://www.cacrep.org/for-programs/cacrep-policy-document/#policy12.a">https://www.cacrep.org/for-programs/cacrep-policy-document/#policy12.a</a> <a href="https://www.cacrep.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/CACREP-Complaint-Form.docx">https://www.cacrep.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/CACREP-Complaint-Form.docx</a>
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## How can meningococcal disease be prevented?

Risk of transmission of meningococcal infection can be reduced by practicing good hygiene.

- Cover noses and mouths when sneezing or coughing
- Discard used tissues promptly
- Wash hands thoroughly
- Avoid sharing cigarettes, straws, cups, glasses, toothbrushes, or eating utensils.  
*Eating and drinking utensils can be used by others only after they have been washed.*

It is recommended that household contacts and others who have had close personal contact with infected persons receive a short course of certain antibiotics, which kill bacteria living in throat secretions. Because the recommendations for use of preventive antibiotics vary according to the specific situation, it is best to consult a physician or local health department for advice. Even if an antibiotic is taken, close contacts should be observed and any sign of disease promptly evaluated by a physician.

**CDC recommends** vaccination with a meningococcal conjugate vaccine for all preteens and teens at 11 to 12 years old, with a booster dose at 16 years old. Teens and young adults (16 through 23 years old) also may be vaccinated with a serogroup B meningococcal vaccine. All current college and university students should receive meningococcal vaccination in accordance with current guidelines from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

Meningococcal vaccine is effective against types of *Neisseria meningitidis* that are covered by the vaccines such as serogroups A, C, W, Y, and B. Vaccines help protect against meningococcal disease and usually work well, but not all cases can be prevented.

In studies demonstrating the efficacy of meningococcal conjugate vaccines:

- **Menactra® in preteens and teens:** Between eight and nine people out of every 10 vaccinated had a protective immune response one month after completing the series
- **Menactra® in adults:** Between seven and nine people out of every 10 vaccinated had a protective immune response one month after completing the series
- **Menveo® in preteens and teens:** Between seven and nine people out of every 10 vaccinated had a protective immune response one month after completing the series
- **Menveo® in adults:** Between seven and nine people out of every 10 vaccinated had a protective immune response one month after completing the series

In studies demonstrating the efficacy of serogroup B meningococcal vaccines:

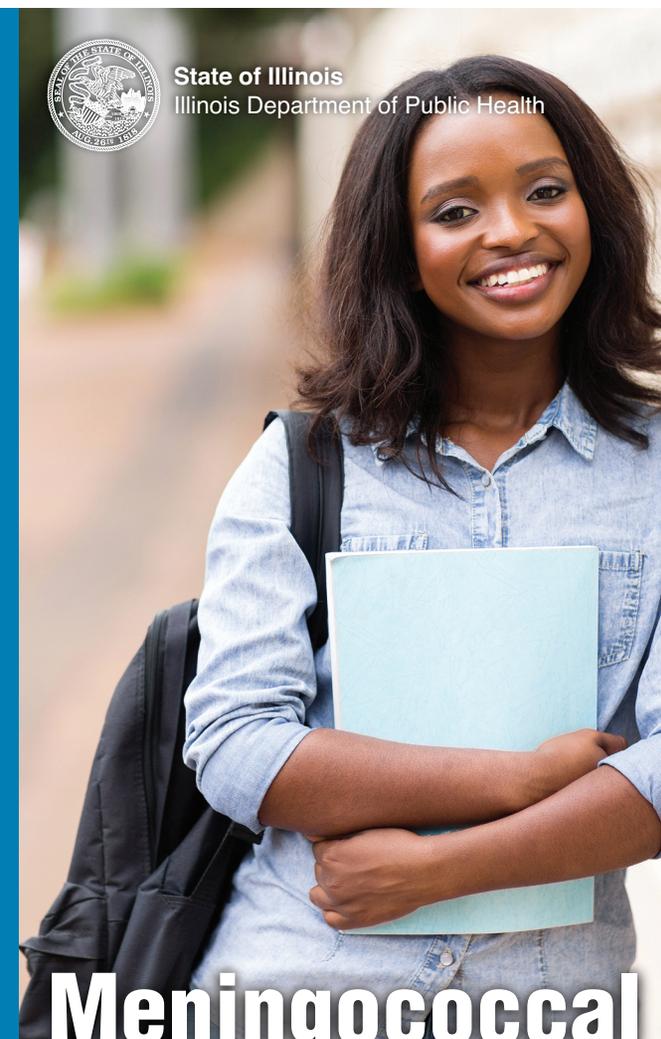
- **Besexero® in preteens, teens, and young adults:** Between six and nine people out of every 10 vaccinated had a protective immune response one month after completing the series
- **Trumenba® in preteens, teens, and young adults:** Eight people out of every 10 vaccinated had a protective immune response one month after completing the series

### Additional Questions?

Additional questions or concerns regarding meningococcal disease or vaccination against the disease should be directed to your health care provider.



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# Meningococcal Disease

What Parents and Students Need to Know.

## What is meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is a bacterial infection. It occurs commonly in two forms:

- inflammation of the membranes covering the brain and spinal cord (meningococcal meningitis); and/or
- severe blood infection (meningococemia).

The bacterium that causes meningococcal disease, *Neisseria meningitidis*, first infects the mucous membranes of the nose and throat, usually without any symptoms. In fact, five-ten percent of the population may carry the bacteria at any given time without becoming ill. In a small proportion of infected persons, the bacterium passes through the mucous membrane and reaches the blood stream, causing meningococcal meningitis or meningococemia. When illness occurs, it does so within four days of exposure, but can develop as long as 10 days later. The disease is most common during winter and spring.

## How is meningococcal disease spread?

Meningococcal infection is not highly contagious. Transmission from person to person occurs through direct contact with nose and throat secretions.

An infected person can transmit the disease by:

- Coughing or sneezing directly into the face of others.
- Kissing a person on the mouth.
- Sharing a glass or cup.

Because it is possible to harbor the bacteria in the nose and throat without developing symptoms, healthy people, as well as people who are ill, may spread the bacteria to others. The bacteria is not transmitted by casual contact, such as sitting in the same room as an infected person or passing an infected person in a hallway or on a sidewalk.

## What are the symptoms of meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease usually starts with a sudden onset of fever and headache. A stiff neck may be present and later a red rash may develop. Nausea and vomiting also can occur, but alone, are not sufficient to suggest meningococcal disease. In newborns and small infants, the classic findings of fever, headache, and neck stiffness may be absent or difficult to detect. The infant may show only extreme listlessness, irritability, poor feeding and sometimes vomiting. In severe cases, as the disease progresses, both infants and older patients may have seizures and decreased alertness advancing to coma.

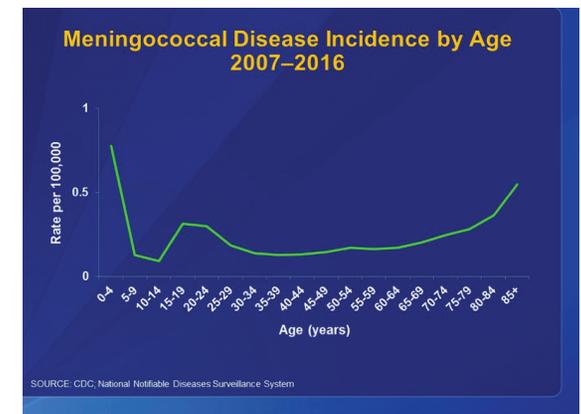
## How is meningococcal disease diagnosed?

Meningococcal disease is very serious and can be deadly in a matter of hours. Early diagnosis and treatment of the disease are very important. Meningococcal disease can be difficult to diagnose because the signs and symptoms are often similar to less serious illnesses. If a medical provider suspects someone has meningococcal disease, they will collect samples of blood or cerebrospinal fluid (fluid that is near the spinal cord). The samples are then tested to determine if the illness is caused by an infection. If *Neisseria meningitidis* bacteria are in the samples, laboratorians can grow (culture) the bacteria. Growing the bacteria in the laboratory allows doctors to know the specific type of bacteria that is causing the illness. Knowing this helps doctors decide which antibiotic will work best. Other tests can sometimes detect and identify the bacteria if cultures do not.

## Who is most susceptible to meningococcal disease?

Meningococcal disease is primarily a disease of young children. Infants, adolescents, and young adults have the highest rates of meningococcal disease in the United States (see figure 1). Adults at increased risk of meningococcal disease include those who have recently been brought together as a group and housed under crowded living conditions, such as in barracks or institutions. College freshmen, particularly those living in dormitories, are at modestly increased risk. Household contacts of cases are at the greatest risk of developing meningococcal disease. Most people are not susceptible to meningococcal disease because they have had prior exposure and have become immune.

Fewer than 10 percent of all meningococcal disease cases are fatal. Death occurs more often in meningococemia (as high as 17 percent) than in meningococcal meningitis (approximately seven percent).



(Figure 1)

## How is meningococcal disease treated?

Cases of meningococcal disease require immediate medical treatment by a physician. Intravenous penicillin and other antibiotics are used to treat meningococcal disease, once diagnosed.

# Meningococcal Disease

## INFORMATION ABOUT MENINGITIS AND ITS TRANSMISSION

The following information about meningitis is being provided to all Governors State University freshman, transfer students, and all other attendees, in accordance with Illinois law, 110 ILCS 670/15-115.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), meningitis is an inflammation (swelling) of the protective membranes covering the brain and spinal cord. A bacterial or viral infection of the fluid surrounding the brain and spinal cord usually causes the swelling. However, injuries, cancer, certain drugs, and other types of infections also can cause meningitis. It is important to know the specific cause of meningitis because the treatment differs depending on the cause.

### CAUSES OF MENINGITIS

- **Bacterial Meningitis:** Meningitis caused by bacteria can be deadly and requires immediate medical attention. Vaccines are available to help protect against some kinds of bacterial meningitis.
- **Viral Meningitis:** Meningitis caused by viruses is serious but often is less severe than bacterial meningitis. People with normal immune systems who get viral meningitis usually get better on their own. There are vaccines to prevent some kinds of viral meningitis.
- **Fungal Meningitis:** Meningitis caused by fungi is rare, but people can get it by inhaling fungal spores from the environment. People with certain medical conditions, like diabetes, cancer, or HIV, are at higher risk of fungal meningitis.
- **Parasitic Meningitis:** Various parasites can cause meningitis or can affect the brain or nervous system in other ways. Overall, parasitic meningitis is much less common than viral and bacterial meningitis.
- **Amebic Meningitis:** Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) is a rare and devastating infection of the brain caused by *Naegleria fowleri*, is a free-living microscopic amoeba that lives in warm water and soil.
- **Non-Infectious Meningitis:** Sometimes cancers, systemic lupus erythematosus (lupus), certain drugs, head injury, and brain surgery can cause meningitis.

### INFORMATION ABOUT BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

#### Transmission

Generally, the germs that cause bacterial meningitis spread from one person to another. Certain germs can spread through food. How people spread the germs often depends on the type of bacteria. It is

also important to know that people can have these bacteria in or on their bodies without being sick. These people are “carriers.” Most carriers never become sick, but can still spread the bacteria to others.

Here are some of the most common examples of how people spread each type of bacteria to each other:

- Group B *Streptococcus* and *E. coli*: Mothers can pass these bacteria to their babies during birth.
- *H. influenzae*, *M. tuberculosis*, and *S. pneumoniae*: People spread these bacteria by coughing or sneezing while in close contact with others, who breathe in the bacteria.
- *N. meningitidis*: People spread these bacteria by sharing respiratory or throat secretions (saliva or spit). This typically occurs during close (coughing or kissing) or lengthy (living together) contact.
- *E. coli*: People can get these bacteria by eating food prepared by people who did not wash their hands well after using the toilet.

People usually get sick from *E. coli* and *L. monocytogenes* by eating contaminated food.

## Signs and Symptoms

Meningitis symptoms include sudden onset of: fever; headache; and stiff neck. There are often other symptoms, such as: nausea; vomiting; photophobia (eyes being more sensitive to light); and altered mental status (confusion)

Typically, symptoms of bacterial meningitis develop within 3 to 7 days after exposure; note, this is not true for TB meningitis, which can develop much later after exposure to the bacteria.

Bacterial meningitis is usually severe and can cause serious complications, such as brain damage, hearing loss, or learning disabilities. The pathogens (germs) that cause bacterial meningitis can also be associated with another serious illness, sepsis. Sepsis is the body’s extreme response to infection. Without timely treatment, sepsis can quickly lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death. Accordingly, people with bacterial meningitis can have seizures, go into a coma, and even die. For this reason, anyone who thinks they may have meningitis should see a doctor as soon as possible.

## INFORMATION ABOUT VIRAL MENINGITIS

### Transmission

People can spread the viruses that cause viral meningitis to other people. If you have close contact with someone who has viral meningitis, they may spread the virus to you. However, you are not likely to develop meningitis. That’s because most people infected with these viruses will not develop meningitis.

Viruses that can cause meningitis include: non-polio enteroviruses; mumps virus; herpesviruses, including Epstein-Barr virus, herpes simplex viruses, and varicella-zoster virus (which causes chickenpox and shingles); measles virus; influenza virus; arboviruses, like West Nile virus; and lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus. Each of those viruses has its own ways of spreading.

## Symptoms

Common symptoms of viral meningitis include: fever; headache; stiff neck; photophobia (eyes being more sensitive to light); sleepiness or trouble waking up from sleep; nausea; irritability; vomiting; lack of appetite; and lethargy (a lack of energy). Initial symptoms of viral meningitis are similar to those for bacterial meningitis.

Most people with mild viral meningitis usually get better on their own within 7 to 10 days.

*Sources of information:* <https://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/index.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/about/bacterial-meningitis.html>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/meningitis/about/viral-meningitis.html>

**For information about obtaining the meningitis vaccine, please contact the GovState Health Center by Advocate Aurora Health, at 708.235.2114 or in person on campus in Suite A-1120, during its regular appointment hours.** More information about the Health Center and options for scheduling an appointment online is available at <https://www.govst.edu/cwc-health-center/>. Information about GovState student immunization requirements is available at <https://www.govst.edu/immunization/>.

# **VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY WORKER POLICY**

Governors State University Policy No. 67

## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to comply with Illinois law in providing reasonable accommodation for any student who is absent from class due to the performance of her or his duties as a volunteer emergency worker.

## **II. DEFINITIONS**

“Volunteer emergency worker” includes, but is not limited to:

- A. a person who serves as a member of a fire department of a fire protection district, municipality, or other unit of government on other than a full-time career basis and who meets the requirements for volunteer status provided in Section 553.106 of Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations and United States Department of Labor Wage and Hour Opinion Letter FLSA 2006-28 and United States Department of Labor Wage and Hour Opinion Letter FLSA 2005-51;
- B. a person who serves on a volunteer basis and is licensed under the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Systems Act as an Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) (First Responder), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate (EMT-I), Advanced Emergency Medical Responder (A-EMT), or Paramedic (EMT-P), or a volunteer ambulance driver or attendant, and the person does not work in one of these capacities for another fire department, fire protection district, or governmental entity on a full-time career basis; and
- C. a person who is a volunteer member of a county or municipal emergency services and disaster agency pursuant to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, an auxiliary policeman appointed pursuant to the Municipal Code, or an auxiliary deputy appointed by a county sheriff pursuant to the Counties Code.

## **III. POLICY**

Governors State University will provide reasonable accommodation for any student who is absent from class due to the performance of her or his duties as a volunteer emergency worker. If an absence is the result of a student’s documented performance of emergency volunteer work, an instructor must accommodate the absence within reason. A student who believes that he or she has been unreasonably denied this accommodation may seek redress through the academic grievance procedure set forth in University Policy No. 5.

#### **IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The University acknowledges and credits the Illinois Volunteer Emergency Worker Higher Education Protection Act (110 ILCS 122) and the Illinois Volunteer Emergency Worker Job Protection Act (50 ILCS 748).

#### **RESPONSIBLE PARTY**

The Provost or designee will be responsible for procedures under this policy.

Effective 1/22/2009  
Revised 6/1/2020

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# **ANTI-HAZING POLICY**

Governors State University Policy No. 102

## **I. Purpose**

Governors State University (the “University”) is committed to fostering an environment where the health, safety, and welfare of all individuals are respected; and all employees, trustees, students, and others engaged with the University (collectively, the “GovState Community”) share the responsibility for a safe and secure campus. In furtherance of that commitment, this Policy prohibits any form of hazing (as defined below) and requires that incidents of hazing be reported to appropriate University personnel immediately.

## **II. Policy Against Hazing**

### **A. Scope**

1. This Policy applies to all individuals (i) on University property; (ii) at University-sponsored or -sanctioned events and activities; (iii) subject to the University’s Student Misconduct Policies or the University’s Employee Code of Conduct; (iv) participating in University-sponsored or -sanctioned research programs/projects; (v) conducting official University business or representing the University off campus; or (vi) engaging in any negative action having impact on individuals within the GovState Community.

2. ***The University reserves the right to impose any level of sanction or discipline, up to and including suspension, dismissal or termination, for any offense under or failure to comply with this Policy.*** Additionally, a violation of this Policy may subject the offending person to civil, administrative, or criminal fines or penalties imposed under State or Federal law.

### **B. Definition**

**Hazing** means engaging in any acts not authorized by the University that intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly:

- (i) Endangers (above the reasonable risk encountered in the regular course of participation in the University’s employment, programs, clubs, teams, and classes) the mental, emotional, or physical health or safety of an individual, or causes physical discomfort or mental discomfort; or
- (ii) Encourages an individual to engage in conduct of a sexual, or humiliating nature; or
- (iii) Destroys or removes public or private property;

for the purpose of initiation, induction or admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any group, club, team, class, organization, or society that is associated with, established or recognized by, or otherwise connected to the University. Hazing includes, but is not limited to, physical punishments, creating excessive fatigue, work sessions, physical or emotional shock, wearing apparel which is conspicuous, public stunts, morally degrading or humiliating games or events, encouraging or requiring the illegal and/or abusive use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs, or encouraging or requiring any act that would violate Illinois State law, including but not limited to theft of or vandalism of public or private property.

***Acts described as “hazing” in this definition are considered to be hazing whether or not the subject of such conduct willingly participates in such activities.***

### **C. Prohibition on Hazing**

1. No student, prospective student, employee, potential employee, applicant, nor other individual shall be subject to hazing for the purpose of initiation, induction or admission into, affiliation with, or continued membership in any group, club, team, class, organization, or society that is associated with, established or recognized by, or otherwise connected to the University.

2. It shall be a violation of this Policy for any member of the GovState Community:

- (i) To engage in hazing;
- (ii) To permit or to fail to prevent and/or to discourage known acts of hazing when such activities are known to be taking place, or where it should reasonably be known that such activities are taking place; and
- (iii) To fail to report known acts of hazing when such activities are known to be taking place, or where it should reasonably be known that such activities are taking place.

### **D. Reporting Hazing**

1. Any member of the GovState Community who witnesses, is subjected to, or becomes aware of acts of possible hazing must immediately report the incident.

- (i) Incidents of possible hazing and other violations of this Policy by students should be reported to the University Office of the Dean of Students:

**Office of the Dean of Students**  
1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484  
Phone: 708.235.7595  
Email: [deanofstudents@govst.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@govst.edu)

Campus Location: C1310

(ii) Incidents of possible hazing and other violations of this Policy by employees should be reported to the Human Resources Department:

**Human Resources Department**

1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484  
Phone: 708.534.4100  
Email: [hr@govst.edu](mailto:hr@govst.edu)  
Campus Location: C1360

(iii) Incidents of possible hazing and other violations of this Policy may also be reported to the University Ethics Officer:

**Kaitlyn Anne Wild**

**Director of Compliance and Ethics Officer**

1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484  
Phone: 708.534.4846  
Email: [ethicsofficer@govst.edu](mailto:ethicsofficer@govst.edu)  
Campus Location: G328

2. In case of an emergency, including but not limited to risk of serious bodily harm or death, the situation must be reported to law enforcement immediately:

University Department of Public Safety  
Emergency Number: 911 (if calling from campus phone)  
Phone: 708.534.4900 (if calling direct)  
Campus Location: C1375  
1 University Parkway  
University Park, IL 60484

University Park Police Department  
698 Burnham Drive  
University Park, IL 60484  
Emergency Number: 911 (if calling from a non-campus phone)  
Phone: 708.534.0913 (if calling direct)

**E. University's Response to Reports of Hazing**

The University takes all reports of possible hazing very seriously.

Hazing and other violations of this Policy by students will be treated as "non-academic misconduct" under the University's Student Code of Conduct (Policy 4), and reports of possible

hazing by a student will be investigated and resolved in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and Community Standards program coordinated by the Office of the Dean of Students.

Hazing and other violations of this Policy by employees will be investigated and resolved by the Human Resources Department.

For more information about the University's response to reports, see the University's Internal Investigations Policy.

### **III. Hazing Prevention and Awareness Programs**

The Dean of Students (or their delegee(s)) shall coordinate the University's provision of prevention and awareness programming related to hazing that includes research-informed campus-wide prevention programs designed to reach students and employees and primary prevention strategies intended to stop hazing before hazing occurs. Such programming may include, but would not necessarily be limited to, skill building for bystander intervention, information about ethical leadership, and promotion of strategies for building group cohesion without hazing.

### **IV. Hazing Statistics and Reporting**

#### **A. Hazing Incident Statistics**

The University shall:

1. Collect information with respect to hazing incidents at the University; and
2. Publish statistics of hazing incidents reported to campus security authorities or local police agencies as part of its disclosure of campus crime statistics in its Annual Security Report under the Clery Act, as required by the federal Stop Campus Hazing Act, Public Law 118-173, 138 Stat. 2597 (Dec. 23, 2024).

#### **B. Campus Hazing Transparency Report**

The Office of the Dean of Students shall prepare and publish a "Campus Hazing Transparency Report" that summarizes findings of hazing violations as required in accordance with the Stop Campus Hazing Act, including as follows:

1. The Campus Transparency Report shall contain information about findings of hazing violations, including:
  - (i) The name of such student organization involved;
  - (ii) A general description of the hazing violation, including whether the hazing violation involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs, the University's findings, and any sanctions placed on the student organization (as applicable); and

- (iii) The dates on which:
  - (a) The hazing incident was alleged to have occurred;
  - (b) The investigation into the hazing incident was initiated;
  - (c) The investigation ended with a finding that a hazing violation occurred; and
  - (d) The University provided notice to the student organization that the incident resulted in a hazing violation; and
- (iv) Any additional information:
  - (a) Determined by the Office of the Dean of Students or other University department to be necessary; or
  - (b) Reported as required by State law.
- 2. The Campus Hazing Transparency Report shall not include any personally identifiable information, including any information that would reveal personally identifiable information, about any individual student in accordance with FERPA.
- 3. Not later than December 23, 2025, the Campus Hazing Transparency Report shall be made publicly available on the University's public website, including:
  - (i) A statement notifying the public of the annual availability of statistics on hazing incidents as part of the Annual Security Report; and
  - (ii) Information about the University's policies relating to hazing (including this Policy) and applicable local and State laws on hazing.
- 4. Not less frequently than 2 times each year thereafter, the Campus Hazing Transparency Report shall be updated to include the required information about hazing violations for the period beginning on the date on which the Report was last published and ending on the date on which such update is submitted.
- 5. The information included in the Campus Hazing Transparency Report and each update thereto shall be maintained for a period of five (5) calendar years from the date of publication of the Report or update.
- 6. The University is not required to: (i) develop and publish an initiation Campus Hazing Transparency Report until it has a finding of a hazing violation; or (ii) update the Campus Hazing Transparency Report if the University does not have a finding of a hazing violation for such period.

### C. Definitions

For purposes of this Section IV (and only this Section IV), the following definitions apply.

1. **Hazing** means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that:

- (i) Is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
- (ii) Causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the University (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury including:
  - (a) Whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone's body, or similar activity;
  - (b) Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
  - (c) Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
  - (d) Causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
  - (e) Any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
  - (f) Any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, or Federal law; and
  - (g) Any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, or Federal law.

2. **Hazing violation** means a finding in accordance with this Policy that a student organization (except that this shall only apply to student organizations that are established or recognized by the University) is in violation of this Policy's prohibition against hazing.

3. **Student organization** means an organization at the University (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity,

sorority, band, or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the University.

Effective 7/16/2025

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:** The University acknowledges and credits documents from the following universities in the development of this Policy: Illinois State and Eastern Illinois University

Related Laws:

- Illinois Criminal Code of 2012, 720 ILCS 5/12C-50
- Federal Stop Campus Hazing Act, Public Law 118-173, 138 Stat. 2597 (Dec. 23, 2024)

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# STUDENT OPTIONAL DISCLOSURE OF PRIVATE MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

## Mental Health Emergency Contact

Illinois Public Act 099-0278, known as the Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Act (110 ILCS 74/1 *et seq.*), grants each student the opportunity to designate a person that GovState may contact in the event that the student experiences a mental health emergency that puts the student or others at risk for serious injury or death.

You are not required to designate such a mental health emergency contact. Should you wish to designate one, the person should be over 18 years of age and able to make medical decisions on your behalf if you are unable to do so. Otherwise, your designated contact may be anyone you choose (parent, relative, sibling, family friend, etc.).

**To designate a Mental Health Emergency Contact, you must complete the online form provided by the University at <https://www.govst.edu/disclosure/>.** You also have the right, as a student, to withdraw or revoke your Mental Health Emergency Contact designation and authorization by notifying the University in writing, including by utilizing the form provided at <https://www.govst.edu/disclosure/>.

Please understand that under certain circumstances, as allowed and/or required by law, University officials may contact your family members or others in the event of an emergency even without your express written consent.

Questions about designating or changing a Mental Health Emergency Contact should be directed to the **GovState Counseling and Wellness Center at 708.235.7334.**

# ILLINOIS VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION

Suggested October 2022

## FOR ILLINOIS RESIDENTS ONLY

## TO COMPLETE THIS FORM:

SBE R-19

### TO VOTE YOU MUST:

- Be a United States citizen  
Be at least 18 years old (some 17 year olds may vote in the General Primary, Consolidated Primary or Caucus)
- Live in your election precinct at least 30 days
- Not be convicted and incarcerated.
- Not claim the right to vote anywhere else

### TO VOTE IN THE NEXT ELECTION:

- **Mail or deliver this application to your County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners** no later than 28 days before the next election. [\(click here for County Clerk/Election Board listings\)](#) or go to <http://www.elections.il.gov>

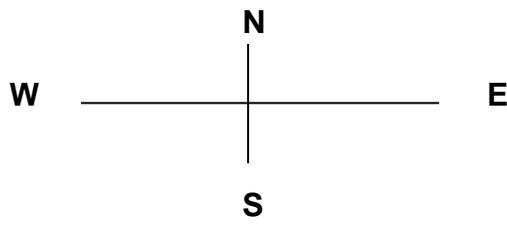
### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- If you do not have a driver's license, State Identification Card or social security number, and this form is submitted by mail, and you have never registered to vote in the jurisdiction you are now registering in, then you must send, with this application, either (i) a copy of a current and valid photo identification, or (ii) a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address of the voter. If you do not provide the information required above, then you will be required to provide election officials with either (i) or (ii) described above the first time you vote in person or prior to voting by mail.
- If you change your name you must re-register.
- If you register at a public service agency, any information regarding the agency that assisted you will remain confidential as will any decision not to register.
- If you do not receive a Notice within 2 weeks of mailing or delivering this application, call your County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners.

- Box 1-If you do not have a middle name, leave blank.
- Box 3-If mailing address is same as Box 2, write "same".
- Box 4-By providing an email address you agree to receive election related notices via email.
- Box 5-If you have never registered before, leave blank. If you do not remember your former address; provide as much information as possible.
- Box 6-If you have not changed your name, leave blank.
- Box 10-If you have an Illinois Driver's License or Secretary of State ID, check the first box and fill in the number. If you do not have a Driver's License or SOS ID, check the second box and fill in the last four digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not have a SSN, check the third box and send a copy of the appropriate document (as described in the "Important Information" section) along with this form.
- Box 11-Read, date and personally sign your name or make your mark in the box.

### IF YOU HAVE NO STREET ADDRESS,

below describe your home: list the name of subdivision; cross streets; roads; landmarks; mileage and/or neighbors' names.



**If you have questions about completing this form, please call the State Board of Elections at (217)782-4141 or (312)814-6440 (or [webmaster@elections.il.gov](mailto:webmaster@elections.il.gov)).**

TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY IN BLACK OR BLUE INK

<b>Are you a citizen of the United States of America? (check one) yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/></b> <b>Will you be 18 years of age on or before the next election day OR are you currently 17 and will be 18 by the day of the next General or Consolidated Election? (check one) yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/></b> If you checked "no" in response to either of these questions, then do not complete this form.				<b>Office Use</b>					
You can use this form to: (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> apply to register to vote in Illinois <input type="checkbox"/> change your address <input type="checkbox"/> change your name									
1. Last Name		First Name		Middle Name or Initial		Suffix (Circle One) Jr. Sr. II III IV			
2. Address where you live (House No., Street Name, Apt. No.)			City/Village/Town		Zip Code		County Township		
3. Mailing address (P.O. Box)			City/Village/Town, State			Zip Code		4. Email (optional)	
5. Former Registration Address: (include City and State and Zip Code)				Former County		6. Former Name: (if changed)			
7. Date of Birth: MM/DD/YY		9. Home telephone number including area code (optional)		10. ID number – check the applicable box and provide the appropriate number <input type="checkbox"/> IL Driver's License or, if none, Sec. of State ID or <input type="checkbox"/> Last 4 digits of Social Security Number <input type="checkbox"/> I have none of the above-listed identification numbers.					
8. Sex (circle one) M      F      X		(      )      -							

11. Voter Affidavit – Read all statements and sign within the box to the right.

This is my signature or mark in the space below.

**I swear or affirm that:**

- I am a citizen of the United States;
- I will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election **(or the next General or Consolidated Election)**;
- I will have lived in the State of Illinois and in my election precinct at least 30 days as of the date of the next election;
- The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, then I may be fined, imprisoned, or if I am not a U.S. citizen, deported from or refused entry into the United States.

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

12. If you cannot sign your name, ask the person who helped you fill in this form to print their name, address and telephone number.

Name of person assisting.

Full Address

Telephone No.



**APLICACIÓN PARA REGISTRO DE VOTANTES DE ILLINOIS**

Sugerida en Octubre del 2022

**SOLAMENTE PARA RESIDENTES DE ILLINOIS**

**PARA COMPLETAR ESTA FORMA:**

SBE R-19

**PARA VOTAR, USTED DEBERÁ:**

- Ser un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos
- Tener por lo menos 18 años de edad (Algunos de 17 años podrán votar en la Primaria General, Primaria Consolidada o Comité Político)
- Vivir en su distrito electoral por lo menos 30 días
- No estar preso a raíz de una convicción penal
- No reclamar el derecho de votar en ningún otro lugar

**PARA VOTAR EN LA SIGUIENTE ELECCIÓN:**

- Envíe por correo o entregue esta aplicación a la Secretaría de su condado o los Comisionados de la Junta de Elecciones 28 días antes de la próxima elección. Visite [www.elections.il.gov](http://www.elections.il.gov) para ver la lista de Juntas Electorales.

**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE:**

Si usted no tiene Licencia de Conducir, o una Identificación del Sec. del Estado o un número de seguro social, y enviara este formulario por correo, y nunca se ha registrado para votar en la jurisdicción en que ahora se está registrando, entonces usted deberá presentar con este formulario cualquiera de los siguientes documentos (i) una copia de identificación válida y vigente con fotografía, o (ii) una copia de un recibo de servicios públicos actual, estado de cuenta bancario, una cheque del gobierno, cheque de nomina u otro documento gubernamental que muestre el nombre y dirección del votante. Si no puede proporcionar la información anteriormente requerida, entonces se le requerirá proveerles a los oficiales electorales con cualquiera de las opciones (i) o (ii) que son las anteriores a la primera vez que usted vote en persona o antes de votar usando una boleta electoral por correo.

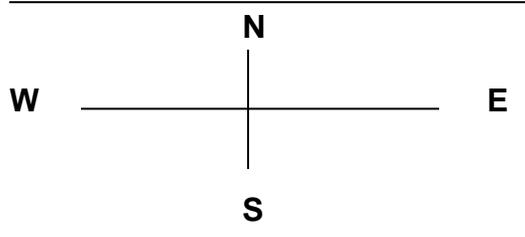
Si ha cambiado de nombre, deberá registrarse nuevamente.

- Si se registra en una agencia de servicio público, cualquier información referente a la agencia que le asistió se mantendrá confidencial, así como cualquier decisión de no registrarse.
- Si no recibe una notificación 2 semanas después de enviar por correo o entregar esta aplicación, llame a la Secretaría de su Condado o a los Comisionados de la Junta de Elecciones.

- Caja 1-Si no tiene un Segundo nombre, déjelo en blanco.
- Caja 3-Si su dirección postal es igual que la de la caja 2, escriba "misma".
- Caja 4 – Al proveer su correo electrónico usted acepta recibir notificaciones electorales a su correo electrónico.
- Caja 5-Si nunca se ha registrado antes, déjela en blanco. Si no recuerda su dirección anterior, proporcione tanta información como le sea posible.
- Caja 6-Si su nombre no ha cambiado, déjela en blanco.
- Caja 10-Si tiene una licencia de conducir de Illinois, marque la caja y escriba el número. Si no tiene una licencia de conducir, marque la caja apropiada y escriba ya sean los últimos cuatro dígitos de su Número de Seguro Social o el Número de su Identificación de la Secretaría del Estado. Si no tiene un Numero de Seguro Social ,marque la tercera caja y mande una copia de la documentación apropiada (como esta detallada en la sección "Información Importante")
- Caja 11-Lea, escriba la fecha y firme personalmente su nombre o haga su marca en la caja.

**SI NO TIENE UNA DIRECCIÓN,**

Describa su casa a continuación: escriba el nombre de la subdivisión; las calles que cruzan; caminos; puntos de referencia; millaje y/o nombres de los vecinos.



**Si tiene dudas acerca de cómo completar esta forma, por favor llame a la Junta de Elecciones del Estado al (217)782-4141, (312)814-6440 (o [webmaster@elections.il.gov](mailto:webmaster@elections.il.gov)).**

**ESCRIBA CLARAMENTE CON TINTA NEGRA O AZUL**

¿Es usted un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos de América? (marque una) sí <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> ¿Tendrá 18 años de edad el día de la elección o antes de la próxima elección? ¿O tiene ahora 17 años y cumplirá 18 antes del día de la próxima Elección General o Consolidada? (marque una) sí <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> Si marcó "no" en respuesta a cualquiera de estas preguntas, entonces no complete esta forma.				<b>Para Uso Oficial</b>	
Usted puede utilizar esta forma para: (Marque uno) <input type="checkbox"/> aplicar para registrarse como votante en Illinois <input type="checkbox"/> Cambiar su dirección <input type="checkbox"/> Cambiar su nombre					
1. Apellido	Nombre	Segundo Nombre o Inicial	Sufijo (Marque uno) Jr. Sr. II III IV		
2. Dirección donde vive (No. de Casa, Nombre de la Calle, No. de Apto.)		Ciudad/Aldea/Pueblo	Código Postal	Condado	Municipio
3. Dirección Postal (Apartado Postal)			Ciudad/Aldea/Pueblo	Código Postal	4. Correo Electrónico (Opcional)
5. Dirección de Registro Anterior: (incluya Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal)			Condado Anterior	6. Nombre anterior: (si cambió)	
7. Fecha de Nacimiento: MM/DD/AA	9. Teléfono en casa incluyendo el código de área (opcional)		10. No. de Identificación – marque la casilla que aplique y proporcione el número apropiado		
8. Sexo (Marque uno) M      F      X	(      )      -		<input type="checkbox"/> Licencia de Conducir de IL, o si no, Identificación de la Sec. Del Estado o <input type="checkbox"/> Últimos 4 dígitos de su Número de Seguro Social <input type="checkbox"/> No tengo ningún número de identificación mencionados anteriormente.		

11. Declaración Jurada del Votante – Lea las declaraciones siguientes y firme dentro de la caja a la derecha.

**Juro o Afirmo que:**

- Soy un ciudadano de los Estado Unidos;
- Tendré por lo menos 18 años antes de o el día de la próxima elección; (o la próxima Elección General o Consolidada);
- Habré vivido en el Estado de Illinois y en mi distrito electoral por lo menos 30 días antes de la fecha de la próxima elección;
- La información que he proporcionado es verdadera hasta donde tengo conocimiento, bajo pena de perjurio. Si he proporcionado información falsa, entonces podría ser multado, encarcelado, o si no soy un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, deportado, o se me puede negar la entrada a los Estados Unidos.

Esta es mi firma o marca en el espacio siguiente.

Fecha de hoy: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

12. Si no puede firmar su nombre, pídala a la persona que le ayudó a llenar esta forma que escriba su nombre, dirección y número telefónico.

Nombre de la persona que le ayudó

Dirección Completa

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## CONSUMER INFORMATION DISCLOSURES FROM GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY

Federal and State law, including but not limited to section 485 of the Federal Higher Education Act, as amended (20 U.S.C. § 1092), and regulations promulgated thereunder (including 34 C.F.R. §§ 668.41-668.49), requires all institutions of higher education to provide specified information to prospective and current students, staff, and the general public.

The information below provides current and prospective students with direct links to information, resources, and metrics in a variety of areas, including general institutional information, financial aid, student services and campus life, campus security, and GovState student outcomes.

In accordance with applicable law, any current or prospective student may request that any of the following information be provided to them in paper format, free of charge. Students should contact any of the following individuals to make such a request:

- Lisa Carra, Assistant to Dean of Students, at 708.235.2834, [deanofstudents@govst.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@govst.edu), or Suite C1310 on campus
- Timothy Carroll, University Registrar, at 708.534.4503, [tcarroll@govst.edu](mailto:tcarroll@govst.edu), or Suite C1300 on campus
- Damon Sloan, Executive Director for Community Standards and Student Advocacy, at 708.235.7595, [dsloan@govst.edu](mailto:dsloan@govst.edu), or Suite C1310 on campus

NOTE: The links below are accurate as of the date of disclosure. Because the links may be updated during the course of the year, please visit the following webpage for the most up-to-date listing:

<https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial Aid/Consumer Information/>

### General Institutional Information

- GovState's Academic Program 2025-2026
  - Academic Degree Programs
    - <https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=14&navoid=1632>
  - GovState Educational Programs designed to meet State professional licensure, endorsement, and/or designation requirements
    - <https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=14&navoid=1735>

- Additional information about specific programs:
  - Accounting, M.S.
    - [https://catalog.govst.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3205&returnto=1632](https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3205&returnto=1632)
  - Communication Disorders, B.H.S.
    - [https://catalog.govst.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3241&returnto=1632](https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3241&returnto=1632)
  - Communication Disorders, M.H.S.
    - [https://catalog.govst.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3178&returnto=1632](https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3178&returnto=1632)
  - Physical Therapy, D.P.T.
    - [https://catalog.govst.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3157&returnto=1632](https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3157&returnto=1632)
  - Interdisciplinary Leadership (Superintendent Licensure), Ed.D.
    - [https://catalog.govst.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3180&returnto=1632](https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3180&returnto=1632)
  - Mathematics (with an Actuarial Science Sequence), M.S.
    - [https://catalog.govst.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3219&returnto=1632](https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3219&returnto=1632)
  - Occupational Therapy, M.O.T.
    - [https://catalog.govst.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3174&returnto=1632](https://catalog.govst.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=14&poid=3174&returnto=1632)
  - Licensure of Teachers and Other School Professionals
    - <https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=14&navoid=1625>
- GovState Faculty Directory
  - <https://www.govst.edu/faculty-directory/>
  - <https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=14&navoid=1628>
- Instructional Facilities:
  - Classroom and laboratory spaces (maps)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/building-maps/>
  - Technology Enhanced Classrooms
    - [https://www.govst.edu/About/Offices\\_and\\_Departments/Information\\_Technology/Technology\\_Enhanced\\_Classrooms/](https://www.govst.edu/About/Offices_and_Departments/Information_Technology/Technology_Enhanced_Classrooms/)

- Library
  - <https://www.govst.edu/library/>
- Academic Resource Center
  - <https://www.govst.edu/ARC/>
- Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/ctl/>
- Testing Center
  - <https://www.govst.edu/testing-center/>
- Computer Connection Central (C3 - The Cube)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/TheCube/>
- Center for Performing Arts
  - <https://www.govst.edu/cpa-about/>
- Digital Learning and Media Design (DLMD) Production Facilities
  - <https://www.govst.edu/dlmdproductionfacilities/>
  - <https://www.govst.edu/dlmd/> (DLMD program)
- Family Development Center
  - <https://www.govst.edu/children/>
- Counseling and Wellness Center
  - <https://www.govst.edu/counselingcenter/>
- GovState Bookstore by Follett
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Campus\\_Life/Bookstore - GSU Follett/](https://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Bookstore_-_GSU_Follett/)
  - <https://www.bkstr.com/governorsstatestore/home>
- Institutional and Program Accreditation, Approval, or Licensure information:
  - Institutional and Programmatic Accreditors
    - <https://www.govst.edu/accreditation/>
  - Programmatic Accreditors for the College of Education and Human Development
    - <https://www.govst.edu/accreditation-COE/>
  - Programmatic Accreditors for the College of Business
    - <https://www.govst.edu/COBAccreditation/>
  - Programmatic Accreditors for the College of Health and Human Services
    - [https://www.govst.edu/Academics/Colleges\\_and\\_Programs/College\\_of\\_Health\\_and\\_Human\\_Services/Accreditations for CHHS/](https://www.govst.edu/Academics/Colleges_and_Programs/College_of_Health_and_Human_Services/Accreditations_for_CHHS/)

- Programmatic Accreditors for the College of Arts and Sciences
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Academics/Colleges\\_and\\_Programs/College\\_of\\_Arts\\_and\\_Sciences/Accreditation/](https://www.govst.edu/Academics/Colleges_and_Programs/College_of_Arts_and_Sciences/Accreditation/)
- Transfer of Credit Policies and Articulation Agreements:
  - GovState Policies on Transfer Credit for Graduate Students (Policy 30) and Undergraduate Students (Policy 31)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=15058> (Policy 30)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=58686> (Policy 31)
  - GovState Policy on Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) (Policy 36)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=49692>
  - Transfer Student eligibility, requirements and process information
    - <https://www.govst.edu/transfer-new/>
    - <https://www.govst.edu/virtual-transfer-center/> (Virtual Transfer Center)
  - GovState Dual Degree Program (DDP) and Articulation Agreements (Transfer Guides)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/ddp/> (DDP)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/transferguides/> (Transfer Guides)
  - Information on the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) and iTransfer Website
    - <https://www.govst.edu/IAI/> (Information)
    - <http://ittransfer.org/> (iTransfer Website)
  - Credit based on College Board Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate Program (IB) exam scores
    - <https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=14&navoid=1708>
  - Prior Learning Credit for Military and Life Experience
    - <https://www.govst.edu/military-credit/>
- Costs of Attending GovState:
  - GovState Tuition and Fees Calculator
    - <https://www.govst.edu/tuition>
  - Net Price Calculator
    - <https://www.govst.edu/netprice.htm>
  - Cost of Attendance Information
    - <https://www.govst.edu/Cost/>

- GovState Student Body Diversity Data:
  - Fall 2024 Fast Facts
    - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/About/University\\_Governance/gsu/Final%20Fall%202024%20Fast%20Facts.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/About/University_Governance/gsu/Final%20Fall%202024%20Fast%20Facts.pdf)
  - Common Data Set 2024-2025
    - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/About/University\\_Governance/gsu/Legacy-CDS\\_2024-2025%20-%20Final.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/About/University_Governance/gsu/Legacy-CDS_2024-2025%20-%20Final.pdf)
  - Profiles of Academic Majors – Fall 2024
    - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/About/University\\_Governance/gsu/Profile%20of%20Academic%20Majors%20-%20Fall%202024.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/About/University_Governance/gsu/Profile%20of%20Academic%20Majors%20-%20Fall%202024.pdf)
- GovState Information on the U.S. Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences National Center for Education Statistics “College Navigator” Website
  - <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?q=Governors+State+University&s=all&fv=145336&id=145336>
- GovState Information on the U.S. Department of Education’s “College Scorecard” Website
  - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?145336-Governors-State-University>
  - Including student body socio-economic diversity, Federal Pell Grant recipient, and race/ethnicity information
- GovState “Institution Profile” on the Illinois Board of Higher Education Website
  - <https://ibheprofiles.ibhe.org/profile.aspx?fice=009145>
- TRIO Educational Opportunity Center
  - <https://www.govst.edu/trioeoc/>

## Financial Aid Information

- GovState Office of Financial Aid services information
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/](https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial_Aid/)
- Types of financial aid available, including “gift aid” (scholarships, grants, military and veteran benefits, and tuition waivers and assistantships) and “self-help” aid (federal loans, private loans, and work-study)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/Financial-Aid-Types/>
  - Additional information about each type of aid, including eligibility and application requirements, can be found as follows:
    - Scholarships
      - <https://www.govst.edu/scholarships/>

- State and Federal Grants
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/Grants/](https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial_Aid/Grants/)
- State and Federal Military and Veterans Benefits
  - <https://www.govst.edu/Veteran-Benefits/>
- Institutional Tuition Waivers and Assistantships
  - <https://www.govst.edu/TWA/>
- Federal and Private Loans
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/Loans/](https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial_Aid/Loans/)
- Federal Work-Study
  - <https://www.govst.edu/work-study/>
  - Information on the GovState employment process
    - <https://www.govst.edu/employment-resources/>
- Additional information available on GovState's Internet website:
  - The Financial Aid Process
    - <https://www.govst.edu/fa-process/>
  - Related Forms
    - <https://www.govst.edu/forms-publications/>
  - Glossary of Financial Aid Terms
    - [https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/Glossary\\_of\\_financial\\_aid\\_terms/](https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial_Aid/Glossary_of_financial_aid_terms/)
  - FAFSA/Alternative Application Information
    - <https://www.govst.edu/fafsa-alternative-application-information/>
  - Information regarding the purchase or rental of textbooks using Financial Aid
    - [https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/Buy\\_Books\\_with\\_Aid/](https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial_Aid/Buy_Books_with_Aid/)
  - Resources and Tools
    - <https://www.govst.edu/fa-resources/>
- Financial Aid and Study Abroad at GovState
  - <https://www.govst.edu/ea-financial-aid/>
  - <https://www.govst.edu/study-abroad-programs/> (General Information about Study Abroad)
- Entrance Counseling and Exit Counseling for federal loan borrowers
  - <https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/> (Entrance Counseling)
  - <https://studentaid.gov/exit-counseling/> (Exit Counseling)

- GovState Policies related to the Student Financial Aid process:
  - Withdrawal and Return of Title IV Funds (GovState R2T4 Policy)
    - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/Admissions\\_General/Withdrawal%20and%20Return%20of%20Title%20IV%20Funds%20Policy.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial_Aid/Admissions_General/Withdrawal%20and%20Return%20of%20Title%20IV%20Funds%20Policy.pdf)
  - GovState Withdrawal Policy (Policy 6)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=41218>
  - Satisfactory Academic Progress (GovState SAP Policy)
    - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/FA\\_Policies\\_Folder/24-25%20SAP%20Policy%20for%20GSU.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial_Aid/FA_Policies_Folder/24-25%20SAP%20Policy%20for%20GSU.pdf)
    - Additional information related to GovState SAP policies
      - [https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/SAP/](https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Financial_Aid/SAP/)
  - Financial Aid Rights & Responsibilities (Student's Rights)
    - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/16-17\\_Forms/Student%20Rights%20and%20Responsibilities.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial_Aid/16-17_Forms/Student%20Rights%20and%20Responsibilities.pdf)
  - GovState Policy on Tuition and Fees Waivers (Policy 76)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=29390>
  - GovState Financial Aid Verification Policy (Policy 82)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=36215>

## Services and Resources for Students

- GovState Career Services Office
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Campus\\_Life/Career\\_Services/](https://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Career_Services/)
- Access Services for Students with Disabilities
  - <https://www.govst.edu/disability-services/>
  - Additional information about ADA Accessibility at GovState
    - <https://www.govst.edu/ada/>
- Office of the Dean of Students
  - <https://www.govst.edu/DOS/>
  - GSU4U Student Assistance
    - <https://www.govst.edu/gsu4u/>
  - GovState Community Standards Program
    - <https://www.govst.edu/thecode/>

- Student Grievance Policy and Process
  - <https://www.govst.edu/studentcomplaints/>
- University Housing
  - <https://www.govst.edu/housing/>
- Campus Meal Plans (for Commuter Students)
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Campus\\_Life/University\\_Housing/Rates\\_Contracts\\_and\\_Policies/Apply for a Meal Plan - Commuter Students Only/](https://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/University_Housing/Rates_Contracts_and_Policies/Apply_for_a_Meal_Plan_-_Commuter_Students_Only/)
- Student Activities opportunities and information
  - <https://govst.campuslabs.com/engage/> (Opportunities)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/getinvolved/> (Information)
- Latinx Student Resources
  - <https://www.govst.edu/latinx-student-resources/>
- First Generation Student Resources
  - <https://www.govst.edu/1st-generation/>
- International Student Resources
  - <https://www.govst.edu/international-students/>
- GovState Veterans Resource Center
  - <https://www.govst.edu/vrc/>
- U.S. Selective Service System information
  - <https://www.sss.gov/>
- Voter Registration Information:
  - GovState Civic Engagement Programs
    - [https://www.govst.edu/CAMPUS\\_LIFE/Civic\\_Engagement/Programs/](https://www.govst.edu/CAMPUS_LIFE/Civic_Engagement/Programs/)
  - Illinois Online Voter Registration Website and Application
    - <https://ova.elections.il.gov/> (Website)
    - <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/votingregistrationforms.aspx> (Application)
- Information for Voters in Illinois:
  - Voting by Mail Application
    - <https://www.elections.il.gov/ElectionOperations/VotingByMailAgreement.aspx?T=637977348597919984>

- Polling Place Locator
  - <https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx?Name=E7MlfloXSDrGx7o62aTaSy pO07MZfdfWhCn6vBnf78ME0gKxs7cV63hQnqnYuQGx6i60nEUTfWg%3d&T=637977350637863138>

## Information Privacy

- Privacy of Student Records – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) – information:
  - GovState Policy on Access to Student Educational Records and FERPA Notice (Policy 12)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=43280>
  - Additional FERPA information and related forms
    - [https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Registration\\_and\\_Enrollment/Family\\_Educational\\_Rights\\_and\\_Privacy\\_Act/](https://www.govst.edu/Admissions/Registration_and_Enrollment/Family_Educational_Rights_and_Privacy_Act/)
- HIPAA, GLBA, and FERPA Protections (GovState Internal Compliance Requirements)
  - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial\\_Aid/20-21\\_Forms/Complicance%20for%20Protection%20of%20Student%20Information.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Admissions/Financial_Aid/20-21_Forms/Complicance%20for%20Protection%20of%20Student%20Information.pdf)

## Campus Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

- GovState Counseling and Wellness Center
  - <https://www.govst.edu/wellness/>
  - Immunization Policy
    - <https://www.govst.edu/immunization/>
      - Including Meningitis Vaccine information
    - Illinois Department of Public Health Meningococcal Disease Brochure
      - <https://dph.illinois.gov/content/dam/soi/en/web/idph/files/ohp-publications-meningococcal-disease-brochure.pdf>
  - Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Information and Web Form
    - <https://www.govst.edu/disclosure/> (Information)
    - <https://gsu-hcc.titaniumhwc.com/> (Web Form)
  - GovState Health Center by Advocate Aurora Health (Advocate Health Care)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/advocate-health-center/>
- Student Emergency & Medical Leave
  - <https://www.govst.edu/EmergencyLeave/>

- GovState Campus Safety
  - <https://www.govst.edu/campus-safety/>
  - Crime Prevention and Safety Tips
    - [https://www.govst.edu/Campus\\_Life/Campus\\_Safety/Crime\\_Prevention\\_and\\_Safety\\_Tips/](https://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Campus_Safety/Crime_Prevention_and_Safety_Tips/)
- GovState Emergency Management Resources
  - <https://www.govst.edu/emergency/>
  - “Take Action” guidance for emergency situations
    - <https://www.govst.edu/take-action/>
  - GovState Safety Booklet
    - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus\\_Life/Student\\_Activities\(6\)/Student\\_Activities\\_Inside\\_Pages/GSU\\_Safety%20Booklet\\_1.3.2014.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus_Life/Student_Activities(6)/Student_Activities_Inside_Pages/GSU_Safety%20Booklet_1.3.2014.pdf)
- GovState Emergency Response Team (ERT)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/ert-team/>
- GovState Campus Threat Assessment
  - <https://www.govst.edu/CTAT/>
- GovState Annual Security and Fire Safety Report
  - [https://www.govst.edu/Campus\\_Life/Campus\\_Safety/Campus\\_Right\\_to\\_Know/](https://www.govst.edu/Campus_Life/Campus_Safety/Campus_Right_to_Know/)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/campus-right-to-know/>
  - <https://www.govst.edu/Annual-Security-and-Fire-Safety-Report/>
  - Daily Campus Crime Log
    - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus\\_Life/Student\\_Activities\(6\)/Student\\_Activities\\_Inside\\_Pages/Daily%20Crime%20Log.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus_Life/Student_Activities(6)/Student_Activities_Inside_Pages/Daily%20Crime%20Log.pdf)
- GovState Volunteer Emergency Worker Policy (Policy 67)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=41217>
- GovState Missing Student Notification Procedures
  - [https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus\\_Life/Student\\_Activities\(1\)/University%20Housing%20Handbook%202025-2026.pdf](https://www.govst.edu/uploadedFiles/Campus_Life/Student_Activities(1)/University%20Housing%20Handbook%202025-2026.pdf) (in University Housing Handbook)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/Annual-Security-and-Fire-Safety-Report/> (in Annual Security and Fire Safety Report)
- Registered Sex Offender Information:
  - Illinois State Police Sex Offender Registry Database
    - <https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor>

- This webpage also includes links to these other Illinois State Police resources:
  - The Illinois Sex Offender Mapping Tool
  - The Illinois “Missing Sex Offenders” List
  - The Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry Database
- U.S. Department of Justice’s Dru Sjodin National Sex Offender Public Website
  - <https://www.nsopw.gov/>
- Title IX and sexual misconduct prevention and response resources
  - <https://www.govst.edu/TitleIX/>
  - GovState Anti-Sex Discrimination (Title IX) Policy (Policy 78)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=56778>
  - GovState Title IX Reporting, Response, and Grievance Procedures
    - <https://www.govst.edu/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=60484> (Reporting Procedures)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=60485> (Response Procedures)
    - <https://www.govst.edu/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=60486> (Grievance Procedures)
  - GovState “Advocating for Sexual Assault Prevention” (ASAP) Team
    - <https://www.govst.edu/asap/>
- GovState CARE (Campus Awareness, Response, & Education) Program
  - <https://www.govst.edu/care/>
- GovState Anti-Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy (Policy 52)
  - <https://www.govst.edu/workarea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=46427>

## Intercollegiate Athletic Program

- Annual Intercollegiate Athletic Program Participation Rates and Financial Support Data (EADA Report)
  - [https://www.gsujaguars.com/d/EADA\\_Report\\_2023-2024.pdf](https://www.gsujaguars.com/d/EADA_Report_2023-2024.pdf)
  - GovState athletic program participation rates and financial support data on the U.S. Department of Education’s EADA site
    - <https://ope.ed.gov/athletics/#/institution/search>
    - Search for “Governors State University” in the “Name” field
- GovState Student Athlete Handbook
  - [https://www.gsujaguars.com/d/2025-2026\\_Student\\_Athlete\\_Handbook\\_-002-.pdf](https://www.gsujaguars.com/d/2025-2026_Student_Athlete_Handbook_-002-.pdf)
- GovState Athletics Facilities:
  - Athletics and Recreation Center

- <http://www.gsujaguars.com/athletics-and-recreation-center>
- <https://recsports.govst.edu/>
- <https://www.gsujaguars.com/RecreationandFitness>
- University Golf Club
  - <https://www.universityparkgolfclub.com/>

## Student Outcomes

- GovState Student Achievement Measure Project (SAM) Student Achievement Report
  - <http://www.studentachievementmeasure.org/participants/145336>
- GovState Information on the U.S. Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences National Center for Education Statistics IPEDS Website
  - <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/datacenter/institutionprofile.aspx?unitId=145336>
  - Including student financial aid, enrollment, completions, and retention and graduation data
- GovState IPEDS Data Feedback Report – 2023
  - <https://nces.ed.gov/IPEDS/DFR/2023/ReportHTML.aspx?unitid=145336>
- GovState retention and graduation rates on College Navigator Website
  - <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/?q=Governors+State+University&s=all&fv=145336&id=145336#retgrad>
- GovState graduation and retention and post-graduation salary and debt information on College Scorecard Website
  - <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/school/?145336-Governors-State-University>
- Earnings and employment information about GovState graduates in Illinois on the Illinois “College2Career” Website
  - <https://www.ilcollege2career.com/#/>
  - In “Get Started Now” Box
    - Select “4-Year College” under “What type of college do you want to attend?”
    - Select “Governors State University” under “What colleges would you like to explore?”
    - Click “See Results” to view information on GovState



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Inquiries about Title IX may be referred to the University’s Title IX Coordinator, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office for Civil Rights, or both. The University’s Title IX Coordinator is:

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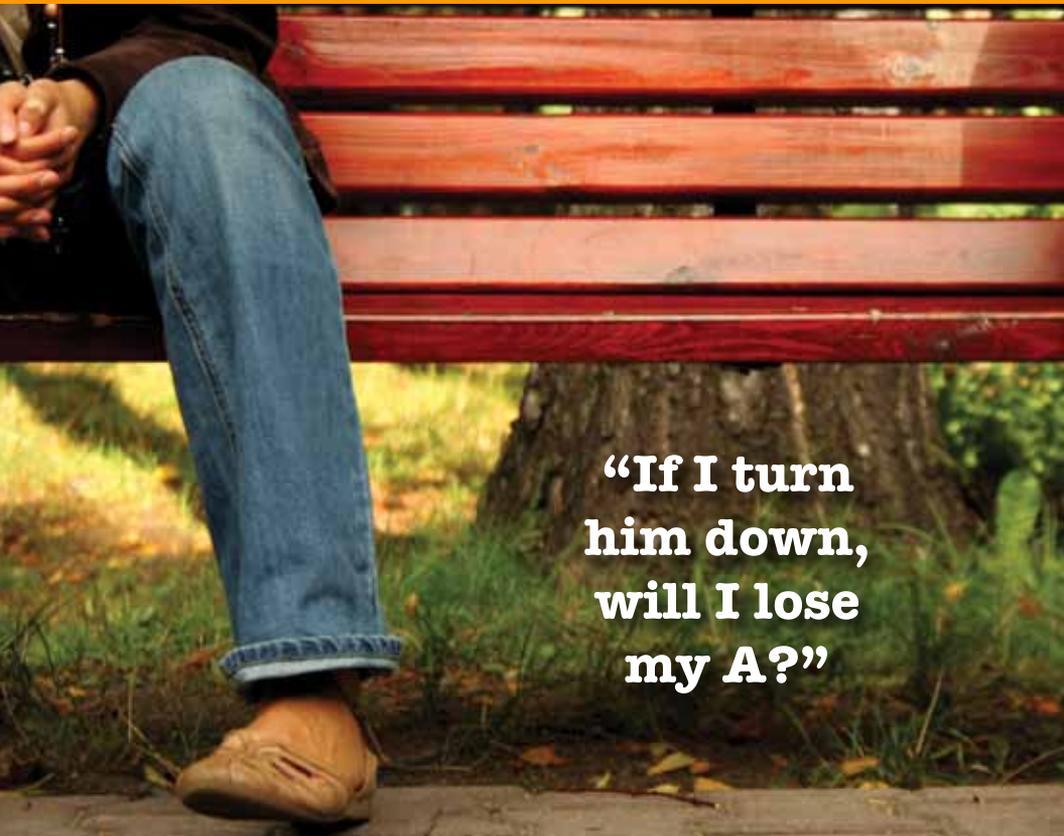
Governors State University’s nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures can be located on the University’s Title IX webpage: <https://www.govst.edu/TitleIX/>

To report information about conduct that may constitute sex discrimination or to make a complaint of sex discrimination under Title IX, please refer to the information provided on the University’s Title IX webpage: <https://www.govst.edu/TitleIX/>



State of Illinois  
Department of Human Rights

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**“If I turn  
him down,  
will I lose  
my A?”**

**It's never okay.**

## **Illinois Law Prohibits Sexual Harassment**

**If it feels like harassment, it probably is.  
But how do you know for sure? And what are your rights?**

# If it feels like harassment, it probably is.

## What is sexual harassment?

Sexual harassment is unwanted, deliberate or repeated sexual behavior. Sexually suggestive objects, signs, magazines, email, text messages, or pictures may be sexual harassment as well. The person hearing, seeing, or being touched does not want this attention.

**“It’s just creepy....  
She’s my TA....  
I wish she’d keep  
her hands off me.”**

It is normal to feel embarrassed and angry by unwanted, unflattering attention or demands. However, you have a right to be free of sexual harassment in the work place or educational institution.

Sexual harassment can also be a form of unlawful sex discrimination if there is a subtle or direct threat that a sexual or social relationship is part of your job or your educational performance. The threat can be present in any part of your job: wages, promotions, references or working conditions; or your educational performance: grades, honors, course work, or scholarships.

**“Why is he calling  
me like this?  
Isn’t this wrong?  
He’s my prof,  
for crying out  
loud.....”**

## Definitions

**In employment**, sexual harassment is defined as any unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, or any conduct of a sexual nature when 1) submission to such conduct is either explicitly or implicitly made a term or condition of employment, and 2) submission to or rejection of the conduct is used as a basis for making

decisions about your employment; or 3) such conduct interferes with your job performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment.

**In education**, sexual harassment is defined as any unwelcome sexual advances or requests for sexual favors made to a student by an executive, administrative staff or faculty member, or any conduct of a sexual nature that substantially interferes with the student’s educational performance or creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment.

## what you should know

**Both males and females  
can be victims of sexual  
harassment.**

**Victims of sexual  
harassment and  
harassers can be members  
of the opposite sex or of  
the same sex.**

**Sexual harassment in  
the work place can be  
perpetrated by a supervisor,  
coworker, or someone on  
the business premises  
at the invitation of the  
employer.**

**Sexual harassment in  
educational institutions  
can be perpetrated by an  
executive, faculty or  
administrative staff  
member, or teaching  
assistant.**

**Sexual harassment is  
not limited to any  
level of employment or  
education. Harassers and  
victims can be found in  
all areas.**

**Charges of sexual  
harassment can be filed  
against the individual  
harasser and the employer  
or educational institution.  
Both parties can be found  
liable.**

## Legal protections

The Illinois Human Rights Act protects Illinois employees and students from sexual harassment. The law is enforced by the Illinois Department of Human Rights. Employers who are public contractors and bidders are required to have a written policy which states that sexual harassment is illegal. The policy should also include the legal definition of sexual harassment, a description of sexual harassment (including examples), and internal procedures for investigating complaints, and any penalties.

## What to do if you are sexually harassed...

- Let the harasser know that you are offended by this conduct and want it to stop.
- Write down what happened to you, when it happened, who was there and what was said by all the parties involved. Keep records of subtle or overt job or educational related promises or threats.
- Speak with peers whom you trust. Often, the person harassing you may be bothering others as well. These witnesses may be willing to testify to the facts.
- Though not necessary, it is a good idea to report the incident to your supervisor or academic advisor. If the supervisor or academic advisor is the sexual harasser, see his or her supervisor, and also report the incident to the affirmative action officer and/or human resources.
- If the sexual harassment conduct is criminal in nature, report the incident to law enforcement authorities immediately.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF  
**Human Rights**

[www.illinois.gov/dhr](http://www.illinois.gov/dhr)  
800-662-3942

**Office Hours**

Monday through Friday  
8:30am – 5:00pm  
(No Intake Interviews on Fridays)

**Chicago**

James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph St.  
Suite 10-100  
Chicago, IL 60601  
312-814-6200  
866-740-3953 (TTY)

**Springfield**

222 South College St.  
Room 101A  
Springfield, IL 62704  
217-785-5100  
866-740-3953 (TTY)

**Marion**

2309 W. Main St.  
Marion, IL 62959  
618-993-7463

**A charge of sexual harassment must be filed with the Department within 180 days of the date you believe the harassment took place, even if you are using union or internal grievance procedures.**

*In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Department of Human Rights will ensure that all programs are readily accessible to and usable by qualified individuals with disabilities. The ADA coordinator can provide additional information about compliance requirements, at (217) 785-5119 (voice) or (866)740-3953 (TTY).*

# Sexual Harassment in Higher Education is Illegal

Everyone has the right to attend a college or university free from sexual harassment. The Illinois Human Rights Act (“Act”) makes it unlawful for teachers, professors, faculty members and other employees of colleges and universities to sexually harass their students. The Act specifically prohibits unwelcome advances or conduct of a sexual nature, and requests for sexual favors of students by an executive, faculty member, administrative staff member, or teaching assistant. The Act covers all public or private universities, colleges, community colleges, junior colleges, business schools, and vocational schools.

## Examples of Sexual Harassment in Higher Education:

- 1) a professor who continually makes jokes of a sexual nature in the classroom;
- 2) a registration advisor who tells a student he or she might be able to get into a class if the student dates the advisor;
- 3) an admissions officer who tells a prospective student that the advisor will put in a “good word” for the prospective student if he or she dates the advisor;
- 4) a financial assistance advisor who tells a student that “if you have sex with me, I can look out for scholarships for you;”
- 5) a teaching assistant who promises a student a better grade if the student does not resist any inappropriate touching or sexual advances.

**Protection Against Retaliation:** It is also unlawful for a teacher or professor, or for the college or university to retaliate against a student because the student reported sexual harassment, participated in an investigation of sexual harassment, or because the student filed a charge of discrimination with the Illinois Department of Human Rights.

**What to Do:** Any student who believes he or she is being subjected to sexual harassment or retaliated against should contact the Illinois Department of Human Rights for further information or to file a charge. Students may contact the Department by calling the Department at 312-814-6200 (Chicago) or 217-785-5100 (Springfield), 866-740-3953 (TTY); or by visiting the Department’s website at [www.illinois.gov/dhr](http://www.illinois.gov/dhr). Any charge alleging sexual harassment in higher education must be filed within 300 days of the alleged incident(s). Charge forms are available on the Department’s website at the following link:

<https://dhr.illinois.gov/filing-a-charge/education.html>

Any student who believes he or she is being subjected to sexual harassment or retaliated against should report the incident(s) to:

**Kaitlyn Wild, GSU Title IX Coordinator, [titleixofficer@govst.edu](mailto:titleixofficer@govst.edu), 708-534-4846**

A student may obtain a copy of the educational institution’s internal complaint policy by contacting:

**The GSU Title IX Coordinator or visiting <https://www.govst.edu/TitleIX/>**

If the sexual conduct is criminal in nature, students should also report the incident to the local law enforcement agency.

The Department may be reached at:

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