Drug & Alcohol Abuse Policy

POLICY STATEMENT
This policy statement is intended to express the commitment of the Board to maintaining a drug-free workplace in conformity with state and federal laws as set forth in the Uniform Controlled Substances Law of the State of Mississippi and the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 (IHL Board Policies and Bylaws, 806.01, 1998).

DEFINITIONS

Student: Includes all persons enrolled at the university whether full-time or part-time.

Employee: Includes all faculty and staff employed whether full-time or part-time.

University Community: defined as all faculty, staff, students, administration, alumni, guests, visitors, and community members.

Minor: defined as persons under the legal drinking age, as defined by the State of Mississippi.

Standards of Conduct
This policy applies to all members of the university community and will apply to all activities conducted on the university owned property and at university sponsored events. It is the responsibility of all members of the university community to familiarize themselves and their guests with relevant federal, state, and local laws as well as the standards, procedures, and guidelines for the possession, use, and distribution of alcohol as outlined below.

DRUGS
A. The possession of any drug controlled by federal or state laws on or off campus is prohibited.
B. In compliance with state and federal law, it is illegal to possess, consume, use, or distribute (or intend to distribute or use) any drug controlled by federal or state laws on the campus of Jackson State University or at event sponsored or supervised by the University.
C. The manufacture, intent to manufacture, furnishes, intent to furnish drugs controlled by federal or state law is prohibited.
D. The sale, intent to sell, purchase, and intent to purchase, delivers, and intent to deliver drugs controlled by federal or state law is prohibited.
E. Possession or use of any drug related paraphernalia is also prohibited. The University reserves the right to initiate judicial action if drug violations occur on or off-campus. Students found to be in violation of the drug policy will be subject to disciplinary action, which may result in suspension or expulsion

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

A. No person may consume or possess any alcoholic beverages, containers, or bottles in the residence halls, in university buildings, or on any property or public location belonging to Jackson State University.

B. The possession, sale, distribution or furnishing of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in the residence halls, in university buildings, or on any property or public location belonging to Jackson State University.

C. Students who behave in an intoxicated manner as a result of the use of alcohol or require staff assistance shall be subject to disciplinary action.

D. The playing of games (or competitions) involving the use or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the campus or at events sponsored or supervised by the university.

E. Common source containers are prohibited in residence halls and on University-owned property.

F. Possession of any alcohol paraphernalia is prohibited.

G. Empty alcoholic beverage containers (bottles, cans, etc.) are prohibited in/on University owned or controlled property.

Drinking Age Law, Mississippi - Effective Oct. 1, 1986, it is illegal for any person under the age of 21 to possess or be sold, given, or furnished beer or light wine. This law has serious consequences for persons who provide or sell beer and light wine to individuals under 21, as well as for underage drinkers.