



ANNUAL STUDENT DISCLOSURES

2026-2027 Academic Year

Welcome to the 2026-2027 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:

1. Notification of Rights under FERPA
2. GovState Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program Materials for Students
3. Statement of Penalties for Copyright Infringement
4. GovState Institutional Accreditor and State Licenser Information
5. Information about Meningitis and Its Transmission
6. GovState Volunteer Emergency Worker Policy
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9. GovState Consumer Information Disclosures

Please review these items when you have the opportunity. This PDF will also be available on the GovState [Consumer Information Webpage](#).

If you would prefer paper copies of this packet or any of the individual items herein, please contact any of the following individuals to make such a request:

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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

A. Disclosure of Education Records

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 Directory 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.

B. Inspection and Review of Education Records

1. 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
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

2. 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.

C. 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.

D. 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:

U.S. Department of Education
Student Privacy Policy Office
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20202-8520
FERPA.Complaints@ed.gov

The [Student Privacy Policy Office Website](#) includes a [FERPA Complaint Form](#) and additional information on its [File a Complaint Webpage](#).

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, 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/sites/default/files/Registrars/FERPA%206%2016%2014%20lg.pdf>

GovState Request to Prevent Disclosure of Director Information form
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/Registrars/Request%20to%20Prevent%20Disclosure-%20Fillable.pdf>

GovState Policy 12
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/access-student-education-and-treatment-records>

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

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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](#))
- The [Student Handbook](#)
- The [University Housing Handbook](#)
- The [Student Athlete Handbook](#)

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:

- 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. 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.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.

- f. **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.
- g. **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.
- h. **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.
- i. **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.
- j. **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.
- k. **Housing Expulsion:** Permanent separation of the student from university housing.

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 (2026-2027 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 eCheckup-to-Go screening tools, visit [govst.edu/livingwellgovstate].

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, the 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 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.

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 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 (2026-2027 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.

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 (2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/2026_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 Distribution 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 and Cannabis Control Act provisions regarding possession are listed in **SCHEDULE C** attached hereto. See 720 ILCS 510/402; 720 ILCS 550/4.

Under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act and Cannabis Control Act, is it 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 “distribution”). See 720 ILCS 570/401; 720 ILCS 550/5. The possible sanctions for violating the Illinois Controlled Substances Act and Cannabis Control Act provisions regarding drug distribution 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.*, “distribution”) or possession with intent to distribute 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 Distribution 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 (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. Additional information about the CWC is available on the [CWC Webpage](#).

The CWC can be contacted at: Counseling and Wellness Center, 1 University Parkway (A1120), University Park, IL 60484, Telephone: 708.235.7334, Email: studentcounseling@govst.edu

Regular counseling office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00AM-5:00PM. The CWC also provides 24/7 immediate access to teletherapy through its partnership with uWill. To schedule an appointment online visit the [LivingWell@GovState Webpage](#) or call 883.434.1217.

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 eCheckup-to-Go screening tools are accessible through the [LivingWell@GovState Webpage](#).

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 [Illinois Helpline's Website](#) for additional information.
- SAMHSA's National Helpline at **800.662.HELP (4357)**
 - Visit the [SAMHSA Helpline's Website](#) for additional information.

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](#), including the following resources:

- [Illinois "DUI Fact Book" \(2025\)](#)
- [Driving under the Influence \(DUI\)](#)
- [Zero Tolerance/Underage Drinking](#)

Information about efforts by the State of Illinois to combat the ongoing opioid epidemic are available from the [Illinois Department of Public Health](#), including the following resources:

- ["State of Illinois Opioid Action Plan" Webpage](#)
- ["Opioids" Topic Webpage](#)

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, including a [series of factsheets](#) about various types of drugs.

Additional, detailed information about many different controlled substances and their effects on human health is available from the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#), including through its ["Research Topics" Webpage](#) and ["Drugs A to Z" Webpage](#).

SCHEDULE A

ILLINOIS SANCTIONS FOR DUI CONVICTIONS

Conviction	Classification	Charge	Additional 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
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

Conviction	Classification	Charge	Additional Circumstances	Sanctions
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

Lists the charge and sanction for each conviction for DUI, including when additional circumstances are present, as based on Illinois state criminal law.

Zero Tolerance While Driving

First Conviction	6-month suspension of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
Second Conviction	1-year suspension of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
Third Conviction	Revocation of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test

Zero Tolerance While Driving with Open or Pending Revocation

First Conviction	Revocation of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
Second Conviction	Revocation of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test
Third Conviction	Revocation of driving privileges for a BAC of more than .00 or refusal or failure to complete a BAC test

Lists the sanction for each conviction for driving under the influence under the Illinois state "zero tolerance" law.

SCHEDULE C

ILLINOIS SANCTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF ILLICIT DRUGS

Sanctions associated with the following Controlled Substances: 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

Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
Class 1 felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$200,000
Class 1 felony	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$200,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Class 1 felony	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	8-40 years	≤ \$200,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Class 1 felony	≥ 900 grams	10-50 years	≤ \$200,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)

Sanctions associated with the Controlled Substances Listed

Charge	Controlled Substance(s)	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
Class 1 felony	Peyote; Barbituric acid derivative; Amphetamine	≥ 200 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$200,000
Class 1 felony	Pentazocine; Methaqualone; Phencyclidine (PCP); Ketamine	≥ 30 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$200,000
Class 1 felony	Narcotic Drugs in Schedules I and II not otherwise listed in this table or for the previous table	≥ 200 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$200,000
Class 4 felony	Another other controlled substance not otherwise covered in this table of the previous table	Any	1-3 years	≤ \$25,000
Class C misdemeanor (1st offense)	Anabolic Steroids	Any	≤ 30 days	\$75-\$1,500
Class B misdemeanor (2nd offense within 2 years of prior conviction)	Anabolic Steroids	Any	≤ 6 months	\$75-\$1,500

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Sanctions associated with Cannabis

Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
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 ≤ 60 grams	≤ 6 months	\$75-\$1,500
Class A misdemeanor (1st offense)	> 60 but ≤ 100 grams	< 1 year	\$75-\$2,500
Class 4 felony (subsequent offense)	> 60 but ≤ 100 grams	1-3 years	\$75-\$25,000
Class 4 felony (1st offense)	> 100 but ≤ 500 grams	1-3 years	\$75-\$25,000
Class 3 felony (subsequent offense)	> 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 DISTRIBUTION OF ILLICIT DRUGS

Sanctions associated with the following Controlled Substances: Heroin; Fentanyl; 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

Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
Class X felony	≥ 15 but < 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000
Class X felony	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	≤ \$500,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Class X felony	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	≤ \$500,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Class X felony	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	≤ \$500,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)

Sanctions associated with the Controlled Substances Listed

Controlled Substance(s)	Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
Peyote; Barbituric acid derivative; Amphetamine	Class X felony	≥ 200 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000
Pentazocine; Methaqualone; Phencyclidine (PCP); Ketamine	Class X felony	≥ 30 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000
Hydrocodone; Dihydrocodeine; Oxycodone	Class X felony	≥ 100 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000
Any controlled substance in Schedules I and II not otherwise listed in this table or for the previous table	Class X felony	≥ 200 grams	6-30 years	≤ \$500,000

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Additional Sanctions associated with the Controlled Substances Listed

Controlled Substance(s)	Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
Heroin; Fentanyl; Cocaine	Class 1 felony	≥ 1 gram but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Morphine	Class 1 felony	≥ 10 grams but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Peyote; Barbituric acid derivative; Amphetamine	Class 1 felony	≥ 50 grams but < 200 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD)	Class 1 felony	≥ 5 grams but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Pentazocine; Methaqualone; Phencyclidine (PCP); Ketamine	Class 1 felony	≥ 10 grams but < 30 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Hydrocodone; Dihydrocodeine; Oxycodone	Class 1 felony	≥ 50 grams but < 100 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
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	Class 1 felony	≥ 5 grams but < 15 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Any controlled substance in Schedules I and II not otherwise listed in this table	Class 1 felony	≥ 50 grams but < 200 grams	4-15 years	≤ \$250,000
Dihydrocodeine; Narcotic Drugs in Schedules I and II; LSD; Amphetamine; Fentanyl; BZP	Class 2 felony	Any amount not otherwise listed in this table	3-7 years	≤ \$200,000
Any controlled substance in Schedules I and II not listed in the previous row (other than methamphetamine)	Class 3 felony	Any amount not otherwise listed in this table	2-5 years	≤ \$150,000
Any controlled substance in Schedule III not otherwise listed in this table	Class 3 felony	Any amount not otherwise listed in this table	2-5 years	≤ \$125,000
Any controlled substance in Schedule IV not otherwise listed in this table	Class 3 felony	Any amount not otherwise listed in this table	2-5 years	≤ \$100,000
Any controlled substance in Schedule V not otherwise listed in this table	Class 3 felony	Any amount not otherwise listed in this table	2-5 years	≤ \$75,000

Note: For purposes of any of the violations of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act reflected in this **SCHEDULE D**, if the substance containing the controlled substance contains any amount of fentanyl, 3 years will be added to the term of imprisonment imposed by the court, and the maximum sentence for the offense is increased by 3 years.

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Sanctions associated with Cannabis

Charge	Quantity	Sanction: Imprisonment	Sanction: Fine
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 ≤ 60 grams	1-3 years	\$75-\$25,000
Class 3 felony	> 60 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, DISTRIBUTION, AND MANUFACTURE OF METHAMPHETAMINE

Sanctions for 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
Class X felony	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	8-40 years	≤ \$200,000
Class X felony	≥ 900 grams	10-50 years	≤ \$300,000

Sanctions for Distribution 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)
Class X felony	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	≤ \$200,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Class X felony	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	≤ \$300,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Class X felony	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	≤ \$400,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)

Sanctions for 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)
Class X felony	≥ 100 but < 400 grams	9-40 years	≤ \$200,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Class X felony	≥ 400 but < 900 grams	12-50 years	≤ \$300,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)
Class X felony	≥ 900 grams	15-60 years	≤ \$400,000 or full street value (whichever is greater)

SCHEDULE F

FEDERAL SANCTIONS FOR POSSESSION OF ILLICIT DRUGS

Conviction	Sanction
First Conviction	Up to 1 year in prison and a minimum fine of \$1,000, or both
Second Conviction	Not less than 15 days but not more than 2 years in prison and a minimum fine of \$2,500
Subsequent Conviction(s)	Not less than 90 days but not more than 3 years in prison and a minimum fine of \$5,000

For each conviction in the table above, an additional fine in the amount of the reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the offense is imposed.

SCHEDULE G

FEDERAL SANCTIONS FOR TRAFFICKING DRUGS

Sanctions for Trafficking Schedule I, II, III, IV & V Drugs, Except Cannabis

Trafficking the listed drugs in the listed amounts in the table below comes with the following sanctions:

- First Offense: Not less than 5 years, and not more than 40 years; if death or serious injury, then not less than 20 or more than life; and a fine of not more than \$5 million if an individual or \$25 million if not an individual.
- Second Offense: Not less than 10 years, and not more than life; if death or serious injury, then life imprisonment; and a fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual; \$50 million if not an individual.

Drug/Schedule	Quantity
Cocaine (Schedule II)	500–4999 grams mixture
Cocaine (Schedule II)	500–4999 grams mixture
Fentanyl (Schedule II)	40–399 grams mixture
Fentanyl Analogue (Schedule I)	10–99 grams mixture
Heroin (Schedule I)	100–999 grams mixture
LSD (Schedule I)	1–9 grams mixture
Methamphetamine (Schedule II)	5–49 grams pure or 50–499 grams mixture
PCP (Schedule II)	10–99 grams pure or 100–999 grams mixture

Trafficking the listed drugs in the listed amounts in the table below comes with the following sanctions:

- First Offense: Not less than 10 years, and not more than life; if death or serious injury, not less than 20 or more than life; and a fine of not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if not an individual.
- Second Offense: Not less than 10 years, and not more than life; if death or serious injury, then life imprisonment; and a fine of not more than \$8 million if an individual; \$50 million if not an individual.
- Two or More Prior Offenses: Life imprisonment; and a fine of not more than \$20 million if an individual, \$75 million if not an individual.

Drug/Schedule	Quantity
Cocaine (Schedule II)	5 kgs or more mixture
Cocaine (Schedule II)	500–4999 grams mixture
Fentanyl (Schedule II)	28–279 grams mixture
Fentanyl Analogue (Schedule I)	40–399 grams mixture
Heroin (Schedule I)	10–99 grams mixture
LSD (Schedule I)	100–999 grams mixture
Methamphetamine (Schedule II)	1–9 grams mixture
PCP (Schedule II)	5–49 grams pure or 50–499 grams mixture

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Trafficking the listed drugs in the listed amounts in the table below comes with the listed sanctions

Drug/Schedule	Quantity	Sanctions
Other Schedule I & II drugs	Any amount	First Offense: 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. Second Offense: 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.
Any drug product containing Gamma Hydroxybutyric Acid	Any amount	First Offense: 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. Second Offense: 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.
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	≥1 gram	First Offense: 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. Second Offense: 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.
Other Schedule III drugs	Any amount	First Offense: 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. Second Offense: 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.
All other Schedule IV drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual; \$1 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual; \$2 million if other than an individual.
Flunitrazepam (Schedule IV)	<1 gram	First Offense: Not more than 5 yrs. Fine not more than \$250,000 if an individual; \$1 million if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 10 yrs. Fine not more than \$500,000 if an individual; \$2 million if other than an individual.
All Schedule V drugs	Any amount	First Offense: Not more than 1 yr. Fine not more than \$100,000 if an individual; \$250,000 if not an individual. Second Offense: Not more than 4 yrs. Fine not more than \$200,000 if an individual; \$500,000 if not an individual.

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Sanctions for Trafficking Cannabis/Marijuana

Trafficking the listed drugs in the listed amounts in the table below comes with the listed sanctions

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	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 Oil (Schedule I)	> 1 kg	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.
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	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 Oil (Schedule I)	≤ 1 kg	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.

NOTE: 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

I. 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 \(17 U.S.C. § 504\)](#)
- [Title 17, United States Code, Section 505 \(17 U.S.C. § 505\)](#)

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 [U.S. Copyright Office Website](#).

II. 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](#)
- [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.

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 [Accreditations Webpage](#).

I. Institutional Accreditor: The Higher Learning Commission (HLC)

The HLC has posted a [Statement of Accreditation Status for GovState](#) on its website. GovState's accreditation with HLC can also be verified through the link on the GovState [Accreditations Webpage](#).

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
Email: info@hlcommission.org

Complaints regarding GovState may also be submitted via:

U.S. Mail: Higher Learning Commission c/o Complaints, 230 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500,
Chicago, IL 60604

Web portal: <https://www.hlcommission.org/for-students/file-a-complaint-against-an-institution/>

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

Governors State University
Office of the Provost
1 University Parkway
Campus Room G351
University Park, IL 60484
Phone: 708.534.4980
Fax: 708.534.8399
Email: provost@govst.edu

II. 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
Email: 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
Campus Room G351
University Park, IL 60484
Phone: 708.534.4980
Fax: 708.534.8399
Email: provost@govst.edu

III. Programmatic Accreditors

Additionally, the table on the following page shows individual programs GovState that have been accredited by the identified respective agencies. Contact information for those agencies (including specific information for filing complaints, if available) is posted to GovState's Accreditations Webpage. The exact URL for that webpage is: <https://www.govst.edu/accreditations>.

Copies of documents describing GovState's programmatic accreditations with the accrediting agencies listed above can be obtained by contacting:

Governors State University
Office of the Provost
1 University Parkway
Campus Room G351
University Park, IL 60484
Phone: 708.534.4980
Fax: 708.534.8399
Email: provost@govst.edu

Program(s)	Accrediting Agency
Addictions Studies (MHS)	National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission (NASAC)
Chemistry (BS)	American Chemical Society (ACS)
Secondary Education (Biology [Post-Bac Cert], Chemistry [Post-Bac Cert], English [Post-Bac Cert], Mathematics [BA, MS, Post-Bac Cert], Social Sciences [Post-Bac Cert]) Elementary Education (BA) Early Childhood Education (BA, MA, Post-Bac Cert) Educational Administration-Principalship (MA) Interdisciplinary Leadership-Superintendent (Ed.D.)	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
Public Administration (MPA)	Network of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)
Accounting; Business Administration; Business & Applied Science; Business Analytics; Human Resource Management; Manufacturing Management (BA, BS, MBA, MS)	The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)
Communication Disorders (MHS)	The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Council on Academic Accreditation (CAA) in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Health Administration (BHA)	Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)
Health Administration (MHA)	Commission on Accreditation of Health Management Education (CAHME)
Nursing (BSN, MSN, DNP)	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
Occupational Therapy (MOT)	Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)
Physical Therapy (DPT)	Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy (CAPTE) of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
Social Work (BSW, MSW)	Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)
Counseling (MA in Clinical Mental Health, Marriage and Family, or School Counseling; Ph.D. in Counselor Education and Supervision)	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP)

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.

I. 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.

II. INFORMATION ABOUT BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

A. 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.

B. 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.

III. INFORMATION ABOUT VIRAL MENINGITIS

A. 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.

B. 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.

IV. Additional Information and Resources

For information about obtaining the meningitis vaccine, please contact GovState's CWC 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 on the [Health Center Webpage](#). Information about GovState student immunization requirements is available on the [Immunization Policies at GovState Webpage](#).

The Illinois Department of Public Health provides information about meningitis on its [Meningitis Webpage](#).

Information in this disclosure came from the following resources:

<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>

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.

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An official copy of Policy 67 is available on GovState's [Policies Webpage](#).

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
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
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
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.

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.

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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)

An official copy of Policy 102 is available on GovState's Policies Webpage.

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/student-optional-disclosure-private-mental-health-information>. 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 online form.

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**.

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, or Suite C1310 on campus
- Timothy Carroll, University Registrar, at 708.534.4503, 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, 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/consumer-information>

General Institutional Information

- GovState's Academic Program 2026-2027
 - Academic Degree Programs
<https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1783>
 - GovState Educational Programs designed to meet State professional licensure, endorsement, and/or designation requirements
<https://www.govst.edu/professional-licensure-public-disclosures>
 - Additional information about licensure from the Course Catalog
<https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1886>

- Licensure of Teachers and Other School Professionals
<https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1776>
- GovState Faculty Directory
<https://www.govst.edu/faculty-directory>
<https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1779>
- Instructional Facilities:
 - Classroom and laboratory spaces (maps)
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-maps>
 - Library
<https://www.govst.edu/library>
 - Academic Resource Center
<https://www.govst.edu/academic-resource-center>
 - Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL)
<https://www.govst.edu/ctl/home>
<https://www.govst.edu/ctl/academic-support-resources>
 - Testing Center
<https://www.govst.edu/testing-center>
<https://www.govst.edu/testing-center-information-and-policies>
 - Computer Connection Central (C3 - The Cube)
<https://www.govst.edu/computer-connections-central-cube>
 - Center for Performing Arts
https://www.govst.edu/About/Center_for_Performing_Arts
 - Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and Visual Arts Gallery
<https://www.govst.edu/theNate>
<https://www.govst.edu/visual-arts-gallery>
 - Digital Learning and Media Design (DLMD)
<https://www.govst.edu/digital-learning-and-media-design>
 - Family Development Center
<https://www.govst.edu/fdc/family-development-center>
 - Psychology and Counseling Research Lab
<https://www.govst.edu/academics/programs/psychology-and-counseling-research-lab>
 - Supply Chain Innovation Center and Business Incubator (SCICBI)
<https://www.govst.edu/scicbi>
 - Counseling and Wellness Center
<https://www.govst.edu/cwc>

- GovState Bookstore by Follett
<https://www.govst.edu/govstate-bookstore>
<https://governorsstate.bkstr.com/>
- Institutional and Program Accreditation, Approval, or Licensure information
 - Institutional and Programmatic Accreditors
<https://www.govst.edu/accreditations>
 - Programmatic Accreditors for the College of Education and Human Development
<https://www.govst.edu/academics/colleges-and-schools/college-education-and-human-development/cehd-accreditation>
 - Programmatic Accreditors for the College of Business
<https://www.govst.edu/cob> (under “Accreditation”)
 - Programmatic Accreditors for the College of Health and Human Services
<https://www.govst.edu/accreditations-chhs>
 - Programmatic Accreditors for the College of Arts and Sciences
<https://www.govst.edu/academics/colleges-and-schools/college-arts-and-sciences>
 (under “Program Specific Accreditation”)
- Admissions
 - Admissions and Financial Aid
<https://www.govst.edu/admissions>
 - Freshman Admissions (Requirements and Process)
<https://www.govst.edu/freshman-admissions>
 - Transfer Admissions (Requirements, and Process)
<https://www.govst.edu/transfer-admissions>
<https://govst.transfer.degree/app/#!/my/account/> (Jaguar Transfer Credit Evaluator)
 - Graduate Admissions (Requirements and Process)
<https://www.govst.edu/graduate-admissions>
 - International Admissions
<https://www.govst.edu/international-admissions>
 - Veteran Admissions
<https://www.govst.edu/veteran-admissions>
 - Special Admissions and Re-Admission
<https://www.govst.edu/admission-special-admission-and-re-admission-forms>
 - Assistance for Admitted Students:
 - <https://www.govst.edu/admitted-freshman-students>
 - <https://www.govst.edu/admitted-graduate-students>
 - <https://www.govst.edu/admitted-transfer-students>

- Registration and Enrollment
<https://www.govst.edu/admissions-aid/admissions/registration-and-enrollment>
- 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/policies/transfer-credit-graduate-students-policy> (Policy 30)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/transfer-credit-undergraduate-students> (Policy 31)
 - GovState Policy on Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) (Policy 36)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/policy-credit-prior-learning-cpl>
 - Transfer Student eligibility, requirements and process information
<https://www.govst.edu/transfer-admissions>
<https://govst.transfer.degree/app/#!/my/account/> (Jaguar Transfer Credit Evaluator)
 - GovState Dual Degree Program (DDP) and Articulation Agreements (Transfer Guides)
<https://www.govst.edu/dual-degree-program> (DDP)
<https://www.govst.edu/undergraduate-transfer-guides> (Transfer Guides)
<https://www.govst.edu/dual-degree-program-scholarships> (DDP Scholarships)
 - Information on the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) and iTransfer Website
<https://www.govst.edu/illinois-articulation-initiative>
<https://www.govst.edu/illinois-articulation-initiative-iai>
<http://itransfer.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=13&navoid=1557>
 - Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)
<https://www.govst.edu/credit-prior-learning>
 - Military Academic Credit
<https://www.govst.edu/veteran-admissions>
- Costs of Attending GovState:
 - GovState Tuition Calculator (AY26-27)
<https://www.govst.edu/tuition-calculator>
 - Net Price Calculator
<https://www.govst.edu/net-price-calculator>
 - Cost of Attendance Information
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-cost-attendance>
 - Refund Policy
<https://catalog.govst.edu/content.php?catoid=15&navoid=1777> (under “Refunds” heading)

<https://gsuinternalexternal.prod.acquia-sites.com/student-accounts-and-billing> (under Frequently Asked Questions - Student Account Refunds)

- GovState Student Body Diversity Data
 - Fall 2025 Fast Facts
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-06/University%20Fast%20Facts.pdf>
 - Common Data Set 2025-2026
https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-06/CDS%202025-2026_Revised_2026-05-05.pdf
 - Profiles of Academic Majors – Fall 2025
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-06/Profiles%20of%20Academic%20Majors.pdf>
 - GovState Information on the U.S. Department of Education’s Institute of Education Sciences National Center for Education Statistics “College Navigator” Website
<https://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/trio-educational-opportunity-center>

Financial Aid Information

- GovState Office of Financial Aid services information
<https://www.govst.edu/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/fa-types-financial-aid>
 - Additional information about each type of aid, including eligibility and application requirements, can be found as follows:
 - Scholarships
<https://www.govst.edu/admissions-aid/paying-college/scholarships>

- State and Federal Grants
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-grants>
- State and Federal Military and Veterans Benefits
<https://www.govst.edu/veteran-admissions>
- Institutional Tuition Waivers and Assistantships
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-tuition-waivers-and-assistantships>
- Federal and Private Loans
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-loans>
- Federal Work-Study (Student Employment)
<https://www.govst.edu/admissions-aid/paying-college/fa-student-employment>
- Financial Aid for Summer Term
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-summer-financial-aid>
- Additional information available on GovState's Internet website:
 - The Financial Aid Process
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-financial-aid-process>
 - Financial Aid Forms and Publications
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-forms-and-publications>
 - Glossary of Financial Aid Terms
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-glossary-financial-aid-terms>
 - FAFSA/Alternative Application Information
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-fafsa-alternative-application-information> (English)
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-informacion-sobre-la-fafsa-solicitud-alterniva> (Spanish)
 - Information regarding the purchase or rental of textbooks using Financial Aid
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-buy-books-aid>
 - Resources and Tools
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-resources-and-tools>
 - Financial Literacy
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-financial-literacy>
- Financial Aid and Study Abroad at GovState
<https://www.govst.edu/study-abroad-scholarships>
<https://www.govst.edu/study-abroad> (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/sites/default/files/2026-02/25-26%20Withdrawal%20and%20Return%20of%20Title%20IV%20Funds%20Policy.pdf>
- GovState Withdrawal Policy (Policy 6)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/withdrawal>
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (GovState SAP Policy)
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-05/26-27%20SAP%20Policy%20for%20GovState.pdf>
 - Additional information related to GovState SAP policies
<https://www.govst.edu/fa-satisfactory-academic-progress>
- Financial Aid Rights & Responsibilities (Student's Rights)
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-02/25-26%20Student%20Rights%20and%20Responsibilities.pdf>
- GovState Policy on Tuition and Fees Waivers (Policy 76)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/policy-tuition-and-fees-waivers>
- GovState Financial Aid Verification Policy (Policy 82)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/financial-aid-verification-policy>

Services and Resources for Students

- GovState Career Services Office
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-life-student-support/student-support/career-services>
- Access Services for Students with Disabilities (ASSD)
<https://www.govst.edu/access-services-students-disabilities>
 - Additional information about ADA Accessibility at GovState
<https://www.govst.edu/accessibility>
- Academic Resource Center (ARC)
<https://www.govst.edu/academic-resource-center>
- Student Support Services
<https://www.govst.edu/student-support-services-0>
- Office of the Dean of Students
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-life-student-support/student-support/office-dean-students>
 - GSU4U Student Assistance
<https://www.govst.edu/gsu4u>
 - GovState Community Standards Program
<https://www.govst.edu/community-standards>

- Student Grievance Policy and Process
<https://www.govst.edu/student-complaints-and-grievances>
- NC-SARA Complaint Process
<https://nc-sara.org/student-complaints>
- University Housing
<https://www.govst.edu/university-housing>
- Campus Meal Plans (for Commuter Students)
<https://www.govst.edu/apply-meal-plan-commuter-students-only>
- Student Activities opportunities and information
<https://govst.campuslabs.com/engage/> (Opportunities)
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-life-student-support/campus-life/center-student-engagement-and-leadership> (Information)
- GovState Civic Engagement Programs
<https://www.govst.edu/civic-engagement>
- Office of Institutional Engagement and Excellence
<https://www.govst.edu/iee>
- Latinx Student Resources
<https://www.govst.edu/lrc>
- First Generation Student Resources
<https://www.govst.edu/first-generation-center>
- Office of International Services (including International Student Resources)
<https://www.govst.edu/office-international-services>
- GovState Veterans Resource Center
<https://www.govst.edu/vrc>
- HOUSE Task Force/Liaison
<https://gsuinternalexternal.prod.acquia-sites.com/house-task-forceliaison>
- Achieving Completion with Excellence (ACE) Program
<https://gsuinternalexternal.prod.acquia-sites.com/ace-program-govstate>
- GovState STAR Student Success Network
<https://www.govst.edu/govstate-star-student-success-network>
- Voter Registration Information:
 - 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>
 - Polling Place Locator
<https://ova.elections.il.gov/PollingPlaceLookup.aspx>
- U.S. Selective Service System information
<https://www.sss.gov/>

Information Privacy

- Privacy of Student Records – Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) – information:
 - GovState Policy on Access to Student Education and Treatment Records (Policy 12)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/access-student-education-and-treatment-records>
 - Additional FERPA information and related forms
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-life-student-support/student-support/family-educational-rights-and-privacy-act>
- HIPAA, GLBA, and FERPA Protections (GovState Internal Compliance Requirements)
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-02/Compliance%20for%20Protection%20of%20Student%20Information.pdf>
- Additional GovState Policies regarding Information Privacy:
 - Privacy, Legal Notices, and Security Notification (Policy 61)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/privacy-legal-notices-and-security-notification>
 - Identity Protection Policy (Policy 88)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/identity-protection-policy>
 - Safeguarding GLBA Customer Information (Policy 100)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/safeguarding-glba-customer-information>

Campus Health, Safety, and Wellbeing

- GovState Counseling and Wellness Center
<https://www.govst.edu/cwc>
- Immunization Policy
<https://www.govst.edu/immunization>
 - Including Meningitis Vaccine information

- Illinois Department of Public Health Meningococcal Disease Brochure
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-04/ohp-publications-meningococcal-disease-brochure.pdf>
- Student Optional Disclosure of Private Mental Health Information and Web Form
<https://www.govst.edu/student-optional-disclosure-private-mental-health-information>
- GovState Health Center by Advocate Aurora Health (Advocate Health Care)
<https://www.govst.edu/cwc-health-center>
- LivingWell@GovState
<https://gsuinternalexternal.prod.acquia-sites.com/livingwellgovstate>
- Suicide Prevention Information and Resources
<https://www.govst.edu/suicide-prevention>
- Student Emergency & Medical Leave
<https://www.govst.edu/emergency-medical-leave>
- GovState Campus Safety
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-life-student-support/campus-life/campus-safety>
 - Crime Prevention and Safety Tips
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-05/Crime%20Prevention%20and%20Safety%20Tips.pdf>
 - GovState Safety Booklet
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-05/Campus%20Safety%20Booklet.pdf>
- GovState Emergency Management Resources
<https://www.govst.edu/emergency-management>
 - Including “Take Action” guidance for emergency situations
 - Including GovState Emergency Response Team information
- Emergency Action Plan for GovState Athletics Program
https://www.gsuaguars.com/d/2023-24/2023-24EAP_for_GSU.pdf
- GovState Campus Threat Assessment
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-threat-assessment>
- GovState Annual Security and Fire Safety Report
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-life-student-support/campus-life/campus-safety> (Under “Campus Safety Resources”)
 - Campus Crime Statistics
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-05/Campus%20Crime%20Statistics.pdf>
 - Fire Statistics
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-05/Fire%20Statistics.pdf>

- Daily Campus Crime Log
<https://www.govst.edu/campus-life-student-support/campus-life/campus-safety> (Under “Campus Safety Resources”)
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-05/Daily%20Crime%20Log.pdf>
- GovState Volunteer Emergency Worker Policy (Policy 67)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/volunteer-emergency-worker-policy>
- GovState Missing Student Notification Procedures
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-06/University%20Housing%20Handbook.pdf> (in University Housing Handbook)
- Registered Sex Offender Information:
 - Illinois State Police Sex Offender Registry Database
<https://sor.isp.illinois.gov/sorpublic/>
 - This webpage also includes information from:
 - 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 at GovState
 - Title IX Notice of Nondiscrimination
<https://www.govst.edu/titleix-notice-nondiscrimination>
 - 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/policies/anti-sex-discrimination-title-ix-policy-interim> (webpage)
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-02/TIX%20Policy%2078%20-%20Anti-Sex%20Discrimination%20Title%20IX.pdf> (Downloadable PDF)
 - GovState Title IX Reporting, Response, and Grievance Procedures
 - Title IX Procedures, Part A – Definitions
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-02/TIX%20Procedure%20Part%20A%20-%20Title%20IX%20Definitions.pdf>
 - Title IX Procedures, Part B – Reporting Procedures
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-02/TIX%20Procedure%20Part%20B%20-%20Title%20IX%20Reporting%20Procedures.pdf>
 - Title IX Procedures, Part C – Response Procedures

<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-02/TIX%20Procedure%20Part%20C%20-%20Title%20IX%20Response%20Procedures.pdf>

- Title IX Procedures, Part D – Grievance Procedures
<https://www.govst.edu/sites/default/files/2026-02/TIX%20Procedure%20Part%20D%20-%20Title%20IX%20Grievance%20Procedures.pdf>
- GovState “Advocating for Sexual Assault Prevention” (ASAP) Team
<https://www.govst.edu/advocating-sexual-assault-prevention>
- GovState CARE (Campus Awareness, Response, & Education) Program
<https://www.govst.edu/care-program>
- GovState Anti-Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation Policy (Policy 52)
<https://www.govst.edu/policies/anti-discrimination-harassment-and-retaliation-policy>

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
 - 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/2026-2027_Student_Athlete_Handbook_-Modified_-_Aug_2026-.pdf
- GovState Athletics Facilities:
 - Athletics and Recreation Center
<http://www.gsujaguars.com/athletics-and-recreation-center>
<https://recsports.govst.edu/>
 - University Golf Club
<https://www.universityparkgolfclub.com/>
- Emergency Action Plan for GovState Athletics Program
https://www.gsujaguars.com/d/2023-24/2023-24EAP_for_GSU.pdf

Student Outcomes

- GovState Student Achievement Measure Project (SAM) Student Achievement Report
<http://www.studentachievementmeasure.org/participants/145336>

- Graduation Rates for GovState Student Athletes
<https://www.gsuaguars.com/d/GraduationData.pdf>
- 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>