The possession, sale or the furnishing of alcohol on campus and at functions of the District is governed by California state law and these procedures. The possession, sale, consumption or furnishing of alcohol is controlled by the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control. However, the enforcement of alcohol laws on-campus is the primary responsibility of the Campus Police Department. Possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages is a violation of the Code of Student Conduct. The Office of Student Conduct and Grievances administers the student due process and sanctioning for student violations. The campus has been designated “Drug free” and only under certain circumstances is the consumption of alcohol permitted. The possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of any controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. Such laws are strictly enforced by the Campus Police Department. Violators are subject to disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fine and imprisonment. It is unlawful to sell, furnish or provide alcohol to a person under the age of 21. The possession of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age in a public place or a place open to the public is illegal. It is also a violation of this policy for anyone to consume or possess alcohol in any public or private area of campus without prior District approval. Organizations or groups violating alcohol or substance policies or laws may be subject to sanctions by the District.

Alcoholic beverages on campus are permitted in a preapproved, designated area if:

- The alcoholic beverage is for use in connection with a course of instruction, sponsored dinner or meal demonstration given as part of a culinary arts program, and the instructor or individual has been authorized to acquire, possess, use, sell, or consume it by the President/Superintendent.
- Students 18 years of age or more taste, but do not swallow or consume, beer or wine for educational purposes as part of the instruction in an enology or brewing degree program, and the beer or wine remains in the control of the instructor.
- The alcoholic beverage is possessed, consumed, or sold, pursuant to a license or permit obtained for special events held at the facilities of the District during the special event. "Special event" means events that are held with the permission of the Board of Trustees that are festivals, shows, private parties, concerts, theatrical productions, and other events held on the premises of the District and for which the principal attendees are members of the general public or invited guests and not students of Cerritos College.
• The alcoholic beverage is for use during a fundraiser held to benefit a nonprofit corporation that has obtained a license under the Business and Professions Code to do so provided that no alcoholic beverage can be acquired, possessed or used at a football game or other athletic contest sponsored by the District.

• The alcoholic beverage is acquired, possessed, or consumed pursuant to a license or permit obtained for special events held at facilities of the District at a time when students are not on the grounds. “Facilities” includes, but are not limited to, office complexes, conference centers, or retreat facilities.

Offices of Primary Responsibility: Vice President, Business Services
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