

Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (DFSCA), Part 86

Part 86 of the 1989 amendments to the *Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act* (DFSCA) as articulated in the *Education Department General Administrative Regulations* [EDGAR], lays out several requirements for institutions of higher education (IHEs) **receiving any form of federal funding**. **Regulation requirements states that IHEs must:**

1. **Develop and implement an alcohol and other drug abuse (AOD) program to prevent the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students and employees;**
2. Annually, notify all students and employees in writing of (1) standards of conduct; (2) possible legal sanctions and penalties; (3) health risks associated with alcohol and other drug abuse; (4) AOD programs available to students, staff, and faculty; and (5) disciplinary sanctions for violating the standards of conduct;
3. Every two years, conduct a review of its AOD program for effectiveness and consistency, identify and implement any necessary changes, and prepare a report.

Failure to comply with the regulations listed above may result in the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education terminating all forms of federal financial assistance. A more in depth explanation of the DFSCA, Part 86 regulations and how universities can comply can be viewed [here](#).