

# COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

## OFFICIAL POLICY

12.4.7

**Parental Notification Policy**

10/5/2020

### **Policy Statement**

Achieving autonomy and acceptance of one's personal responsibility are student development goals promoted throughout every facet of collegiate life. Such goals are promoted within the Family Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). In 1998, however, amendments to FERPA gave colleges and universities the option to notify parents or guardians of a student's violation of any federal, state, or local law, or an institutional disciplinary policy relating to the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance. The amendment clearly recognizes the cooperative partnership colleges have with parents and guardians that moves beyond enrollment to those times when intervention is a practical response to prevent the loss of a student's personal and collegiate goals.

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### **Policy Manager and Responsible Department or Office**

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### **Policy**

#### **Parental Notification and Alcohol and Drug Violations**

##### **1.0 NOFITICATION OF PARENTS**

In support of our mutual investment in the success of each student and the preservation of a climate conducive to living and learning, an official of the College will notify parents or guardians when a student under the age of 21 at the time of disclosure regarding the College's determination that the student violated federal, state or local law or College

policy governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance. The Division of Student Affairs, The Office of the Dean of Students

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**Departments/Offices Affected by the Policy**

All College of Charleston Departments

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**Procedures Related to the Policy**

Procedures within these policies:  
12.4.3 Student Alcohol Policy  
12.4.5 Student Drug Policy

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**Related Policies, Documents or Forms**

12.4.3 Student Alcohol Policy  
12.4.5 Student Drug Policy

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**POLICY APPROVAL**

**(For use by the Office of the Board of Trustees or the Office of the President)**

Policy Number: 12.4.7

President or  
Chairman, Board of Trustees

  
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Date: 10/5/2020  
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