

West Virginia University Parkersburg Board of Governors

POLICY A-18
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON CAMPUS

Section 1. General.

- 1.1. Scope. -- This policy establishes the rules governing the possession and use of alcoholic beverages on property owned, leased, or controlled by WVU Parkersburg.
- 1.2. Authority. -- W. Va. Code §18B-1-6
- 1.3. Effective Date. – August 19, 2025
(Replaces version dated – September 5, 2003)

Section 2. Purpose.

- 2.1. The intent of this policy is not to promote or encourage the use of alcoholic beverages on campus but to regulate such use under limited and clearly defined circumstances. This policy ensures such use is consistent with institutional values and applicable laws.

Section 3. Permitted Use.

- 3.1. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on WVU Parkersburg property is prohibited except as provided below:
 - 3.1.1. When permitted under applicable laws governing the sale of non-intoxicating beer;
 - 3.1.2. When specifically approved in writing by the President or their designee, on a case-by-case basis, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The event must not be centered around or primarily for the consumption of alcohol.
 - b. A majority of attendees must be of legal drinking age (21 years or older).
 - c. Alcohol shall not be served to any person under the legal drinking age.
 - d. Non-alcoholic beverage options and food must be made available.
 - e. Individuals under the age of 18 are prohibited from serving alcohol. All individuals serving alcoholic beverages must have appropriate training and adhere to state and federal laws.
 - f. No state-appropriated or institutional funds shall be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.

Section 4. Public Event Restrictions.

- 4.1. The sale of alcoholic beverages to the general public during campus-sponsored public events is prohibited unless specifically approved by the President or designee in accordance with Section 3.1.2 of this policy.

Section 5. Compliance and Enforcement.

- 5.1. Violations of this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with applicable institutional procedures, employee handbooks, and the student code of conduct.
- 5.2. The institution reserves the right to contact local law enforcement if violations of state or federal alcohol laws occur on campus property.
- 5.3. Event sponsors or organizers found to be in violation of this policy may be restricted from holding future events on campus.