

MPI - Summary of San Diego County Community College drug policies 2013:

- It seems that all of the community colleges have an anti-drug policy that could apply to medical marijuana use on campus property. However, none of the colleges specifically mentions medical marijuana in their anti-drug policies.
- Several of the junior colleges mentioned that violators of federal law will be subject to disciplinary action. Since medical marijuana is illegal by federal law, it seems that the colleges emphasizing federal law (MiraCosta, San Diego Community College District, and Southwestern) might be more likely to enforce policies against medical marijuana than those that don't explicitly refer to federal law. It is unclear whether colleges that refer to state laws (or "law" more generally) in their anti-drug policies will enforce policies against medical marijuana use.
- All of the junior colleges' drug policies apply to drug use/ sale/ possession on campus.
- Any student who has been convicted of an offense under federal law is ineligible to receive federal student financial aid for at least one year after the offense and possibly indefinitely (depending on the frequency of the offense and whether the drug-related offense was for the sale or possession of drugs). Since medical marijuana is illegal under federal law, young people caught using medical marijuana may not be eligible for federal financial aid. Federal aid pays for education expenses at 4-year, 2-year, and technical/ vocational schools.
- Many technical schools do not have explicit anti-drug policies—particularly the online schools that do not require students to take classes on a physical campus. However, many of the schools offer federal student aid. Students who have been convicted for marijuana use/ sale/ possession under federal law may not be eligible for aid from these schools.
- Medical technical schools may require students and/or applicants to complete a drug screening, particularly if they require students to complete a clinical externship at a health care facility. Students working at a health care facility are required to pass a drug screening before their externship begins and may be subject to random drug testing once their externship begins.

School/ University	Policies
MiraCosta Community College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is <u>likely</u> that MiraCosta College's anti-drug policy prohibits medical marijuana use on campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "Students are prohibited from manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, possessing or using alcohol or any controlled substance on district property, during district-sponsored field trips, activities or workshops, and in any facility or vehicle operated by the district." - Under the Drug-Free Schools Act, any school or campus receiving <u>federal funds</u> is required to implement a program to prevent unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs by students and employees.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since marijuana (medical and non-medical) is illegal by federal law, it is possible that MiraCosta’s anti-drug policy considers medical marijuana use as illicit drug use. - However, it is not clear that the policy is enforced on medical marijuana users. - Consequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Any employee, student, student worker or volunteer who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action (consistent with local, state, or federal law), which may include referral to an appropriate rehabilitation program, suspension, demotion, expulsion or dismissal.” - Drug and Alcohol Policy Source(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://www.miracosta.edu/student-services/health-services/downloads/2012BiennialReport.pdf
<p>San Diego Community College District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - San Diego City College - Mesa College - Miramar College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is <u>likely</u> that San Diego Community College District’s anti-drug policy prohibits medical marijuana use on campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students are not permitted to engage in any conduct which is in violation of <u>federal law</u> on district premises or at a district-sponsored or supervised activity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since the use of medical marijuana is in violation of federal law, it is likely that San Diego Community College District’s drug policy also prohibits the use of medical marijuana on campus. - San Diego Community College District campuses are also smoke-free campuses. It is possible that the anti-smoking policy, prohibiting smoking on District property, also applies to medical marijuana smoking. - Consequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A student may be suspended or expelled for violation of this policy. - Drug and Alcohol Policy Source(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://www.sdmesa.edu/instruction/policy/pdf/3100.pdf - http://online2.sdccd.edu/new_studentorientation_dev/students/resources/College_Policies.pdf
<p>Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grossmont College - Cuyamaca College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is <u>unclear</u> whether Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District’s anti-drug policy applies to medical marijuana use on campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol by students and employees on District property, or at any District sponsored or sanctioned activity.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since medical marijuana is lawful according to State law, it is unclear whether the anti-drug policy applies to medical marijuana.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “The decision to take disciplinary action in any instance rests with the Governing Board after consideration of recommendations made by the site administrator and advisory panel.” - Consequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Students violating the District’s drug policy are subject to disciplinary action, which may include the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student.” - Drug and Alcohol Policy Source(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://www.cuyamaca.net/ascc/pdf/students/Student-Discipline-Procedures-Booklet-2012.pdf - http://www.gcccd.edu/public-safety/documents/2012-Annual_Security_Report.pdf
<p>Palomar Community College</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is <u>unclear</u> whether Palomar Community College’s anti-drug policy applies to medical marijuana use on campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “All employees and students are clearly and expressly prohibited from the possession, being under the influence, or consumption of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances on campus, at any school-sponsored event, or while acting within the scope of employment.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since medical marijuana is lawful according to State law, it is unclear whether the anti-drug policy applies to medical marijuana. - Consequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Students violating the College’s drug policy are subject to disciplinary action, which may include the removal, suspension, or expulsion of a student.” - Drug and Alcohol Policy Source(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://www.palomar.edu/catalog/2012/4_Rights_Resp.pdf - http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:wYggtwRB5YoJ:www2.palomar.edu/pages/studentaffairs/files/2012/06/Student-Code-of-Conduct.docx+&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us
<p>Southwestern Community College</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is <u>likely</u> that Southwestern Community College’s anti-drug policy prohibits medical marijuana use on campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Southwestern Community College District has been designated drug and alcohol free.” - “The sale, manufacture, distribution, or possession of most controlled substance is illegal under both state and federal laws. All violators of the College’s drug policy, whether students or employees, are subject to disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fine, and/or imprisonment.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since medical marijuana is illegal under federal law, it is possible that Southwestern

	<p>Community College’s policy applies to the use of medical marijuana on campus property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All violators of the College’s drug policy, whether students or employees, are subject to disciplinary action, criminal prosecution, fine, and/or imprisonment. - Drug and Alcohol Policy Source(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://www.swccd.edu/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=4816
<p>ITT Technical Institute</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is <u>unclear</u> whether ITT’s anti-drug policy applies to medical marijuana use on campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Students using illegal drugs or alcohol on any part of the school’s premises of at any school-sponsored event will be terminated from the school and/or referred to appropriate rehabilitation agencies.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since marijuana is illegal under federal law, it is possible that the policy is enforced on medical marijuana users. However, it is not explicitly stated that the policy applies to all drugs that are illegal by federal law. - Consequences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students may be terminated from the school and/or referred to the appropriate rehabilitation services. - A student who has been convicted of any offense under any federal law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under the federal student financial aid programs for 1 year to an indefinite period of time (depending on whether the violation is possession or sale and the frequency of offense). - Drug and Alcohol Policy Source(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://info.itt-tech.edu/public/StudentHandbooks/012StudentHandbook.pdf
<p>PIMA Medical Institute</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students in specified programs participate in clinical externships at health care facilities and are required to complete a drug screening before their employment begins. - Students working in a health care facility under a PIMA Medical Institute program may also be subject to random drug screening. - Drug and Alcohol Policy Source(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - http://pmi.edu/locations/chulavista_images/StudenthandbookrevisedA2012-InternetCOPY-revised17.pdf