

# ~~Interim~~ ETSU Alcohol Policy

(reviewed and approved and implemented by University Council  
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**OBJECTIVE:** To provide guidance to the ETSU campus on the possession, use, and purchase of alcohol on campus and the purchase of alcohol off campus.

## General Policy

East Tennessee State University, in compliance with federal, state and local law, allows lawful, responsible alcohol consumption at University functions, as long as the use occurs at a University activity and at a campus location where alcohol is allowed.

## Students

The University's policy on student possession and consumption of alcohol is contained in the University Catalog. The current edition affirms that the use and/or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited "on institution owned or controlled property. This offense includes the violation of any local ordinance, state, or federal law concerning alcoholic beverages, on or off institution owned or controlled property, including but not limited to where an affiliated group or organization has alcoholic beverages present and available for consumption."

Student organizations hosting off-campus events must comply with ETSU student organization policies and procedures for registering events with alcohol and all risk management assurance guidelines. ETSU student organizations associated with a local, state, regional or inter/national organization will be held responsible for compliance with risk management policies and procedures required for that affiliation. The policy and procedures are administered by the Student Organization Resource Center (SORC).

## Approved Campus Locations

The serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all academic buildings and student facilities.

The University also recognizes at select university functions the serving of alcohol is appropriate as alumni, donors, and other special guests are entertained. However, these functions are to be held in only approved locations and are subject to the following restrictions.

The approved locations are:

- Skyboxes at the football stadium
- The Alumni House (908 W. Maple St.)
- The CPA enclosed courtyard
- The Performing Arts Center Lobby
- The Reece Museum
- Shelbridge, ETSU's Presidential Residence
- Select areas of Thomas Stadium

- The Outdoor lobby of Brown Hall
- Select areas of the Mountain States Health Alliance Athletics Center (Mini-Dome):
  - Gordon Ball Practice Court
  - Lobby
  - Wardroom

## Procedures

Alcoholic beverages may only be served by vendors who are properly licensed and possess all the appropriate state and local permits. Any individual serving alcoholic beverages must possess the appropriate license and credentials.

Underage persons may not be served or be in possession of alcoholic beverages at any University controlled event on or off campus.

The serving or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all academic buildings (unless the building is noted above as an approved location).

Due to the number of approved locations, only under extenuating circumstances shall exceptions be granted. The President or his designee has the authority to grant these exceptions, which will be in writing.

## Stadium and Arena Suites

Alcohol may be stored and served inside the suites stadiums. Alcohol must be stored and consumed within the defined suite area. The delivery of alcohol to the individual suites must conform to the stipulations issued by the Department of Athletics. Furthermore, University employees may not transport or store the alcohol products, and all movement of such products must be initiated by the suite-holders or their designee.

## Approved Purchasing Processes

The University does not have a license to sell alcohol.

The University has an obligation to manage its funds in a manner consistent with the best interests of the citizens of Tennessee. Purchasing certain items may cause the public to believe the institution is not exercising its responsibility in an appropriate manner. Alcohol is one such item that comes under great scrutiny.

State funds may not be used for the purchase of alcohol. Some ETSU Foundation funds may allow for the purchase of alcohol. University funds may be used to pay for the services of the licensed server.

Purchasing and entertainment policies must be followed.