IX. Health, Safety and Security of the Academic Environment

Alcohol and Illegal Drugs

Peirce College maintains a strong commitment to programs that promote the health, well-being, and safety of its students and the security of its premises. Consistent with this commitment, the College has established this policy governing the unlawful use, consumption, possession, selling, distribution, dispensing, and manufacture of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs.

Prohibited Conduct

With regard to alcoholic beverages, students of Peirce College are prohibited from the following:

- Using, consuming, possessing, selling, distributing, dispensing, or manufacturing alcoholic beverages while on the premises of the College and while off-campus participating in any College-sponsored activity or event.\(^8\)
- Storing any alcoholic beverages in a locker, automobile, or other repository on College premises
- Being under the influence of alcoholic beverages while on the premises of the College or while off-campus participating in any College-sponsored activity or event

With regard to illegal drugs, Peirce College prohibits its students from the following:

- Using, consuming, possessing, selling, distributing, dispensing, or manufacturing illegal drugs while on the premises of the College and while off-campus participating in any College-sponsored activity or event. For the purposes of this policy, the term illegal drugs includes the following:
  - Any chemical substance the manufacture, use, possession, or sale of which is prohibited by law as listed in Schedules I through V of section 202 of the federal Controlled Substance Act (21 U.S.C. § 812) or any controlled substance the possession, manufacture, distributions, sale, or acquisition by misrepresentation of which is prohibited under the

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\(^8\) For purposes of this policy, the “premises” of the College includes all buildings within which the College provides educational and related student services and/or conducts its business operations, whether owned, leased, or provided without charge for use, the campus as well as surrounding grounds and parking areas adjacent to these buildings, and vehicles owned or leased by Peirce College.
Pennsylvania Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act
(35 Pa. C.S.A. 780-101 et seq.)

- Any legally-dispensable controlled substance, or prescription (medications available only as prescribed by a licensed physician) obtained through fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, subterfuge, forgery, or alteration of a prescription, or used by any individual other than the person for whom it was prescribed

- Any over-the-counter medication capable of impairing one’s alertness and/or physical or mental reflexes that is taken for purposes of abuse or misuse

- Inhalants, such as chemical thinners, aerosol lacquers, and certain types of glues that can impair mental faculties and produce medical problems.

- Storing any illegal drug in a locker, automobile, or other repository on College premises

- Being under the influence of illegal drugs while on the premises of the College or while off-campus participating in any College-sponsored activity or event

In addition, members of the College community (including former students or graduates) while on College premises or while off campus participating in any College sponsored activity or event are expected to conduct themselves in compliance with this policy as well as conduct themselves in a manner in which they do not cause harm to themselves or others, and that they neither break laws nor contribute to the negligence of others. The College reserves the right to revoke College privileges in such circumstances.

Penalties

A student found to be in violation of any provisions of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action under the Code of Student Conduct which may range from required counseling, disciplinary warnings to suspension or expulsion.

In addition, a student may be subject to criminal prosecution under applicable federal, state, and local laws. A description of the applicable legal sanctions under local, state, and federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol is available on pages 73-76 in the Student Policy Handbook as well as on the website of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board: [http://www.lcb.state.pa.us](http://www.lcb.state.pa.us).

Further, any alcoholic beverages found on College premises will be confiscated and destroyed, and any illegal drugs found on College premises will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
If the College reasonably suspects a student is involved with alcohol or illegal drugs in violation of this policy, the student may be required to submit to drugs and/or alcohol testing. A student’s failure to submit to the requested testing is a violation of this policy and will be grounds for disciplinary action up to and including suspension or expulsion. However, such test need not be administered when Peirce College has independent proof that this policy has been violated.

If the College reasonably suspects that a student is involved with alcohol or illegal drugs in violation of this policy, the student may be required to submit to a search of his or her clothing, belongings, and/or possessions, including his or her vehicle, if it is parked on College premises. A student’s refusal to submit to a search under these circumstances may also subject the student to disciplinary action.

**Peirce College’s Commitment to Health Education, Counseling, and Treatment**

The College is committed to providing educational programs and counseling to students or alumni concerning the risks associated with alcohol and illegal drug use and/or abuse. Information on the health risks associated with alcohol and drug use and abuse are available at Mary W. Walker ’33 Center for Academic Excellence (215-670-9251) and on pages 76-78 of the Student Policy Handbook.

Students and alumni in need of confidential drug or alcohol counseling may find out about local programs and resources by contacting a counselor in the Mary W. Walker ’33 Center for Academic Excellence (215-670-9251) or by referring to pages 79-84 of the Student Policy Handbook.

In addition, the College is committed to providing every student or graduate with alcohol and drug education from multiple resources during student orientation programs. Additionally, the Mary W. Walker ’33 Center for Academic Excellence (215-670-9251) will provide resources and programs that promote drug and alcohol awareness.

**Annual Review**

The following departments will be represented on the College’s Drug and Alcohol Policy Review Team: Academic Operations, Student Financial Services, Program Advising, and the Mary W. Walker ’33 Center for Academic Excellence. The Team will review this policy annually to determine its effectiveness and recommend any necessary changes.

**Alcohol, Drug Use, and Legal Sanctions**

The following is a summary of significant legal sanctions under local, state, and federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illegal drugs and alcohol. In addition, any student who is convicted under state or federal law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance will be ineligible for federal student financial aid for specific periods of time, depending upon the nature and number of the offense(s).
Alcohol

The Pennsylvania Vehicle Code as well as the Pennsylvania Crimes Code provides penalties pertaining to the possession and distribution of alcohol. Prohibitions include, among other things the following:


- Pennsylvania has set .08% Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) as the legal limit for driving under the influence convictions.

- This law prohibits, among other things, a driver in any vehicle from consuming any controlled substance or having an open container of alcohol in the vehicle while the vehicle is in operation on any highway in Pennsylvania. Violations under this law range from requires fines to imprisonment as well as revocation of driving privileges.

The Pennsylvania Crimes Code, 18 Pa. C.S.A. § 5505 et seq.

- Public Drunkenness - A person is prohibited from appearing in public manifestly under the influence of alcohol to the degree that he/she may endanger himself/herself or other persons or property or annoy other persons in the vicinity. Penalties range from a fine of up to $300 to imprisonment for up to 90 days.

- Misrepresentation of Age - Individuals are prohibited from misrepresenting one's age knowingly and falsely, in order to obtain liquor or malt or brewed beverages. Penalties also include suspension of license from 90 days to two years. It is also a crime to knowingly, willfully, and falsely to represent that another is of legal age to obtain liquor or malt or brewed beverages. Penalty is a minimum fine of $300 and imprisonment for up to one year.

- Purchase, Consumption, Possession, or Transportation of Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages by A Minor - Minors are prohibited from attempt to purchase, consume, possesses, or knowingly transport such beverages. Penalties range from fines of up to $300, imprisonment of up to 90 days, and license suspension of 90 days for first offenses; penalties for three or more offenses are up to $500 in fines, imprisonment of up to one year, license suspension for up to two years.

- Prohibited Sale to Minors - It is a crime to intentionally and knowingly sell, furnish, or purchase with intent to sell or furnish, any liquor, malt, or brewed beverages to minors. Penalty for a first violation is $1,000; $2,500 for each subsequent violation; and imprisonment for up to one year for any violation.
**False Identification Cards** - It is a crime to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly to manufacture, make, alter, sell, or attempt to sell an identification card falsely representing the identity, birth date, or age of another. Minimum fine is $1,000 for first violation; $2,500 for subsequent violations; and imprisonment for up to two year for any violation. It is also a crime to possess a false identification card or for a minor to obtain or attempt to obtain liquor or malt or brewed beverages by using a false identification card.

Supplemental information may also be found at the website for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board, [http://www.lcb.state.pa.us](http://www.lcb.state.pa.us).

**Illegal Drugs**

Numerous laws pertain to the distribution and possession of illegal drugs. These include the following:

- **The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act**, 35 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 780-101 et seq., prohibits, among other things, the manufacture, sale, distribution, or possession of any controlled substance. Penalties under the Act range in severity depending on the act committed and the controlled substance involved. First time violators may be sentenced to imprisonment for up to one year, ordered to pay a fine up to five thousand dollars ($5,000), or both. Repeat offenders may be sentenced to imprisonment for up to three years, ordered to pay a fine up to twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000), or both.

- **The Pharmacy Act**, 63 Pa. Cons. Stat. § 390-8, prohibits any person from, among other things, procuring or attempting to procure any drug through fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, subterfuge, by forgery or alteration of a material fact, or by the use of a false statement in any prescription. Any person who violates the Act may be sentenced to imprisonment for up to one year, ordered to pay a fine up to five thousand dollars ($5,000), or both. For each subsequent offense, an individual may be sentenced to imprisonment for up to three years, ordered to pay a fine up to ($15,000), or both.

- **The Federal Controlled Substances Act**, 21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq., prohibits, among other things, the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, or possession, with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, of a controlled substance. Penalties under the Act range in severity depending on the type and quantity of the controlled substance involved. The maximum penalties for individuals include life imprisonment, a fine of four million dollars ($4,000,000), as well as possible additional penalties. Penalties are increased for repeat offenders. Double penalties apply when the violation of the law takes place within one thousand feet of the property of a school or college. The penalty for simple possession is a sentence of a term of imprisonment for up to one year, a fine up to one thousand dollars ($1,000), or both.
Harmful Effects of Alcohol and Drug Use

Alcohol

Long Term Health Risks
- Hepatitis or cirrhosis of the liver
- High blood pressure
- Stroke
- Ulcers and inflammation of the stomach
- Cancer, including breast cancer and those of the head and neck
- Birth defects to infants of pregnant women

Immediate Effects
- Decreased respiration rate
- Impaired judgment
- Loss of coordination
- Risk of asphyxiation due to vomiting

Social Effects
- Decreased academic and professional productivity
- Increased likelihood of automobile accidents
- Difficulty maintaining relationships
- Impaired judgment in public and social situations

For more information about alcohol abuse and prevention, please visit http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/

Marijuana

Long Term Health Risks
- Heavy cough
- Lung infections
- Respiratory tract and lung cancer
- Decreased immuno response
- Heart attack

Immediate Effects
- Increased heart rate
- Short term memory loss
- Impaired judgment
- Loss of coordination
Heroin

Long Term Effects
- Addiction
- Arthritis
- Infection of the heart valves
- Collapsed veins
- Contraction of infectious disease such as hepatitis or AIDS

Immediate Effects
- Decreased respiration
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Decreased sensation of physical pain

Cocaine

Long Term Health Effects
- Irregular heartbeat
- Increased likelihood of heart attack
- Strokes
- Seizures
- Nausea
- Respiratory infections and failure
- Paranoia
- Auditory hallucinations

Immediate Effects
- Increased energy
- Decreased appetite
- Increased body temperature
- Dilated pupils
- Increased heart rate

Hallucinogens and Disassociative Drugs

Long Term Health Effects
- Abnormal heart beat
- Decreased breathing rate
- Withdraw symptoms
- Psychotic episodes long after use

Immediate effects
- Intense mood swings
- Separation from reality
• Increased appetite
• Increased heart rate
• Nausea
• Sweating
• Dizziness
• Numbness
• Tremors
• Muscle contractions

**Inhalants**

**Long Term Effects**
• Hearing loss
• Spasms or neuropathy
• Bone marrow damage
• Brain damage
• Damage to the central nervous system
• Kidney failure
• Depression
• Muscle weakness

**Immediate Effects**
• Increased heart rate
• Feeling of warmth
• Muscle weakness
• Impaired judgment
• Agitation
• Excitability
• Lowering of inhibitions
• Loss of sensation
• Lack of coordination

For more information about drug abuse and prevention, please visit [http://www.drugabuse.gov/](http://www.drugabuse.gov/).

**Additional Drug and Alcohol Prevention Resources**

The Pennsylvania Department of Health refers people to the Network of Drug and Alcohol Single County Authorities (SCA), which is responsible for coordinating all alcohol and other drug prevention, intervention, and treatment efforts.

The **Philadelphia SCA** gives the following contact information for people seeking treatment for Drug & Alcohol abuse:

• People on medical assistance from the state of PA, call 1-888-545-2600
• People without medical assistance, call 215-546-1200

• People with private insurance should contact their insurer for information.

For information about local self-help meetings, contact the following:

• Alcoholics Anonymous, call 215-574-6900

• Adult Children of Alcoholics, call 215-333-0444

• Al-Anon, call 215-222-5244 (for family and friends of alcoholics)

• Nar-Anon, call 215-440-8400 (for family and friends of drug addicted persons)

• Cocaine Anonymous, call 610-325-9134

Local Substance Abuse Treatment Centers

Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Center Main Clinic
229 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19106
215-625-8060

• Primary Focus: mix of mental health and substance abuse services

• Services Provided: substance abuse treatment

• Type of Care: outpatient, partial hospitalization/day treatment, non-hospital residential (24 hour)

• Special Programs/Groups: persons with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders, persons with HIV/AIDS, women, men, criminal justice clients

• Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid, military insurance (e.g., VA, TRICARE)

Family Center of Thomas Jefferson University Specialized Program for Pregnant Women
1201 Chestnut Street
11th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-955-8577

• Primary Focus: substance abuse treatment services.

• Services Provided: substance abuse treatment, Methadone/LAAM Maintenance

• Type of Care: outpatient
- Special Programs/Groups: persons with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders, persons with HIV/AIDS, pregnant/postpartum women

- Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid, Medicare, private health insurance

- Payment Assistance: payment assistance

- Special Language Services: Spanish

**Family Preservation Program**  
26 S. 40th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215-596-8300

- Primary Focus: substance abuse treatment services

- Services Provided: substance abuse treatment

- Type of Care: outpatient

- Special Programs/Groups: women

- Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid, Medicare

**Horizon House Outpatient Substance Abuse Program** 120 South 30th Street, 5th Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215-386-5128 x524 /Intake: 215-386-3838 x500

- Primary Focus: substance abuse treatment services

- Services Provided: substance abuse treatment

- Type of Care: outpatient

- Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid

**Jefferson Intensive Outpatient**  
1021 South 21st Street, 2nd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19146  
215-790-9942

Website: [http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/psychiatry/article4821.html](http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/psychiatry/article4821.html)

- Primary Focus: substance abuse treatment services

- Services Provided: substance abuse treatment

- Type of Care: outpatient
• Special Programs/Groups: criminal justice clients
• Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid
• Payment Assistance: sliding fee scale (fee is based on income and other factors)

**Jefferson Outreach Drug/Alcohol Program**
833 Chestnut Street, 2nd Floor Suite 210-E Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-955-8856
Website: [http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/psychiatry/article4821.html](http://www.jeffersonhospital.org/psychiatry/article4821.html)

• Primary Focus: substance abuse treatment services
• Services Provided: substance abuse treatment
• Type of Care: outpatient
• Special Programs/Groups: persons with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders, persons with HIV/AIDS, gay and lesbian, seniors/older adults, pregnant/postpartum women
• Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment
• Payment Assistance: sliding fee scale (fee is based on income and other factors)

**John F Kennedy MH-MR Center Walk In Clinic**
112 North Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-568-0860

• Primary Focus: substance abuse treatment services
• Services Provided: substance abuse treatment
• Type of Care: outpatient
• Special Programs/Groups: adolescents, persons with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders, women, men, criminal justice clients
• Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid, Medicare, private health insurance
• Payment Assistance: sliding fee scale (fee is based on income and other factors), payment assistance
• Special Language Services: Spanish
Northeast Treatment Centers Spring Garden Counseling Center  
495-497 North 5th Street Philadelphia, PA 19123  
215-451-7100 /Hotline: 1-888-820-5478  
- Primary Focus: substance abuse treatment services  
- Services Provided: substance abuse treatment  
- Type of Care: outpatient  
- Special Programs/Groups: persons with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders, women, men, criminal justice clients  
- Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid, Medicare, private health insurance  
- Payment Assistance: sliding fee scale (fee is based on income and other factors)

Presbyterian Medical Center  
39th and Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19104  
Website: [http://www.pennhealth.com/presby/](http://www.pennhealth.com/presby/)  
- Primary Focus: general health services  
- Services Provided: substance abuse treatment, detoxification  
- Type of Care: outpatient, non-hospital residential (24 hour), hospital inpatient  
- Special Programs/Groups: persons with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders, persons with HIV/AIDS, women  
- Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid, Medicare, private health insurance

Rehab After Work  
225 South 15th Street  
Suite 201 Lewis Tower Building Philadelphia, PA 19102  
215-546-2200 /Hotline: 610-644-6464  
Website: [http://www.rehabafterwork.com](http://www.rehabafterwork.com)  
- Primary Focus: substance abuse treatment services.  
- Services Provided: substance abuse treatment
• Type of Care: outpatient

• Special Programs/Groups: adolescents, DUI/DWI offenders

• Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, private health insurance

• Special Language Services: French, German

Wedge Medical Center
1609 Poplar Street Philadelphia, PA 19130
215-232-2200 /Hotline: 1-800-301-4514

• Primary Focus: mix of mental health and substance abuse services

• Services Provided: substance abuse treatment

• Type of Care: outpatient

• Special Programs/Groups: persons with co-occurring mental and substance abuse disorders, persons with HIV/AIDS, gay and lesbian, seniors/older adults, pregnant/postpartum women, women, men, criminal justice clients

• Forms of Payment Accepted: self payment, Medicaid, private health insurance

• Special Language Services: ASL or other assistance for hearing impaired
Non-Violence

Although the College cannot eliminate the possibility that violence or other troubling disturbances may occur, Peirce College, with the help of the College community, can minimize the possibility that these types of events will happen. The College has established guidelines to minimize exposure to acts and threats of violence.

All current students, officers, faculty members, managers, supervisors, employees, alumni, and visitors (including but not limited to contractors, and vendors) are issued Peirce College identification cards for entering campus buildings and events, as well as to access College services. All College students, officers, faculty members, managers, supervisors, employees, alumni, and visitors may be required to produce proper photo identification upon request from Security or a College official when on College premises. When deemed necessary by Security, periodic identification checks may be made for the safety of the campus community.

College premises includes all buildings within which the College provides educational and related student services and/or conducts its business operations, whether owned, leased, or provided without charge for use; the grounds and parking areas adjacent to these buildings; and vehicles owned or leased by Peirce College.

All students, as well as all officers, faculty members, managers, supervisors, employees and alumni, contractors, vendors, and suppliers of Peirce College, are prohibited from the following:

- Possessing or concealing a weapon while on the premises of the College or while participating in any off-campus College-sponsored activity or event. For the purposes of this policy, a weapon is defined to include guns, rifles, firearms, knives, explosives, bombs, and any and all other similar items. In the case of guns, rifles, and other firearms, it is irrelevant and no defense that the gun, rifle, or firearm is not loaded and/or that the person in possession of the firearm has a license to carry such object. Further, you may not convert to a weapon any instrument, tool, or other item regularly used at the College, and such a conversion constitutes a violation of this rule. This policy will be enforced regardless of whether the weapon is in any way licensed. Any weapon or firearm discovered on Peirce College property or at a Peirce College off campus activity will be promptly confiscated and turned over to the local Police Department.

- Threatening to harm any student, officer, faculty member, manager, supervisor, employee, or graduate of the College or any other person doing business with and/or associated with the College. Such threats may be written or oral, expressed, or implied. The fact that a threatening comment may have been made “in jest” is no defense to behavior prohibited by this policy.

- Physically assaulting, attacking, or otherwise intentionally causing injury to any student, officer, faculty member, manager, supervisor, employee, or graduate of the College or any other person doing business with and/or associated with the College.
As a narrow exception to this rule, an individual may use physical force in self-defense under circumstances in which he/she cannot withdraw safely from a dangerous or threatening situation without the use of such force.

- Threatening to cause damage to property belonging to the College, to any student, officer, faculty member, manager, supervisor, employee, or graduate of the College, or to any other person doing business with and/or associated with the College. Again, the fact that a threatening comment may have been made “in jest” is no defense.

- Intentionally damaging or destroying property belonging to the College, to any student, officer, faculty member, manager, supervisor, employee, or graduate of the College, or to any other person doing business with and/or associated with the College, regardless of when or where this prohibited behavior occurs.

The prohibitions set forth above apply to actions directed not only toward students, officers, faculty members, managers, supervisors, employees, and alumni of the College, as well as all other persons doing business with and/or associated with the College, but also toward persons associated with these individuals (for example, members of a student’s or employee’s family). Any student who violates any of the prohibitions set forth above, will be subject to disciplinary action under the Student Disciplinary System. Violations of the *Policy on the Health, Safety and Security of the Academic Environment* may be punishable by any of the following penalties: expulsion, suspension, monetary penalty, mandatory counseling, community work, required education program, or other penalties deemed appropriate by the College. In addition, students should be aware that violations may result in the reporting of incident to police or other authorities as well as action. Alumni found in violation of any provisions of this policy may have their alumni privileges revoked.

Students should report immediately to Security any violation of policy or other event that results in a dangerous or threatening situation. Students at the 1420 Pine Street campus may reach Security Services by using the telephones located by the elevator on each floor of College Hall or by dialing extension 9444 from any telephone on campus. Students at any site other than the 1420 Pine Street campus should immediately contact the local area police.

Because the responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of the College’s environment is something that is shared, the College needs to be alerted to potential problems. Students should speak immediately with his/her faculty member during class or with the College’s Manager, Auxiliary Services; the Dean of Students; or the Vice President, Academic Advancement & Chief Academic Officer if any of the following happens:

- Students that feel intimidated or threatened, verbally or physically, by a fellow student, officer, faculty member, manager, supervisor, employee, graduate of the College, or any person doing business with or associated with the College

- Have been intimidated or threatened, verbally or physically, by an individual
independent of your relationship with the College but feel that this individual may look for you at the College
• Become aware of the presence on or near our premises of an individual who believe has no appropriate reason for being here

• Become aware of any other action, situation, or occurrence which believe may threaten personal safety or the well-being of those around you

• Have any ideas as to how we can make the College’s environment safer

The College will disclose information you have reported and which is related to the situations described above to the extent necessary to conduct an adequate investigation and/or to take appropriate corrective measures. Moreover, the College prohibits retaliation against a student who, in good faith, registers a complaint or brings such information to the College’s attention.
Security Searches

To protect our students and the College community, the College reserves the right to search at any time any person or property on the College’s premises, including, but not limited to a student’s personal possessions, handbag, back pack, brief case, packages, belongings, files or any other bag or container that the College deems necessary to search.

In addition, the College reserves the right to monitor, access, search, block, copy, review and disclose at any time (both in real time and after the fact) messages or documents created, sent, stored or received, as well as any websites visited on (and, for each, regardless of whether accessed remotely or on-premises), any the College’s communication systems, including, but not limited to:

- Telephone system;
- Fax machines;
- Computer software and hardware;
- Email system;
- Voicemail system; and
- Internet Server

By using the College’s communication systems (with respect to which you have no expectation of privacy), individuals consent to the College’s monitoring, accessing, searching, blocking, copying, reviewing and disclosing, both in real time and after the fact, any documents or messages which they create, send, store or receive, as well as websites visited on (and, for each, regardless of whether accessed remotely or on-premises), the College’s communications systems.

The College also reserves the right to hand search individuals entering the building or use mechanical devices such as a magnetometers and X-ray equipment for heightened screening.

Further, periodic unannounced searches are the sole discretion of the College. Anyone refusing to have their person or property searched will either be escorted out of the building or not be permitted to enter the building. Furthermore, any student who fails to submit to a search, as required, will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion from the College.

For purposes of this Policy, the College’s premises include all College owned or leased facilities, buildings, parking areas, campus and surrounding grounds, and motor vehicles.
Identification Cards

To enhance the security of our premises, the College requires all students, officers, employees (including faculty members, administration, and staff), alumni, and visitors (including, but not limited to, contractors and vendors) to possess and display while on College property, as well as to access College services and events, a valid College-issued Identification Card (ID Card). In addition, all current students, officers, employees (including faculty members, administration, and staff), alumni, and visitors (including, but not limited to, contractors and vendors) may be required to produce proper photo identification upon request from Security or a College official upon entering any Peirce facility. Further, when deemed necessary by Security, periodic identification checks may be made for the safety of the campus community.

A graduate may use his or her Peirce College Student ID card. If the graduate is no longer in possession of his or her ID card, he/she must identify himself/herself as a graduate to the Customer Service Desk at the College Hall or Alumni Hall entrance and produce a photo ID that includes the graduate’s name and address and sign in at the Customer Service Desk. Security reserves the right to make a copy of the photo ID. In the event that a photo ID is not available or the photo ID does not contain the graduate’s name and address, that graduate will not be permitted in the building.

Session stickers are issued to students. For each of the 7-week sessions, enrolled students are issued stickers when they arrive for their first class. These stickers must be placed on the student’s ID Card to designate that they are actively enrolled. Students will not be permitted to enter the buildings without an ID Card and updated sticker. Absences in class as a result of not having the appropriate ID Card will be considered unexcused. Students may make up missed class work at the faculty member’s discretion. Students wishing to borrow Peirce library materials must display a current Peirce ID Card. Alumni are welcome to utilize Library resources in accordance with school policy, but may not check material out of the Library.

Anyone wishing to enter the buildings after the following hours will be required to show a proper ID Card and sign in at the Customer Service Desk: after 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday; after 5:00 p.m., Saturday; and anytime, Sunday.

Students needing new ID Cards may obtain them between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, by request at the College Hall Customer Service Desk. In addition, in order to have a College-issued ID processed, the individual must produce proper photo identification and a current roster. There is a $5.00 replacement fee for any lost ID card. Students who are unable to visit the Peirce campus should contact their Program Advisor to obtain a Peirce ID Card.
Visitors

Any visitor to campus, including but not limited to vendors, must be escorted by a member of the host department from the Customer Service Desk to the scheduled meeting place.

Prospective students entering through the Alumni Hall, 15th Street or College Hall, Pine Street entrances must sign in at the Customer Service desk. They will be permitted to enter only the Admissions Office without an escort. Someone from the host department must escort students going to any other College location.

It is understood that there will be times when a prospective student, current student, or graduate brings a child on campus. Nonetheless, children are not permitted in the buildings unless they are accompanied at all times by their parent or guardian. Under no circumstances are children permitted in learning environments, including but not limited to classrooms, computer labs, and the Library.

Reporting Policy Violations of Safety and Security

As a member of the Peirce College community, students are responsible for reporting violations of the College’s safety and security policies as soon as they becomes aware of such violations.

Students should report immediately to Security Services any violation of policy or other event that results in a dangerous or threatening situation. At the 1420 Pine Street campus, students can reach Security Services by using the telephones located by the elevator on each floor of College Hall. In Alumni Hall, students can reach Security Services by dialing extension 9444. Students at any site other than the 1420 Pine Street campus should immediately contact the local area police.

Students should report any violation of policy which does not result in a dangerous or threatening situation, but which occurs during a class, to the faculty member responsible for the class, or to the Dean of Students. Similarly, if, while in a supervised department setting, students become aware of a policy violation that does not result in a dangerous or threatening situation, he/she should report the violation to the department supervisor or to the Dean of Students.
Additional Security Measures

Physical security is continually under review to further enhance the physical security of the campus and safety of the College’s students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Alumni Hall gates will be closed from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday. Access during these times will be permitted through the College Hall, Pine Street entrance.

Students, alumni, and visitors entering the main entrance of College Hall will be required to access the lower level only by way of the elevators at all times.

Unusual or suspicious parcels or incoming mail will not be delivered.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Manager, Auxiliary Services at 215-670-9297.