

Career, Technical and Adult Education
Annual Security Report
October 1, 2024

The staff members of Eastern Suffolk BOCES are dedicated to maintaining a safe environment for which to learn and work. All students and employees at Harry B. Ward Technical Center and the Edward Milliken Technical Center are encouraged to report any emergencies and suspicious activities immediately to the Program Administrator who will initiate the appropriate action. In the event of a significant emergency of dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees, the schools Emergency Response Team will respond without delay to the situation by initiating the appropriate communications to the affected students, faculty and staff unless the communication compromises the efforts to assist victims or to contain, respond to, or otherwise mitigate the emergency. The appropriate authorities will be notified in a timely fashion and action will be taken to protect the wellbeing of the school community.

Fire Emergency and Evacuation:

In the event of a building fire, the alarm system will be activated and the building will be evacuated in accordance with established emergency evacuation plans. Fire drills are conducted regularly throughout the year. Students, faculty and staff are required to move at least 50 feet from the building in order to allow emergency responders access to the building.

Lockdown Plan:

In certain critical situations it may be determined that the safest place for the student, staff and other occupants is inside the building, and under such circumstances the building will be secured by use of the Lockdown Plan. Upon initiation, the Program Administrator will begin the appropriate communications to affected school members. The Lockdown Plan will commence until it is reasonably believed that the immediate danger has been addressed and it is safe for the school community to resume normal activities.

Reporting an Incident:

Incidents should be reported to the Program Administrator or designated individual who will contact the local police department or SUMMIT Campus Security depending on the severity of the incident.

Drug, Alcohol and Smoking Policy:

The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 requires that all institutions of higher education receiving federal funds, to certify that it has adopted and anti-drug and alcohol abuse program. The following policies have been adopted by Eastern Suffolk BOCES:

Eastern Suffolk BOCES follows and promotes a “Drug-Free” protocol, “Smoke Free” and “Alcohol Free” environment, both on campus and in clinical settings. It is unlawful to sell, furnish or provide alcohol to a person under 21. The possession of alcohol by anyone under 21 years of age in a public place or place open to the public is illegal. Possession and use of any alcoholic beverage or illegal drug is prohibited in school.

Violators may be subject to local, state and federal law, as well as school policy. (see ESBOCES: Policy 6220 – Student and Substance Abuse; Policy 5160 – Drug-Free Workplace; Policy 5161 – Alcohol, drugs, and Other Substances).

ESBOCES Standards of Conduct for Students:

- The manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession and/or use of alcohol or illegal substances or the inappropriate use of controlled substances by the students on ESBOCES property is prohibited.
- Students whose behavior indicates they have used alcohol or an illegal substance or inappropriately used a controlled substance before class will not be permitted to attend class.
- Students requesting aid and guidance in alcohol and drug abuse resolution will be dealt with on a confidential basis.
- Compliance with the Code of Conduct is mandatory

According to *the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*, excessive drinking can harm your health.

Excessive drinking includes binge drinking, heavy drinking, and any drinking by pregnant women or people younger than 21.

- Binge drinking, the most common form of excessive drinking, is defined as consuming:
 - For women, 4 or more drinks during a single occasion
 - For men, 5 or more drinks during a single occasion
- Heavy drinking is defined as consuming:
 - For women, 8 or more drinks per week
 - For men, 15 or more drinks per week

The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* recommends that adults of legal drinking age can choose not to drink, or to drink in moderation by limiting intake to 2 drinks or less in a day for men or 1 drink or less in a day for women on days when alcohol is consumed. The *Guidelines* also do not recommend that individuals who do not drink alcohol start drinking for any reason, and that if adults of legal drinking age choose to drink alcoholic beverages, drinking less is better for health than drinking more.

There are some people who should not drink any alcohol, including those who are:

- Younger than 21.
- Pregnant or may be pregnant.
- Driving, planning to drive, or participating in other activities requiring skill, coordination and alertness.
- Taking certain prescription or over-the-counter medications that can interact with alcohol.
- Suffering from certain medical conditions.
- Recovering from alcoholism or are unable to control the amount they drink.

Short-Term Health Risks

Excessive alcohol use has immediate effects that increase the risk of many harmful health conditions. These are most often the result of binge drinking and include the following:

- Injuries, such as motor vehicle crashes, falls, drownings, and burns.
- Violence including homicide, suicide, sexual assault, and intimate partner violence.
- Alcohol poisoning, a medical emergency that results from high blood alcohol levels.
- Risky sexual behaviors, including unprotected sex or sex with multiple partners. These behaviors can result in unintended pregnancy or sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV.
- Miscarriage and stillbirth or fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASDs) among pregnant women.

Long-term Health Risks

Over time, excessive alcohol use can lead to development of chronic diseases and other serious problems including:

- High blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, liver disease, and digestive problems. Cancer of the breast, mouth, throat, esophagus, voice box, liver, colon and rectum.
- Weakening of the immune system, increasing the chances of getting sick.
- Learning and memory problems, including dementia and poor school performance
- Mental health problems, including depression and anxiety.
- Social problems, including family problems, job-related problems, and unemployment.
- Alcohol use disorders, or alcohol dependence.

By not drinking too much, you can reduce the risk of these short- and long- term health risks.

According to the *National Institute on Drug Abuse*, drug use can cause serious health problems. People of all ages suffer the harmful consequences of drug use and addiction:

- Teens who use drugs may act out and may do poorly in school or drop out. Using drugs when the brain is still developing may cause lasting brain changes and put the user at increased risk of dependence.
- Adults who use drugs can have problems thinking clearly, remembering, and paying attention. They may develop poor social behaviors as a result of their drug use, and their work performance and personal relationships suffer.
- Parents' drug use can mean chaotic, stress-filled homes, as well as child abuse and neglect. Such conditions harm the wellbeing and development of children in the home and may set the stage for drug use in the next generation.
- Babies exposed to drugs in the womb may be born premature and underweight. This exposure can slow the child's ability to learn and affect behavior later in life. They may also become dependent on opioids or other drugs used by the mother during pregnancy, a condition called neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).

Eastern Suffolk BOCES offers an Employee Assistance program to support students, families, and employees who are facing challenges in their lives. Please visit www.esboces.org/eap for information, or call (631)289-0480 to speak with a counselor who is available to provide referral services for addiction, alcoholism, substance abuse, domestic violence, and other difficult circumstances faced by individuals. All calls remain confidential. In addition, please visit the ESBOCES Student Assistance Services website at <https://esboces-sas.org/students/> for information related to drug and alcohol abuse.

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA)

Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 (VAWA) amended the Clery Act to require institutions to compile statistics for incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. Incidents should be reported to the Program Administrator or designated individual who will contact the local police department or SUMMIT Campus Security depending on the severity of the incident. The institution shall comply with a student's or employee's request for assistance in notifying authorities. Pursuant to VAWA, every effort will be made to ensure confidentiality and to adjust a student's or employee's working or academic situation if reasonably available and requested. Upon written request, any student or employee reporting incidents of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, whether occurring on campus or off, shall receive written documentation on victims' rights and options.

The Eastern Suffolk School of Practical Nursing prohibits the crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking as defined for purposes of the Clery Act. All VAWA crimes shall be investigated and addressed pursuant to ESBOCES Policy and NYS laws.

The School shall, upon, written request, disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence (as that term is defined in section 16 of title 18, United States Code). Or a non-forcible sex offense, the report on the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by such institution against a student who is alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of this paragraph.

For purposes of the Clery Act, "dating violence", "domestic violence", and "stalking" are defined in the Department's regulations as follows:

Dating Violence is defined as a violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the victim. The existence of such a relationship shall be determined based on the reporting party's statement and with consideration of the length of the relationship, the type of relationship, and the frequency of interaction between the persons involved in the relationship. For the purposes of this definition, dating violence includes, but is not limited to, sexual or physical abuse or the threat of such abuse. Dating violence does not include act covered under the definition of domestic violence.

Domestic Violence is defined as a felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; by a person with whom the victim shares a child in common; by a person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; by a person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; by another person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.

Stalking is defined as engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others; or suffer substantial emotional distress.

Sexual Assault is defined as an offense that meets the definition of Rape, Fondling, Incest or Statutory Rape as used in the FBI' UCR Program and included in Appendix A of 34 CFR Part 668.

To Access the NYS Registry of Sex Offenders:

http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/SomsSUBDirectory/search_index.jsp

Eastern Suffolk BOCES is proud to sponsor the Employee/ Student Support Services. The mission of Employees/ Student Support Services is to provide support to employees, students and their families in the participating districts and agencies in an effort to maximize overall wellness and each individual's learning potential. It is believed that learning improves when we help people develop skills, attitudes and values necessary to manage life tasks, form relationships and adapt to the demands of today's society.

The Employee/ Student Support Services provides ongoing prevention and awareness campaigns for students and employees on a variety of topics including but not limited to communication skills and topics related to drug and alcohol abuse. These prevention programs can be found on the Eastern Suffolk BOCES website at www.esboces.org.

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1998 requires institutions of higher education receiving federal financial aid to report crime statistics and provide safety information to members of the campus community. The following data has been collected and presented as per federal regulations:

Crime Statistics																					
		Murder/Non Negligent Manslaughter	Negligent Manslaughter	Sex Offenses Forcible	Sex Offenses Non Forcible	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Motor Vehicle Theft	Arson	Any Other Crime Involving Bodily Injury	Illegal Weapons Possession	Drug Law Violations	Liquor Law Violations	Stalking	Domestic Violence	Dating Violence	Rape	Fondling	Incest	Statutory Rape
Harry B. Ward Technical Center - 970 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901																					
On Campus	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Edward Milliken Technical Center - 375 Locust Avenue, Oakdale, NY 11769																					
On Campus	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Property	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Eastern Suffolk BOCES does not discriminate against any employee, student, applicant for employment or candidate for enrollment on the basis of sex, gender, race, color, religion or creed, age, weight, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, transgender status, military or veteran status, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition or carrier status, or any other classification protected by Federal, State, or local law. This policy of nondiscrimination includes: access by students to educational programs, student activities, recruitment, appointment and promotion of employees, salaries, pay, and other benefits.

ESBOCES also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. ESBOCES fully complies with all applicable rules and regulations pertaining to civil rights for students and employees (e.g., Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, §504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Dignity for All Students Act, §303 of Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001).

Inquiries regarding the implementation of the above laws should be directed to either of the ESBOCES Civil Rights Compliance Officers:

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
201 Sunrise Highway
Patchogue, NY 11772
631-687-3029
ComplianceOfficers@esboces.org

Associate Superintendent for Educational Services
201 Sunrise Highway
Patchogue, NY 11772
631-687-3056
ComplianceOfficers@esboces.org

Inquiries may also be address to:

Office for Civil Rights at the US Department of Education
32 Old Slip, 26th Floor
New York, NY 10005
646-428-3800
OCR.New.York@ed.gov