



2017 and 2018 Comparison of Uniform Crime Report (Drug & Alcohol Biennial Review)

Carl Albert State College Poteau is a residential campus; Sallisaw is a commuter campus site. As a result, most statistics on alcohol and drug violations correlate with the residential campus location in Poteau whereas these students are predominately under the age of 21 years and are living full-time in the college housing facilities.

During the 2017 and 2018 calendar years, CASC reported 44 total cases of alcohol and drug violations (34 alcohol and 10 drug violations). The use and abuse of alcohol was not the primary infraction identified in either calendar year; however, the numbers represent a significant decrease from the previous review during the 2016 and 2017 calendar years.

This decrease is due to increased random K-9 patrols in and around the dorms and parking areas; campus police office relocation with more foot patrols and improved monitoring capabilities, including audio and video camera surveillance. For additional safety, peepholes were added to housing dorm doors and outside lighting was added to dorm parking areas and the armory outdoor area. Campus police, residence life housing staff, and RA's have continually developed a better rapport due to student housing interaction during campus events and with the night foot patrols. Student Affairs and Campus Police work diligently as a team to keep students safe and secure. Based on spring 2018 Student Affairs housing exit survey, 100% of students that responded acknowledged CASC provided a safe and secure housing environment.

The CASC drug and alcohol policy has been followed in the strictest definition and students who are found in possession of drugs are immediately suspended from living in college housing facilities, are allowed to remain in classes, and are offered drug counseling options through Safe Colleges online or Stigler Health & Wellness (Poteau or Sallisaw locations). Alcohol still has a 3-strike policy with fine, counseling, and removal from college housing facilities options. Procedures are that all students found in violation of the CASC drug and alcohol policy are cited by Campus Police or designee, then addressed by the Student Conduct Officer and the Vice-President of Student Affairs (if requested by the student). Students have an appeal process through the Student Conduct Committee for any fines or suspensions they believe to be unjust. Based on the spring 2018 Student Affairs housing exit survey, 100% of students that responded understood the housing regulations on alcohol, drugs, and sexual assault.

CASC seeks to improve the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program by providing awareness and education tied to freshman orientation class through online Safe Colleges, yearly Drug-Free Schools Policy notifications, office and bulletin board prevention literature, and through several drug dog demonstrations coordinated by campus police through the Poteau Police Department, Leflore County Sheriff's Department, and a private K-9 handler. By focusing on education, awareness, campus and community partnerships, the college will strive to encourage students to realize the significance of drug and alcohol abuse and the results thereof.