



2019 and 2020 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 2019 and 2020 calendar years, CASC reported 41 total cases of alcohol and drug violations (29 alcohol and 12 drug violations). The use and abuse of alcohol was not the primary infraction identified in either calendar year; however, the total cases represent a slight decrease from the previous review during the 2017 and 2018 calendar years.

This slight decrease may be due to the campus police located across the street from dorms, additional audio/video camera surveillance in and around the dorms, baseball dorms, and parking areas, the pandemic creating periods of virtual learning only, and K-9 patrols, when necessary. For additional safety, new outside lighting was added to the Stivers Center, Stivers Center outdoor area and Hoffman-Wilson Building; all directly adjacent to several housing buildings. 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 F2019/S2020 Student Affairs survey:

- *99% of students that responded acknowledged CASC provided a safe and secure campus environment;
- *95% of students that responded acknowledged CASC provided a safe and secure housing environment;
- *94% of students that responded acknowledged CASC has adequate lighting in parking areas.

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 The Health & Wellness Center (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 F2019/S2020 Student Affairs survey:

- *99% of students that responded acknowledged and understood the CASC housing regulations on alcohol, drugs, and sexual assault.

CASC seeks to improve the Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program by providing awareness and education to all students through educational activities, prevention literature, Safe Colleges online training, and Student Right-to-Know and Drug-Free Schools Policy notifications. Freshman orientation classes receive and sign the Drug-Free Schools Policy and all students receive a reminder notification. By focusing on awareness, and campus/community partnerships, the college will strive to encourage students to realize the significance of drug and alcohol abuse and the results thereof.