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**NOTICE TO STUDENTS**  
**CONCERNING PENALTIES FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS**

A federal or state conviction for the possession or sale of drugs can disqualify a student for Federal Student Aid (FSA) if the conviction occurred while the student was receiving federal financial aid.

The chart below illustrates the period of ineligibility for FSA funds, depending on whether the conviction was for sale or possession and whether the student had previous offenses. (A conviction for sale of drugs includes convictions for conspiring to sell drugs.)

	<b>Possession of Illegal Drugs</b>	<b>Sale of Illegal Drugs</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> offense</b>	1 yr from date of Conviction	2 years from date of Conviction
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> offense</b>	2 years from date of Conviction	Indefinite period
<b>3+ offenses</b>	Indefinite period	

If the student was convicted of both possessing and selling illegal drugs, and the periods of ineligibility are different, the student will be ineligible for the longer period.

Further information regarding a drug conviction can be obtained by contacting the Financial Aid Office at (518) 562-4125.