

Front Range Community College Guidelines: Amendment 64 and Marijuana on Campus

Despite the passage of Amendment 64 the use, possession, sale, or distribution of marijuana (including medical marijuana and products containing marijuana) on any college owned or controlled property is illegal and against FRCC guidelines. You cannot bring it on any of these properties, smoke or consume it in the parking lot, or come to class or work under the influence.

Amendment 64

In November 2012, Colorado voters approved Amendment 64 to the Colorado Constitution that permits persons 21 years of age and older to possess limited amounts of marijuana, regulates the cultivation and product manufacturing facilities and retail sales outlets. In January 2013, Governor Hickenlooper certified the election results, and over the past year the Colorado legislature and local governments have been working on the specific regulations required in the amendment. One of the more highly visible elements is the establishment of retail sales operations that opened on January 1, 2014. Now under Colorado law a person age 21 or older can purchase and possess up to one ounce of marijuana. The law does not allow for public use of marijuana and local governments have been enacting local regulations as allowed in the amendment.

Federal Law and how it affects FRCC students and employees

Although Amendment 64 passed in Colorado, the possession and use of marijuana is still prohibited under federal law. FRCC is a public place (institution), and the public use of marijuana is prohibited under Colorado law, therefore FRCC students and employees should understand that possessing, using or selling marijuana continues to be prohibited on any FRCC campus or other college owned or controlled property, which includes any function authorized or supervised by the college and in state owned or leased vehicles. As a federally controlled substance, the use and possession of marijuana is prohibited by the Controlled Substance Act, CCCS policy, FRCC Organizational Guideline and the FRCC Student Code of Conduct, and is not permitted on campus. This includes medical marijuana and any product containing marijuana.

Additionally, as a college that receives federal funding, FRCC must abide by the federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act Amendments of 1989 and prohibit the use of marijuana. FRCC must also abide by the federal Drug Free Workplace Act which prohibits the unlawful manufacture, distribution, possession and use of illicit drugs and alcohol in the workplace. This includes medical marijuana.

FRCC Student Code of Conduct

“It is illegal to use, be under the influence, manufacture, possess, cultivate, distribute, purchase, or sell alcohol and/or drugs (illegal and/or dangerous or controlled substance, including marijuana) and/or alcohol/drug paraphernalia while on college owned or college controlled property, and/or at any function authorized or supervised by the college and/or in state owned or leased vehicles. For the complete FRCC Student Code of Conduct as it relates to the use and possession of marijuana, please visit the FRCC website at www.frontrange.edu/conduct/