Drug Violation Penalty Notice

The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (HEOA) requires schools participating in Federal student aid programs to provide to every student upon enrollment a separate, clear and conspicuous written note with information on the penalties associated with drug-related offenses.

A student who had been convicted of any offense under Federal or state law involving the possession or sale of a controlled substance shall not be eligible to receive any grant, loan or work assistance (Federal aid) during the period beginning on the date of conviction and ending after the specified interval period as outlined in the following table:

For *Possession* of a controlled substance, ineligibility period is:	**For *Sale* of a controlled substance, ineligibility period is:**
First conviction: 1 year	First conviction: 2 years
Second conviction: 2 years	Second conviction: Indefinite
Third conviction: Indefinite	

<u>A student may regain eligibility before the end of the ineligibility period if:</u>

1. **The student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that complies with such criteria as the Secretary of Education shall prescribe in regulations, and includes two unannounced drug tests.**

2. **The student successfully passes two unannounced drug tests conducted by a drug rehabilitation program that complies with such criteria as the Secretary of Education shall prescribe in regulations for purposes of No. 1 above…OR**

3. **The conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered nugatory.**