

What Hawk parents should know about Hilbert's Judicial Affairs Process?

At Hilbert, we are committed to the success of all our students. We want them to have the best educational experience possible. We want them to spread their wings, to be active citizens in a community of scholars, to develop their leadership skills, to learn the value of serving others, and to understand the importance of honor and integrity. We also want them to have fun, and to have good times that they will remember for the rest of their lives.

How can parents help?

- 1) **Tell your student what's not OK with you.** Yes, many of them are learning to be independent, but they still look to you for guidance. If you don't want them using alcohol or marijuana, say so, and be specific. "Don't get into trouble" sends a mixed message!
- 2) **Talk to your student about alcohol.** Perceptions of alcohol use are often inaccurate. In a recent study, over 90% of college students thought the typical college student had consumed alcohol during the previous month. In reality, only 61% of our students drank during that period. Furthermore, 25% of students report complete abstinence from alcohol. Abusive consumption of alcohol is not the norm, and intoxication never justifies or excuses disrespectful behavior or violence.
- 3) **Talk to your student about drugs.** Research shows that just two brief conversations with your student can reduce marijuana use for at least a year. For teens already using marijuana, this conversation can reduce use by up to 20%. **Hilbert College does not tolerate the possession or use of illegal drugs, including marijuana.**
- 4) **Talk to your student about sex.** Your student should understand that sexual activity and alcohol don't go together. Inform them that agreeing to sexual activity requires a sober "yes" from the other person and is not just the absence of a "no." Consent is very important and encourage your student to intervene in a safe way if they witness someone who is uncomfortable or in an unsafe situation.
- 5) **Talk to your student about values.** To be a member of this community means that one speaks out against injustice, and works diligently to help create a great living and learning environment for everyone. This does not require having any unusual skills or taking any significant risks. All it requires is compassion and caring in a world where it sometimes is easier to turn one's head and say, "That's none of my business. I don't want to get involved."
- 6) **Talk to us, and trust us.** We view parents as allies, and believe that together we can create student success. Let us know if you have a conduct-related concern. We will not always be able to give you details, particularly if another student is involved. Having said that, our first question for you often will be, "Who has your student told about this?" Most of the time, a situation can be most quickly resolved when the student affected by it brings it to our attention. Chances are we've dealt with a similar situation before, and we will bring our professionalism and experience into play in order to assist your student.