

## Policy on underage in the presence of active alcohol consumption

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Students under the age of 21 are not permitted in Goucher residences where alcohol is being consumed. If Goucher staff members have no reason to believe that a student was drinking alcohol while underage, but the student was found in the presence of alcohol consumption, the student will receive a Party Letter – a written message documenting the student’s involvement in the incident.

Party Letters are included in students’ disciplinary files, but are rarely required to be included as a disclosure for disciplinary record checks.

If a student receives multiple Party Letters in the same semester, or in consecutive semesters, the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students may take additional action – including (but not limited to) an alcohol violation charge and/or educational requirements.

For questions on this policy, please contact the Office of the Vice President and Dean of Students at 410-337-6150 or [deanofstudents@goucher.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@goucher.edu).