**Behavioral signs and Symptoms of Drug/ETOH Use**

**Psychomotor Changes**

• Stimulants speed up the body's motor activity

• Sedatives or narcotics slow down motor functions

• Hallucinogens may produce bizarre motor movements

• Marijuana delays reaction times, impairs eye-hand coordination, and creates unsteadiness

**Social Interaction Changes**

• Might appear as hostile, withdrawn from peer group, clubs, athletics (engaged in previously)

• Changes in social interaction vary from individual to individual,

• be alert to changes in the student’s usual patterns of interacting with others, especially when it varies greatly from baseline of behavior and functioning

**Speech Patterns**

• Stimulants create rapid, pressured speech patterns (may appear manic)

• Narcotics produce slow, thick, slurred speech

• Hallucinogens may produce nonsense, fantasy speech

**Personality Changes**

• Personality changes are the most difficult to specify

• Staff need to be alert to changes in the student’s usual personality traits or expression

• Personality changes due to drug use often are sudden and dramatic

\*Take note of personal grooming/hygiene changes also