



Policy

3570 Smoking on Campus

The intention of the Board is to ensure a safe environment for all. On any campus that permits smoking, the Board directs the Chancellor to work with the College President to regularly evaluate the number and placement of smoking areas. Smoking, including e-cigarettes, non-tobacco, plant based, synthetic, and smoking substitute products, is prohibited in all facilities and District vehicles and within 20 feet of all public building entrances.

The colleges and/or District office may develop its own smoking and vaping policy in the interest of the public health of our community in accordance with process provided in the District’s Administrative Procedure. On any campus that allows smoking, for safety concerns, the colleges and/or District office may temporarily ban all smoking from an entire site.

Selling or distributing smoking materials and tobacco products on District property is prohibited, with the exception that the campus Health Services office may offer an appropriate nicotine substitute such as patches, gum, etc.

It is the responsibility of all students and employees to observe this policy on each campus and District office.

References:

Labor Code Section [6404.5](#); Government Code Sections [7596](#), [7597](#), [7597.1](#), and [7598](#); Title 8 Section [5148](#)

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Administrative Procedure

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Each campus and the District office is responsible for designating the entire campus as a smoke-free space or limiting smoking to designated areas in accordance with California law. For each campus, the College President, after consulting with affected constituencies, will make a determination as to whether smoking will be permitted on the campus of the College. For any campus smoking determination that impacts the District office facility, the College President responsible for making the determination regarding whether smoking will be permitted on the campus will consult with the Chancellor, prior to making the determination. Any change to the smoking policy of a District campus or office location will be implemented beginning with the first day of the next semester, as indicated on the District’s academic calendar. Students enrolled at a designated campus and staff assigned to a designated campus or District office will be provided notice at least 30 days prior to the implementation of a smoke-free campus determination.

Smoking is prohibited inside any indoor area of any campus building. Smoking is prohibited within 20 feet of a main exit, entrance, or operable window of any campus building. For any campus or District office that permits smoking on campus, smoking will be permitted only in designated smoking areas located in accordance with California law.

The definition of “smoking” or “tobacco product” includes the burning and heating of tobacco products, other plant based, natural or synthetic products, or electronic smoking devices (ESD).

Smoking is prohibited in any enclosed place of employment on campus, including lobbies, lounges, waiting areas, stairwells, and restrooms that are a structural part of any building that is a place of employment.

Smoking is prohibited within 250 feet of a youth sports event. A youth sports event is any practice, game, or related activity organized by any entity at which athletes up to 18 years of age are present.

Following a careful review of environmental and fire safety conditions, each College President and the Director of Facilities, Planning and Operations may designate the entire campus as a smoke-free space.

Cigarettes, tobacco products, cigars, cigarillos, wrapping papers, plant based, other natural or synthetic products, and/or electronic smoking device paraphernalia will not be sold on campus.

References:

Government Code Sections [7596](#), [7597](#), [7597.1](#), and [7598](#); Labor Code Section [6404.5](#); Title 8 Section [5148](#); Health and Safety Code Section [104495](#)

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