2.29 TOBACCO USE

Last Revised: N/A

Policy Statement: Piedmont Community College prohibits the use of tobacco products in any college building, facility or vehicle. Tobacco use is allowed in designated campus locations (gazebos) with receptacles. Students and employees are required to place tobacco materials in receptacles located within the designated areas.

Purpose/Definitions: This policy provides guidance to students and employees as it pertains to the use of tobacco on College properties.

Tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, blunts, pipes, bidis, hookahs, chewing tobacco, dip, smokeless tobacco, snuff, or any other items containing or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products.

Tobacco use includes smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

Designated smoking areas are defined as the outdoor gazebos with smoking receptacles.

Approval Authority/Monitoring Authority: Piedmont Community College’s Board of Trustees has approval authority for this policy. The Vice President, Administrative Services has monitoring authority.

Procedure: Piedmont Community College restricts the use of tobacco products on campus. The College provides designated smoking areas (gazebos) on both the Caswell and Person County campuses. The gazebos contain receptacles for proper disposal of tobacco materials.

It shall be the responsibility of all PCC employees and students to comply fully with the policy.

Students who repeatedly violate this policy will be handled through the student disciplinary process.

Employees who repeatedly violate this policy will be referred to their supervisor. Repeated violations by employees will be handled through the appropriate employee disciplinary process.

Visitors, volunteers, contractors or other service providers who repeatedly violate this policy shall be asked to leave campus.

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