

2.29 Tobacco-Free Campus

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Policy: Piedmont Community College (PCC) prohibits the use of tobacco products on any College property and in any college building, facility, or vehicle.

Purpose/Definitions:

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The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to students, employees, and visitors regarding the prohibition of tobacco use on College properties, effective August 1, 2017.

Definitions

Tobacco products—items such as cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, blunts, pipes, bidis, hookahs, chewing tobacco, dip, smokeless tobacco, snuff, vapes, or any other items containing tobacco products or reasonably resembling tobacco or tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes.

Tobacco use—actions such as smoking, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

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

Procedure:

Section 1: Policy Enforcement

- 1.1. All PCC employees share responsibility to assist in the enforcement of this policy.
- 1.2. Campus safety officers will support employees in enforcing the policy and should be contacted for assistance when needed.

Section 2: Consequences to Violating Policy

- 2.1. Students who repeatedly violate this policy will be referred to the student disciplinary process (See PCC Policy 7.5 Code of Conduct).

- 2.2. Employees who repeatedly violate this policy will be referred to their supervisor and to the appropriate employee disciplinary process (See PCC Policy 5.19 Employee Disciplinary Policy).
- 2.3. Visitors, volunteers, contractors, or other service providers who repeatedly violate this policy will be asked to leave PCC property.

Legal Citation: [N.C.G.S. 115D-20.1](#)

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