

Sample Higher Education Campus Tobacco, Smoke and Vape-free Policy

Introduction

[Name of Higher Education Campus] cares about the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff and strives to create an environment that supports and encourages healthy living. We acknowledge that people who use tobacco products have a higher risk of many serious health conditions, including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, certain types of cancer, and premature death. We recognize that we can help improve the physical and mental health and wellness of our employees, students, and members of the community, by implementing and promoting tobacco, smoke and vape-free policies.

Definitions

The definitions for Tobacco Product and Vapor Product are per Oklahoma statutes. For the purposes of this policy, the following definitions apply:

Campus Property: means all facilities, grounds, vehicles, and other property owned, leased, rented, contracted, used, maintained, or otherwise controlled by [Name of Higher Education Institution].

Smoking means lighting tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, or other products for consumption.

Tobacco Product means any product that is made or derived from tobacco, or that contains nicotine, that is intended for human consumption or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, or ingested by any other means, including but not limited to a cigarette, cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, or vape devices.

Tobacco, Smoke, and Vape-Free Location means the use of tobacco in any form is prohibited, and the use of tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, or other products consumed in a smoked or vaporized manner is prohibited.

Vaping means using a device to heat, aerosolize, or vaporize tobacco, nicotine, marijuana, or other products for consumption.

Vapor Product means any noncombustible product that may or may not contain nicotine that employs a mechanical heating element, battery, electronic circuit, or other mechanism, regardless of shape or size, that can be used to produce a vapor in a solution or other form. Vapor Product shall include any vapor cartridge or other container with or without nicotine or other form that is intended to be used with an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of a solution, that may or may not contain nicotine, that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, or electronic device.

Applicability

- Unless otherwise specified, this policy applies at all times to every student, faculty, staff, visitor, vendor, and any other person present on campus property or at a campus-sponsored meeting or event.

Prohibitions

- We are committed to ensuring that our campus is a tobacco, smoke, and vape-free environment at all times; that means:

- No one is allowed to smoke, vape, or use tobacco products anywhere on campus property, indoor or outdoor. This restriction is in place at all times.
- No one is allowed to smoke, vape, or use tobacco products in personal vehicles while such vehicles are on campus property.
- The campus will not accept any sponsorship from a tobacco or vapor company and will not allow tobacco or vapor advertising or promotion on campus property and if applicable, at any off-site campus-sponsored meeting or event.
- No one (including students, faculty, and staff) is allowed to smoke, vape, or use tobacco products at any off-site campus-sponsored meetings or events.
- No one is allowed to smoke, vape, or use tobacco products in campus-owned or leased vehicles. This restriction is in place at all times.

Tobacco Cessation Support

- Individuals interested in quitting tobacco use may be referred to the [Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline](#) and other cessation resources, if available.
- The [Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline](#) (1-800-QUIT-NOW or [OKHelpline.com](#)) will be promoted to ensure awareness of the statewide services that are available.
- Insurance benefits and access to the following types of assistance with no prior authorization or out-of-pocket cost may be provided to the insurance holder:
 - Group, individual, and phone counseling
 - A minimum of four counseling sessions of at least 10 minutes each per attempt
 - Two quit attempts per year
 - Free cessation counseling is also offered by the [Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline](#) (1-800-QUIT-NOW)
 - All Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved cessation aids
 - Communicate and promote the available tobacco cessation benefits and insurance coverage for students and employees to all prospective students and employees, all new students at the time of orientation, all new employees at the time of hire, and all existing students and employees on an annual basis.

Implementation and Enforcement

- All students, faculty, staff, and visitors of the tobacco, smoke, and vape-free property will be notified of the policy by posting, at minimum, tobacco-free signs at the entrances to all buildings on campus property as well as entrances onto the campus, including outdoor areas.
- A copy of this policy shall be included in the campus policy manual, faculty and staff training materials, and student orientation materials. Students, faculty, and staff are responsible for familiarizing themselves with this policy. Compliance with this policy is mandatory.
- Any violation of this policy will be addressed in accordance with the campus' standard procedures; however, under no circumstances should enforcement of any section of this policy result in eviction, expulsion, or suspension.

Name of Higher Education Campus _____

Effective Date _____

Name and Title _____

Signature and Date of Signature _____