

Chapter 3 – General Institution

BP 3565 Smoking on Campus

References:

Government Code Sections 19994.30-19994.35, Section 7597.1

In an effort to provide a healthy, productive working and learning environment, the Board of Trustees will assure that:

- a. smoking will be limited to designated areas only;
 - b. the sale and advertising of cigarettes and tobacco products, in any manner, is prohibited on District property. The prohibition includes free samples distributed by vendor or event sponsors;
 - c. advertising and sponsorship of District events by tobacco companies will not be permitted; and
 - d. students and employees have access to information regarding programs that reduce tobacco product use or support cessation efforts.
- e. Vape cigarettes “vapes” and Electronic cigarettes or “e-cigarettes” that contains a lithium battery are prohibited on District Property.**

Violations of this policy may result in the issuance of a citation and will be subject to a fine. The fine shall be equal to the average fine levied for parking violations with repeat violations resulting in higher fines. Students may be referred to Student Life for discipline.

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Government Code Sections 7596, 7597, 7597.1 (AB 795) and 7598; California Health and Safety Code 119405(b); AP 6750 - Parking

For the purposes of this procedure, the following definition applies:

"Tobacco" is defined as any product containing tobacco, the prepared leaves of the nicotiana family, including, but not limited to: cigarettes, loose tobacco, cigars, pipes, or any other preparation of tobacco consumed in a manner that emits smoke.

Vape cigarettes "vapes" and Electronic cigarettes or "e-cigarettes" are defined as devices that can provide an inhalable dose of nicotine by delivering a vaporized solution. ~~These devices are sometimes known as "vapes."~~ Any electronic cigarette or vaping device that contains a lithium battery is prohibited on District property.

Designated Smoking Areas

These designated areas are for cigarette smoking only. No e-cigarettes or "vapes" are allowed anywhere on campus including the designated smoking areas. ~~Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes will be prohibited on District property and the use of e-cigarettes will be prohibited on District property with the exception of designated smoking areas.~~ Designated smoking areas can be found on campus maps and the College website.

Disciplinary Action

1. Violations of this policy may be subject to a citation and a fine, as allowed per Government Code 7597.1. The fine shall be equal to the average fine of parking violations as set forth in AP 6750 and enforced by Campus Safety. Students may be referred to Student Life for discipline.

2. Appeals Process:

a. Appeals may be submitted in writing within twenty-one (21) calendar days of issuance of the citation.

b. The Appeals Committee shall consist of one representative from each of the bargaining units, one District representative, and one student representative.

3. Failure to pay citations will result in:

a. Students – a hold will be placed on the student's account.

b. Employees – Parking permits will be held until fines are paid.

4. Repeat violations will result in an increase of 100% of the original fine, not to exceed \$100.

5. Funds collected from fines will be applied toward education efforts addressing the harmful effects of smoking, to support smoking cessation efforts, for the maintenance of designated smoking areas, and any other costs related to implementation.

Smoking Cessation Education Efforts

Information about free and accessible smoking cessation programs will be made available by the Student Health Center and available on the Student Health Center's web page.