

## Policy 6.09

### Smoking/Tobacco Free Campus Policy

Beaufort County Community College is committed to providing its employees and students with a safe and healthful environment. Beaufort County Community College also recognizes the use of tobacco products on campus grounds is detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff, faculty, and visitors. Beaufort County Community College also recognizes that it has the legal authority to prohibit tobacco use pursuant to G.S. 143-599.

Therefore, Beaufort County Community College has set the following tobacco free campus policy, to be implemented on August 1, 2010.

#### **Use of tobacco is prohibited by students, staff, faculty or visitors:**

- in all campus buildings, facilities and vehicles owned by Beaufort County Community College;
- on campus grounds and property owned by Beaufort County Community College:
- at lectures, conferences, meetings, social and cultural events held on school property or school grounds.
- For the purposes of this policy, tobacco is defined as any type of tobacco product including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, bidis, hookahs, smokeless or spit tobacco or snuff.

Beaufort County Community College also prohibits the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigs or e-cigarettes), personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS).  
**Implemented and Board Approved 10/7/14**

#### **Opportunities for cessation:**

- Administration will consult with county health department and other health organizations to provide faculty, staff, and students with information and access to free programs and services to help them abstain from the use of tobacco products.

#### **Implementation & Compliance**

- A campus committee shall develop a plan for communicating the policy with students, staff, faculty and visitors and will insure appropriate campus signage.
- Smoking waste management products such as ashtrays shall be removed.
- Visitors who repeatedly violate the policy shall be asked to leave campus

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- Staff and faculty who repeatedly violate the policy shall be referred to their supervisor and shall be given tobacco cessation materials. Repeated violations by staff or faculty can result in further personnel action.
- Enforcement of this policy for students shall include the provision of an oral warning for the first offense and a written for the second offense. The written warning shall be filed with the Vice President of Student Services. The record shall be purged three years from the date of the last incident. If a student is observed in violation of this policy a third time, he/she may be disciplined by the Vice President of Student Services as a violation of the student conduct code.

### References

**Legal References:** *Enter legal references here*

**SACSCOC References:** *Enter SACSCOC references here*

**Cross References:**

### History

**Senior Staff Review/Approval Dates:** *9/22/2014*

**Board of Trustees Review/Approval Dates:** *4/6/10, 10/7/2014*

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