

Revision Responsibility: Associate Vice President for Student Services
Responsible Executive Officer: President

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TCA § 49-7-135
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PURPOSE

To promote the safety and health of students, employees and visitors to the Columbia State campuses and property.

POLICY

I. Definitions

- A. "Tobacco products" include, but are not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe smoking, smokeless tobacco products (chewing tobacco and snuff), electronic and vaping products (commonly known as "e-cigarettes").
- B. "Smoking" is the inhaling, exhaling, or burning of tobacco products or unregulated nicotine products, including using any device or product intended to simulate smoked tobacco.

II. All campus locations

- A. There shall be no smoking or use of tobacco products, including the use of e-cigarettes, in any buildings or vehicles owned or leased by the College or otherwise located on the campus.
- B. The use of mouth tobacco products (including dipping, chewing) is prohibited in all College buildings, facilities, and college-owned or leased vehicles.
- C. The sale or sampling of smoking and tobacco products is forbidden on all property owned or controlled by the College.

III. Grounds and Open Air Areas

- A. Smoking or use of tobacco products is prohibited on all grounds and in all open air areas owned or leased by the College.

IV. Personal Vehicles

- A. Tobacco products are permitted in a personal vehicle legally parked in college parking areas. Smoke and tobacco products must be confined within the vehicle.

V. Enforcement Polices

- A. All members of the College Community are responsible for compliance with this policy. Violators of the smoking and tobacco use policy will be subject to normal administrative/student disciplinary/personnel procedures.

VI. College Awareness Plan

- A. The policy shall be published on the college website, in the student handbook, and in the policies and procedures manual.
- B. Prospective employees will receive notice of the policy upon their application for employment.
- C. Organizers/supervisors of events are responsible for informing prospective visitors of the policy.
- D. Periodic notices will be placed in other college publications.

VII. This policy is effective and enforceable on January 1, 2015.

Revised: November 20, 1990; August 30, 2002 (policy revised using new policy format); October 1, 2003 (deleted "smoking room in Jones Student Center" under Section I., Policy); June 28, 2005 (the president and vice presidents reviewed and revised policy to bring it into compliance with Tennessee Code Annotated 49-7-135; deleted Item V. "Smoking at all extended campus centers and sites is regulated by the organization that controls the facility." and renumbered remaining items; deleted the section on Procedures, "This policy will be widely communicated through standard institutional communication channels."); September 28, 2011 (Deleted Item V., new policy format and updated title); November 3, 2014 (Updated title and policy to include prohibition of e-cigarette and vapping products and to institute a College free from smoking and tobacco).