

West Virginia Northern Community College

Tobacco-Free Campus

Rule Number: NC-1006

Effective Date: November 15, 2012

Date Approved by WVNCC Board of Governors: April 26, 2012

Authority Reference: WV Code §18B-1-6; Title 135 Procedure Rule, Series 4, WV Council for Community and Technical College Education

Replaces previous rule dated: Tobacco-Free Environment Rule

Rule:

The College has a responsibility to its employees and students to provide a safe and healthy environment. In support of this responsibility, the College has established the following rule regarding tobacco use on campus property:

1. Tobacco use, which includes but is not limited to smoking, chewing, rubbing and the use of electronic tobacco devices, is prohibited on all college owned, leased or operated property, buildings and vehicles. This will include any public sidewalks within 25 feet radius of College entrances/exits. Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social events and cultural events, using college facilities will be required to abide by the College Tobacco-Free Campus rule. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating and enforcing this rule to attendees.
2. The sale of or free distribution of tobacco products on campus is prohibited. This includes the delivery of tobacco products to campus by means of delivery services of any kind.
3. Campus organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from tobacco companies. All tobacco advertising in public spaces, such as billboards and signs is prohibited. Accepting revenue for advertising tobacco products is inconsistent with the mission of this rule. Course learning materials which reference tobacco products, is acceptable, as long as the materials do not promote the use of tobacco.
4. Tobacco advertisements are prohibited in college-run publications.

Enforcement of this rule will depend on the cooperation of all members of the campus community, both to comply and encourage others to do so. Faculty, staff and students who see individuals smoking or using tobacco products are asked to inform these individuals in a professional and courteous manner that College rule prohibits tobacco use anywhere on grounds. Offenders are to be reported to the Chief Human Resource Office on the Wheeling campus and the Campus Deans on the Weirton and New Martinsville Campus.

Initial rule violations will be responded to with education. Repeated violations may be subject to appropriate disciplinary actions in accordance with the student code of conduct and the employee disciplinary action rule for faculty, administrators and staff. Visitors who violate the rule will be informed that WVNCC is a tobacco-free campus. Visitors who continue to violate the rule following a warning will be escorted off campus.