BP 5575  Smoking on Campus

References: California Government Code section 7597.1

It is the policy of the Hartnell Community College District to provide a safe learning and working environment for both students and employees. It is recognized that smoke from cigarettes, pipes, and/or cigars, vapor from e-cigarettes, and chewing tobacco are hazardous to health; therefore, it is the policy of the District to prohibit smoking and the use of tobacco on all college campuses and centers.

To enforce smoking and tobacco control regulations and procedures, the superintendent/president is authorized to:

- Set enforcement standards for all District sites and campuses;
- Impose a fine for a first, second, and third offense and for each subsequent offense, which shall not be greater than $100. Funds shall be allocated to include, but not be limited to, the designated enforcement agency, education and promotion of the policy, and tobacco cessation treatment options.
- Direct that the District post signs stating its prohibition of smoking and tobacco use policy on campus
- Inform employees and students of the tobacco use policy and enforcement measures.

See also AP 3570

Replaces old BP 2340
AP 3570 Smoking on Campus

References: California Government Code sections 7596, 7597, 7597.1 and 7598; Labor Code Section 6404.5; Title 8 Section 5148

1. The District’s No Smoking on Campus Policy will be broadly read to prohibit smoking and the use of tobacco inside any District-owned, or District-occupied building or vehicle, and to prohibit outdoor smoking on District-owned property contained on its campuses and centers, including parking lots and structures.

2. Notice of Policy
   a. Notice of the No Smoking on Campus policy will be published in appropriate District publications and in notices distributed to students, staff, and those renting District facilities.
   b. Appropriate signage also will be placed throughout the campus.

3. Prohibited use products:
   a. Cigarettes
   b. Cigars
   c. Pipes of all kinds including hookahs and bongs
   d. Marijuana
   e. Chewing tobacco
   f. Smokeless devices, sometimes called e-cigarettes, including non-regulated nicotine products

4. It is the responsibility of all students and employees to observe the policy and procedures on smoking.

5. Enforcement of Policy for Students
   a. All members of the campus community are encouraged to remind any person violating this policy and the possible enforcement thereof.
   b. Individuals refusing to comply with this policy will be reported to Campus Security.
      (1) Individuals reported to Campus Security, as well as individuals observed by Campus Security, shall be issued a citation for violation of Policy 3570.
      (a) The fine for smoking violations shall be $25, for the first time violator. If the same violator is issued subsequent citations the fine shall increase as follows: second offense $50; third offense $75. After the third offense a “Records Hold” will be placed on the violator’s school records until he/she meets with the Student Affairs Dean or his/her designee.
(b) First time violators may opt to enroll in an approved smoking cessation program within two weeks and upon proof of enrollment will have the citation dismissed. Subsequent violations will be at the progressive citation level.

(2) All fines must be paid within 21 days as specified on the citation issued. If payments are not received within the time specified a “Records Hold” will be placed on the violator’s school records until all fines are paid.

(3) All delinquent fines may be sent to a collections agency for processing.

6. Enforcement of Policy for Staff
   a. All members of the campus community are encouraged to remind any person violating this policy and the possible enforcement thereof.
   b. Individuals refusing to comply with this policy will be reported to Campus Security.
      (1) Individuals referred to Campus Security, as well as individuals observed by Campus Security shall be issued a citation for violation of Policy 3570.
         (a) The fine for smoking violations shall be $25 for the first time violator
         (b) If the same violator is issued subsequent citations the fine shall increase as follows: second offense $50; third offense $75 any subsequent violation to the third offense will be $75.
      (2) All fines must be paid within 21 days as specified on the citation issued.
      (3) All delinquent fines are automatically sent to a collections agency for processing.

7. There are two exceptions to this prohibition: the use of tobacco required in any production of The Western Stage, or its use in a scientific experiment supervised by a science faculty member.

See also BP 3570