



Smoke & Tobacco Campus Policy

Administrative Services

Policy Number: 4010

1.0 PURPOSE

Columbia Basin College (“CBC” or the “College”) is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning, living and working environment for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Columbia Basin College acknowledges the findings of the United States Surgeon General that tobacco use in any form, active or passive, is a significant health hazard. The College further acknowledges the United States Environmental Protection Agency classifies environmental tobacco smoke as a class A carcinogen. In light of these health risks, and in support of a safe and healthy learning, living, and working environment, the College establishes the Tobacco Product and Smoking restrictions identified in this Policy. The success of this Policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, consideration, and cooperation of the CBC campus community. Students, faculty, staff, and visitors are encouraged to share in the responsibility for adhering to this Policy in order that the campuses may remain a healthy place for learning, living, and working.

2.0 AUTHORITY & SCOPE

2.1 Authority: [RCW 28B.50.140](#)

2.2 Scope: All students, faculty, staff, and visitors on College Property.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

3.1 College Property is defined as including all CBC buildings, grounds, state-owned vehicles and equipment (motor pool, maintenance) including, but not limited to, parking lots, bus stops, recreational fields, and all open common areas within CBC’s Richland and Pasco campuses. This also includes CBC-owned property located within the city limits of Richland or Pasco that does not abut the Pasco or Richland campus.

3.2 Electronic Smoking Device or ESD is any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person in any manner for the purpose of inhaling vapor or aerosol from the product. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, e-pipe, e-Hookah, or vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

3.3 Hookah is a water pipe and any associated products and devices which are used to produce fumes, smoke, and/or vapor from the burning of material including, but not limited to, tobacco, shisha, or other plant matter.

3.4 Smoking is inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, Hookah, or any other lighted or heated Tobacco Product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. “Smoking” also includes the use of an electronic smoking device, which creates an aerosol or vapor, in

any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this Policy.

3.5 Tobacco Product(s) is any substance containing tobacco leaf, including but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, Hookah tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, dipping tobacco, bidis, blunts, clove cigarettes, or any other preparation of tobacco; and any product or formulation of matter containing biologically active amounts of nicotine that is manufactured, sold, offered for sale, or otherwise distributed with the expectation that the product or matter will be introduced into the human body by inhalation, ingestion, or absorption; but does not include any cessation product specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

4.0 SMOKE & TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

4.1 Prohibited Conduct

4.1.1 Except as otherwise expressly permitted below, the College strictly prohibits the following conduct:

4.1.1.1 Smoking and other uses of Tobacco Products on College Property;

4.1.1.2 The use, distribution or sale of Tobacco Products, including any smoking device, or carrying of any lit smoking instrument on College Property;

4.1.1.3 Tobacco Product advertising or sponsorship at College-sponsored events, or in publications produced by the College; and

4.1.1.4 The use, placement, or installation of ashtrays or smoking receptacles on any College Property.

4.2 Smoking Permitted In Certain Locations

4.2.1 The College strictly prohibits Smoking on College Property as identified in Section 4.1.1 except in the following locations:

4.2.1.1 Within personal vehicles;

4.2.1.2 General locations marked on the map located at <https://www.columbiabasin.edu/tobaccomap>; and

4.2.1.3 Any temporary location designated by the Vice President for Administrative Services. Designated campus locations will be identified with signage and usage of all specified products is restricted to a 10 ft. radius of that sign.

4.2.2 All permitted locations will be reviewed on an annual basis and may be updated accordingly.

4.3 Penalty For Violating This Policy

4.3.1 Violations of this Policy will be administered according to the Student Code of Conduct, Standards of Conduct Policy, CBC Washington Administrative Code (Title 132S WAC) or other College policy, as applicable. Visitors may be trespassed from College Property and subject to any other enforcement sanction.

4.4 Communicating the Prohibitions Identified in this Policy

- 4.4.1 Copies of this Policy should be distributed to all faculty and staff and be included with the information given to all enrolled students.
- 4.4.2 Signs prohibiting Smoking and the use of Tobacco Products shall be posted at prominent locations on College Property and communicate applicable restrictions and/or prohibitions.

5.0 FORMS & OTHER RESOURCES

5.1 Cessation resources are available for students, faculty, and staff interested in quitting tobacco use.

5.1.1 Students may call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for coaching to quit tobacco and/or vapor products. Other quit resources are available through the Washington State Department of Health – [How to Quit](#).

5.1.2 CBC employees receiving PEBB benefits have access to the Quit for Life tobacco cessation programs. More information can be obtained from the CBC Employee Benefits and Wellness Office by emailing: benefits@columbiabasin.edu.

6.0 HISTORY & POLICY CONTACT

6.1 **Originated:** 01/1989

6.2 **Revised:** 02/1998, 11/2002, 04/2006

6.3 **Proposal Date:** 08/02/2021

6.4 **Promulgation Date:** 10/01/2021

6.5 **Policy Review:** 10/01/2022

6.5 **Responsible Administrator:** Vice President for Administrative Services