

## Chapter 3 - General Institution

### AP 3565 Smoking on Campus

#### References:

California Government Code Sections 7596, 7597, 7597.1, and 7598; Labor Code 6404.5; Health and Safety Code Section 104495; Title 8 Section 5148

Mt. San Antonio College is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees, and visitors. Considering evidence that the use of tobacco and nicotine, as well as exposure to secondhand smoke and aerosol (commonly referred to as “vapor”) from electronic smoking devices pose significant health and environmental hazards, the College has established a smoke, vapor, and tobacco-free environment.

#### Definitions

“Smoking” means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, hookah, or any other lighted or heated tobacco, marijuana, or plant 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.

“Tobacco Product” means any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, and snuff.

\*Tobacco Product does not include a product, used as prescribed, that has been approved by the FDA for sale as a tobacco cessation product marketed and sold solely for such an approved purpose.

#### Provisions

The use of any form of tobacco, including electronic smoking devices, is prohibited on all College properties, grounds, and buildings within Mt. San Antonio College, including parking lots and in all College-owned and leased vehicles.

This policy and these regulations apply to employees, students, visitors, and other persons on College property as described above.

Such products will also not be sold or distributed on College property.

No advertising or marketing of such products shall be permitted on College property or in publications produced by the College.

## Notification and Education

The College has the responsibility of communicating this policy and procedure to students and staff. This procedure shall be communicated to all students and employees and published in the Schedule of Classes, Catalog, handbooks, website, and other appropriate locations on a continual basis.

Clear and consistent signage will be displayed at all entrances to the campus and centers, as well as other conspicuous locations, to notify the public that smoking and tobacco/nicotine use is otherwise prohibited on College property.

No cigarette urns will be placed on College property.

The College's Student Health Center will support and assist efforts to stop smoking by providing literature and referrals to the Kick It California Smokers Helpline (1-800- 300-8086/kickitca.org) (1-800-NOBUTTS).

## Enforcement

It is the responsibility of the administration to ensure compliance with this policy and procedure. It is the responsibility of managers and supervisors to inform their employees of this policy and procedure and it is the responsibility of all employees to inform the students.

Nicotine is an addictive product and it may take time for students, faculty, and staff that use tobacco to change habits of use. For these reasons, education will be the primary mode of enforcement with cessation program support during the first year of the policy. After the first year, access to educational and cessation resources will continue to be available. The College also retains the right to issue citations and fines per California Government Code Section 7597.1.

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