

General/Student Policy - Tobacco Free Campus

Philosophy:

Bismarck State College provides an atmosphere conducive to physical and mental well-being and supports the provision of services, including preventive programs, for a healthy and safe environment for its employees, students and visitors. To support this atmosphere, BSC is a Tobacco Free Campus.

Policy:

Bismarck State College prohibits the use of tobacco and e-cigarettes on campus property and sponsored off-campus events at all times. Tobacco usage includes all tobacco-derived products, including, but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, pipes, e-cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, smokeless pouches, and other forms of loose-leaf tobacco. This prohibition includes indoors, outdoors, and college/state vehicles. This policy applies to all employees, students, and visitors. This policy will be reflected in all agreements/contracts for use of BSC grounds and property. This policy will be communicated through sign announcements and handbooks.

“Campus Property” includes all property, both indoor and outdoor, that is owned, operated, leased, occupied or controlled by Bismarck State College including, but not limited to, all buildings, green spaces, athletic fields, parking lots, sidewalks, walkways and vehicles.

“E-cigarette” means any electronic oral device, such as one composed of a heating element, battery or electronic circuit, or both, which provides a vapor of nicotine or any other substance, and the use or inhalation of which simulates smoking. The term includes any such device, whether manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an e-cigarette, e-cigar, and e-pipe or under any other product name, or descriptor. “E-cigarette” also includes any component part of such a product whether or not sold separately. “E-cigarette” does not include any product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for legal sale as a tobacco cessation product and is being marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.

Prohibition of Tobacco Use, Advertising and Sales

Tobacco sales, industry promotions, advertising, marketing, and distribution are prohibited. Tobacco industry and related company sponsorship of campus groups, events, individuals, and departments is prohibited. This includes scholarships, sponsorship of faculty positions, and recruiting for employment. The college does not accept any direct or indirect funding from tobacco companies.

Students

For students, this prohibition does not apply to specific activities associated with the practice of traditional or cultural ceremonies by American Indians that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. sections 1996 and 1996a. Ceremonial use per-

mitted under this exception must be limited to the guidelines as stated in the Residence Life Handbook.

Information regarding tobacco prevention is available through the North Dakota Department of Health and the Bismarck Tobacco Free Coalition websites:

<http://www.ndhealth.gov/tobacco/>
<http://www.bismarcktobaccofree.com>
<http://www.breathend.com>

Employees

Information regarding a tobacco cessation program or other options is available through the NDPERS Wellness Programs website:

<http://www.state.nd.us/ndpers/insurance-plans/wellness.html>

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Responsibility/Enforcement:

Students

A student in noncompliance should be reported to the office of the Dean of Students.

Noncompliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action being taken through normal disciplinary procedures: [BSC Student Rights and Responsibilities](#)

Employees

Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that employees, students, visitors, and where applicable, contractors are made aware of this policy and that they comply with its requirements. Non-compliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action being taken through normal disciplinary procedures.

For disciplinary actions for staff, please see the North Dakota University System Human Resource Policy 25. Job Discipline/Dismissal

For faculty, normal disciplinary actions will be taken which could include Nonrenewal, Termination or Dismissal please see State Board of Higher Education policy 605.3

Reference:

State Board of Higher Education policy 917

History of This Policy:

Approved by the President's Cabinet November 8, 2005. Policy effective January 1, 2006.

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