

Bakersfield College Healthy Campus Initiative

100% Tobacco Free

Background

Bakersfield College is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees, students, and visitors. In light of findings of the U.S. Surgeon General that the use of tobacco products and the exposure to secondhand smoke are significant health hazards, it is the intent of this policy to establish a tobacco-free environment on grounds controlled by Bakersfield College.

Policy

The use of “Tobacco Products” is prohibited on all property and in all indoor and outdoor spaces controlled by Bakersfield College. The use of “Tobacco Products” is prohibited in all vehicles owned by Bakersfield College, and at any event or activity that is held on campus property. All Bakersfield College employees, students, visitors, and contractors are required to comply with this policy, which shall be enforced at all times.

For the purpose of this policy, “Tobacco Product” is defined to include 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, but does not include a cessation product specifically approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use in treating nicotine or tobacco dependence.

The sale or distribution of “Tobacco Products” or tobacco paraphernalia is prohibited on all property controlled by Bakersfield College.

No tobacco-related advertising or marketing shall be permitted on Bakersfield College property, at College events, or in publications produced by Bakersfield College, with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by Bakersfield College and which is lawfully sold, bought, or distributed on campus property.

Bakersfield College shall neither solicit nor accept any grant, gift, scholarship, sponsorship, or anything else of value from a manufacturer, distributor, or retailer, whose principle business is “Tobacco Products”.

Compliance and Enforcement

The College President will develop administrative regulations and procedures deemed necessary to implement this policy, including provisions for notification, signage, disciplinary consequences, complaint procedures and enforcement.

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The success of this policy relies on the consideration and cooperation of all Bakersfield College employees, students, and visitors. It is the responsibility of Public Safety and Bakersfield College employees to ensure the successful enforcement of this policy. Bakersfield College should consider including Bill AB 795 as a disciplinary consequence for individuals violating this policy. Any complaints or conflicts resulting from this policy should be reported via the policy procedures outlined by Bakersfield College.

Cessation

Bakersfield College is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees, students, and visitors. Therefore, students interested in ceasing the use of “Tobacco Products” will have the ability to access free cessation services. Bakersfield College employees should consult their healthcare provider for more details on quitting “Tobacco Products”. For additional, for help quitting the use of “Tobacco Products”, contact the California Smokers’ Helpline at 1-800-NO-BUTTS.