USE OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO-RELATED PRODUCTS

Student, employee, and visitor health is a primary concern of the Mendocino-Lake Community College District. Because of the clear evidence of the harmful nature of smoke inhalation and air contamination, the District, in accordance with State law, bans smoking/tobacco usage within all campus buildings and in college-leased and college-occupied buildings. The use of all tobacco and tobacco-related products is prohibited at all Mendocino-Lake Community College District properties except in the specifically designated areas. These procedures also apply to events held on campus by external agencies as defined by the Civic Center Act. Further, the use of tobacco-related products is banned in all College vehicles.

Tobacco and tobacco-related products include all of the following and anything similar:

- Cigarettes,
- Cigars and little cigars,
- Chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco, snuff, pipe and pipe tobacco,
- Any electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to a person inhaling from the device (e.g., e-cigarettes and vaporizers)

Designated tobacco and tobacco-related products use areas:

**Ukiah Campus:**
- The area marked between the Lowery Student Center and the Vocational Education and Technical Center
- The area marked adjacent to the public bus stop

**North County, Lake and Coast Centers:**
- The area marked adjacent to the parking lots

**Coastal Field Station:**
- The use of tobacco and tobacco-related products is prohibited on the entire property

Notification of the specifically designated tobacco and tobacco-related use areas will be published on the college website and all campus maps. The designated areas will be clearly marked and clear signs will direct users to these areas.

Implementation of the tobacco use policy will be the shared responsibility of every student, faculty member, staff person and visitor. Violations will be addressed via Board Policy 5500 and Administrative Procedure 5500.1 Standards of Student Conduct, Board Policy 302 District Code of Ethics, and Government Code 7597.
Reference: Government Code Sections 7596, 7597, 7597.1 and 7598; Labor Code Section 6404.5; Health and Safety Code Section 104495; Title 8 Section 5148

Also see Board Policy 3550 Drug Free Environment and Drug Prevention Program