

# SIERRA COLLEGE BOARD POLICY No. 3570

## Tobacco Use on Campus

Date Adopted:	5/14/1985
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References:	California Penal Code 626.4; Education Code Sections 76030, 87660 et seq. 88001 e), h), 88013, 88016; FUSE Classified Employee Collective Bargaining Agreement

Sierra Joint Community College District is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its students, employees, and visitors. In light of evidence that the use of tobacco and exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke pose significant health hazards, it is the intent of the District to establish a tobacco-free environment effective January 1, 2011. Additional benefits of a tobacco-free environment include the elimination of unsightly litter on College property and preparing students for an increasingly tobacco-free community. Students, employees, and visitors are strongly urged to commit to a tobacco-free College prior to 2011, but until that time the current policy (detailed below) will remain in force.

The use of tobacco products is prohibited within 30 feet of any building or similar structure, building doorway, window, overhang, or air intake vent, upon District owned or controlled properties. Use of tobacco products is also prohibited in all vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the District. Use of tobacco products includes the smoking of cigarettes, pipes, cigars, or other tobacco products, and the use of smokeless tobacco products (e.g. chewing tobacco) is strongly discouraged.

Students, classified employees, faculty, and educational administrators who violate this policy shall be subject to discipline according to collective bargaining agreements, Education Codes, Board Policy and California Penal Code. Others who violate this policy shall be deemed to have disrupted the orderly operation of the College and may be required to leave the premises.

See Administrative Procedure 3570; Board Policy 5500.