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 smoke pose significant health hazards, the District has established a smoke, vapor and tobacco-free environment.

The use of such products is prohibited upon all District owned or controlled properties. The use of such products is also prohibited in all vehicles owned, leased, or operated by the District. This includes the smoking of cigarettes, pipes, cigars, or other tobacco products or the smoking of any substance. The use of smokeless tobacco products (e.g. chewing tobacco) and the use of non-regulated nicotine or other vapor producing products (e.g. electronic cigarettes) is also prohibited.

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.

Additionally, those who violate this policy shall be subject to citation and fines per California Government Code section 7597.1

See Administrative Procedure 3570; Board Policy 5500.