

09.09.00 POLICY ON SMOKING AND USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

The College strives to maintain a smoke/tobacco free environment consistent with its efforts to promote wellness and a campus environment conducive to work, study and other educational activities for students, employees and the public.

To this end, smoking (burning, inhaling, or exhaling) of any kind from a lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette, hookah, weed, herbs, or any other lighted smoking equipment or electronic cigarette is prohibited in or on College premises, facilities or vehicles. Use of illegal tobacco products is prohibited. Use of any tobacco products is prohibited inside College owned, leased or rented facilities or vehicles. Improper disposal of tobacco-related products on College premises is also prohibited. College premises include all land, buildings, facilities and other property owned, leased or rented by the College, whether on a short- or long-term basis. This includes parking lots, and outdoor athletic facilities and seating areas.

It is the policy of the College to comply with requirements of the Smoke Free Illinois Act (410 ILCS 82/1 et seq.), the Smoke-Free Campus Act (Public Act 98-985), as well as with Section 5 of the Right to Privacy in the Workplace Act (820 ILCS 55/5) prohibiting employment discrimination against an individual because that individual uses lawful products off the premises of the employer during nonworking hours.

This policy will be effective January 1, 2015.