

1.9 Tobacco-Free Organization

Effective: March 2023

Objective

Amarillo College is a tobacco-free organization for the health and wellness of employees and students of the College. The tobacco-free policy applies to all employees, faculty, students, guests and visitors to any campus of Amarillo College. The East Campus Housing rental properties are exempt from this policy.

The use of **all** tobacco and vapor products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes, hookahs and vaping devices are prohibited **inside** any Amarillo College building.

The use of any **smoking** tobacco products including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes, hookahs and vapor devices is prohibited **inside and outside** on ALL Amarillo College property, inside buildings and facilities on all campuses and locations, including parking areas, parking lots, green spaces, sidewalks, and walkways near the perimeter of property owned or operated by Amarillo College.

The use of **all** tobacco products is prohibited in all vehicles owned or leased by the College District.

The use of **all** tobacco products is prohibited for all employees while operating any machinery or equipment.

These restrictions apply at all times, including after normal duty hours, on weekends and on holidays.

Enforcement

All employees and students of Amarillo College are expected to cooperate in the enforcement of this policy in an atmosphere of mutual respect and consideration, reminding students, faculty, staff, volunteers, vendors, and visitors of the prohibition of smoking and tobacco use at Amarillo College, as necessary. Violations by employees may be reported to the individual's supervisor and, if needed, steps may be taken consistent with other policies. Violations by students may be reported to the Office of the Vice President for Enrollment Management for potential action in accordance with Student Conduct and Responsibilities guidelines.

Appropriate signage shall be placed throughout the campuses of Amarillo College indicating the College's prohibition of smoking and tobacco use. Such signage or the lack thereof shall not limit or otherwise impact the ability of Amarillo College to enforce this policy.