



Tobacco Free Campus Policy

Williston State is a tobacco free campus; however tobacco use is allowed on city sidewalks and streets. Compliance with this policy is the shared responsibility and the right of all Williston staff, students, and faculty members. The success of this policy will depend upon the courtesy, respect, and cooperation of users and non-users of tobacco products. To report a policy violation, please contact Campus Security at 701.570.6699 and Student Affairs at 701.774.4200.

If you are ready to quit using tobacco or know someone who is, stop by the Counselor's Office where you can receive a FREE QuitSmoking Kit or QuitSpit Kit, packed with tools to help you on your journey to being tobacco free. NDQUITS also offers several FREE ways to help you quit, including Phone (North Dakota Quitline: 1.800.QUIT.NOW), Online ([North Dakota QuitNet](#)), and Mobile ([Access North Dakota QuitNet with your mobile device](#)).

Benefitted faculty, staff, and their dependents can access up to \$700 to help cover the cost of medications, a health care provider visit, and quit support through the NDPERS Tobacco Cessation Program (1.800.223.1704).

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Purpose

Williston State College's tobacco-free campus policy allows for a healthy working and learning environment. The purpose of this policy is to reduce harm from secondhand smoke, provide an environment that encourages persons to be tobacco-free, establish a campus culture of wellness, reduce health insurance and health care costs, and promote a tobacco-free future.

The 2006 US Surgeon General's report states that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Breathing secondhand smoke for even a short time can be harmful and set processes in motion such as cancer, heart disease, or respiratory conditions.

Policy

Williston State College shall be a tobacco-free campus. The use of tobacco is prohibited within college buildings, parking structures, walkways, arenas, in college or state fleet vehicles, and on college owned property, not otherwise leased to another organization. In addition to tobacco usage, advertising and the promotion of tobacco products

(including signs, clothing, jewelry, and accessories) and the acceptance of financial contributions and/or gifts (e.g. sponsorships, spears, etc.) from the tobacco industry is prohibited. (Certain college-owned properties have been leased to other organizations and are therefore not covered under this WSC policy. Tenants of such properties are encouraged to establish tobacco-free worksite policies for their own employees.) Otherwise, this policy applies to all faculty, staff, students, contractors, vendors, and visitors at all WSC sites. In support, WSC provides comprehensive tobacco cessation and prevention services.

The term "tobacco products" includes e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices, but does not include any cessation product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for use as a medical treatment to reduce and eliminate nicotine or tobacco dependence.

Responsibility/Enforcement

It is the responsibility of all campus community members, including visitors, to observe this policy.

All administrators, directors, department chairs, and supervisors will communicate the policy to everyone within their areas of responsibility.

Campus Security is responsible for determining policy applicability and will answer policy related questions.

It is the responsibility of the Counselor's Office and Student Services to provide information regarding tobacco prevention and cessation.

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Students

A student in noncompliance should be reported to the Office for Student Affairs. Noncompliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action through normal as outlined in the WSC Student Code of Conduct.

Employees

Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that employees, students, visitors, and where applicable, contractors are made aware of this policy and comply with its requirements. Noncompliance with this policy may result in disciplinary action through normal disciplinary procedures.

Please refer to the North Dakota University System Human Resource Policy 25. Job Discipline/Dismissal regarding disciplinary actions for staff:

<http://www.ndus.edu/makers/procedures/hr/?SID=44&PID=246&re=d>

Please refer to the State Board of Higher Education policy 605.3 regarding disciplinary actions for faculty:

<http://www.ndus.edu/makers/procedures/sbhe/default.asp?PID=55&SID=7>

Procedures

The policy will be communicated to all campus community members.

Education on the College's tobacco-free policy will be included in formal orientation for all incoming students and employees.

Sufficient signage will be posted to inform members of the campus community and its visitors, including contractors and vendors, of the policy.

History of This Policy:

Approved by Executive Cabinet August 26, 2013.

Policy effective August 26, 2013 and enforced on November 1, 2013.

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