



**Cochise College
Governing Board Policy**

**Category: Administration
Policy Number: 649
Title: Use of Tobacco Products**

Cochise College is committed to providing a healthy environment for employees, students, visitors and community members and complies with all applicable provisions of the Smoke Free Arizona Act. Tobacco use is prohibited in all college facilities, vehicles and all campus locations not designated as a tobacco use area. It is the policy of the college to provide employees, students and visitors with examples of healthy life styles, to reduce the effects of secondhand smoke and vapor to the greatest degree possible, and to assure the sanitary disposal of the by-products of smokeless tobacco.

**Procedure 649.1
Definitions**

1. Smoking: Inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted product or substance, including but not limited to cigars, cigarettes, e-cigarettes and pipes.
2. Tobacco: Tobacco products include but are not limited to cigars, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, pipe tobacco and chewing tobacco.

**Procedure 649.2
Designated Tobacco Use Areas**

The President or designee(s) shall designate tobacco use areas at each campus in accordance with the provisions of the Smoke Free Arizona Act.

**Procedure 649.3
Education and Awareness**

The implementation of this policy is augmented by an education and awareness campaign that may include but not be limited to:

1. Student educational campaigns employing classmates and colleagues.
2. Ongoing smoking and tobacco cessation programs provided in collaboration with smoking cessation providers to include but not limited to the Arizona Department of Health Services, the Arizona Smokers Help Line and Cochise Health and Social Services.
3. Informational presentations, postings and websites.
4. Notification of tobacco cessation resources available to prospective students and employees.

**Procedure 649.4
Communication of Policy**

1. Signs bearing the message “Tobacco Use in Designated Areas Only” will be posted at each of the College’s vehicular and pedestrian entrances.
2. Tobacco Use Areas will be clearly marked on campus maps and directories.

**Procedure 649.5
Compliance**

Adherence to this policy is the responsibility of all the college students, faculty, staff, contractors and visitors. Members of our campus community are empowered to respectfully inform others about the policy in an ongoing effort to enhance awareness and encourage a culture of compliance. Individuals in violation of the Use of Tobacco Policy may be subject to disciplinary action.