

Pellissippi State Community College recognizes the increasing weight of scientific evidence that smoking is harmful not only to the active smoker but also to the "passive" smoker who is exposed to others' smoke. Furthermore, the Center for Disease Control has reported that passive tobacco smoke cannot be effectively removed from the workplace by ventilation or by air filtration. Smoking is defined as the lighting or carrying of a lighted cigarette, pipe, or similar device.

As of August 6, 2007 smoking is prohibited in all college buildings and indoor facilities, campus grounds and walkways, and all areas where non-smokers cannot avoid environmental smoke. Additionally, smoking will not be allowed in any college vehicle. All campus entrances are to be posted designating the campuses as "Smoke Free" and designating areas where smoking is permitted. Please note that smoking is not permitted in private vehicles in non-designated parking areas.

Smoking will be permitted in the following areas only:

Hardin Valley Campus – Outer parking areas 01, 02, 03, 06, 08, and 09.

Magnolia Avenue Campus – Main Open parking area.

Division Street Campus – The lower Open parking areas

Blount County Center – The main Open parking area (gravel lot).

The use of mouth or smokeless tobacco (to include dipping, chewing, etc.) is also prohibited under this policy and is subject to the same restrictions.

The policy applies to the entire college community, including employees, students, and visitors. It is the responsibility of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to, enforce, and to inform visitors of the College's smoking policy. If a student continues to disregard the posting, he/she will be reported to the Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment Management. If a person continues to disregard the posting, he/she will be reported to the appropriate administrator.

CAMPUS AWARENESS PLAN The policy shall be published in the college catalog and handbook and the policies and procedures manual. Periodic notices shall be placed in other college publications and college wide e-mails.

Flyers will be posted on all bulletin boards and signs are to be purchased for all campus entrances, which will inform college visitors as well as students, staff, and faculty of the College's position on this issue.

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