

MiraCosta College is a tobacco/smoke/vapor-free institution. Smoking, vaping, or the use of any tobacco product is prohibited on all district property at all times. This administrative procedure applies to students, faculty, staff, administrators, visitors, and general members of the public. Students, employees, and visitors to the campuses of MiraCosta College are permitted to use tobacco products or vapor-producing implements in their personal vehicles only.

Because MiraCosta College is committed to providing a safe and healthy working and learning environment for all students, faculty, employees and visitors, smoking or the use of any tobacco product is prohibited at all campus sites. The use of electronic cigarettes or other vapor-producing implements is also prohibited.

This prohibition includes the use of all tobacco products, including but not limited to: cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff, hookahs, and an electronic device that delivers nicotine or other vaporized liquids to a person inhaling from the device (e.g., e-cigarettes and vaporizers).

District property includes both indoor and outdoor areas of property that is owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the district, including but not limited to: classrooms, offices, lobbies, lounges, waiting areas, stairwells, restrooms, walkways, sidewalks, lawns, athletic fields and viewing stands, parking lots, warehouses, storage yards, and district-owned or leased vehicles.

### Definition

Tobacco is defined as all tobacco-derived or containing products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes (e.g. clove, bidis, Kreteks), electronic cigarettes, smoke/vapor-producing implements, cigars and cigarillos, hookah-smoked products, and oral tobacco (e.g. spit and spitless, smokeless, chew, snuff).

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Assembly Bill 795  
Labor Code §6404.5  
Title 8, §5148  
Education Code §76033(e)  
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## Procedures

### 1. District Personnel Notices and Publications

Public Information staff prepares and arranges to post signs on all campus sites to notify students, employees, and visitors that smoking and/or using other vapor-producing implements is prohibited.

District personnel will publicize prohibition of tobacco products and vapor-producing paraphernalia in college catalogs, printed schedules, and other college materials, and may take additional steps to educate college constituencies on tobacco prohibition policies and procedures.

### 2. College Police Enforcement

College police will inform visitors, employees, and students of the district's policies and procedures prohibiting smoking and/or the use of other tobacco or vapor-producing implements. College police may warn or cite any person who is in violation of the tobacco/smoke/vapor-free policy. Visitor violators are subject to stay-away orders.

College police, depending on the circumstances of the violation, may report students who violate the smoking and/or use of other tobacco and vapor-producing implements policies to the appropriate administrator for disciplinary proceedings under Education Code §76033(e).

### 3. Tobacco products and paraphernalia will not be offered for sale in at any campus site.

### 4. No tobacco-related advertising or sponsorship shall be permitted on MiraCosta College property, at college-sponsored events, or in publications produced by MiraCosta College with the exception of advertising in a newspaper or magazine that is not produced by MiraCosta College and which is lawfully sold, bought, or distributed on MiraCosta College property.

The district offers the following resources for students, faculty, and staff who are interested in quitting smoking or the use of tobacco. As a fringe benefit, the district will pay up to \$150 of the cost of a stop-smoking program for permanent employees (one time only). Health services provides confidential individual counseling for students, and smoking-cessation information and referral. Additionally, students, faculty, and staff who are interested in smoking cessation are encouraged to explore the free services offered by the California Smokers Helpline at 1-800-NOBUTTS and [www.nobutts.org](http://www.nobutts.org).