



Tobacco-Free Environment Statement
Authorized by Campus President

The Charlotte Campus of Edison State College does not support the position that the use of tobacco is a right and intends to prohibit the use of all tobacco products on the campus, at all institution-sponsored off-campus events, and in all campus-owned vehicles as of August 24, 2009. Further, in recognition of the deleterious effects of second-hand smoke, the Campus intends to assert itself as a community leader to assure clean air and a healthy environment for all staff, students and visitors.

The Charlotte Campus will prohibit the use of all tobacco products on campus, at all institution-sponsored off-campus events, and in all campus-owned vehicles. For purposes of this policy, "tobacco use" means the personal use of any tobacco product, whether intended to be lit or not, which shall include but not be limited to smoking, as well as the use of an electronic cigarette or any other device intended to simulate smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco, including snuff; chewing tobacco; smokeless pouches; any other form of loose-leaf, smokeless tobacco; and the use of cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco.

The Charlotte Campus will also prohibit the sale of tobacco and the advertising and promotion of tobacco products on Campus. In addition, the Charlotte Campus will prohibit tobacco industry sponsorship of campus events, scholarships, faculty positions, employee recruitment, and College related business. This policy will eliminate tacit approval of under-age tobacco use and will lessen grounds and maintenance burdens. With the implementation of the tobacco-free environment, campus personnel will establish reasonable expectations and issue warnings to violators while offering active education programs.

Campus staff believe it is critical to educate students and prepare them for a future in which many employers restrict or prohibit smoking entirely. The Campus will provide free, accessible smoking-cessation information on campus and will publicize its availability.

Student violators will be referred to the Associate Dean of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs for disciplinary action, and College employees will be referred to their supervisor. Organizers and attendees at public events, such as conferences, meetings, public lectures, social and cultural events, using Charlotte Campus facilities will be required to abide by the Tobacco-Free Policy. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating this policy to attendees and for enforcing this policy.