



## TOBACCO-FREE ~~INSTITUTE~~ COLLEGE

Southeast Technical College Policy STC 714

### 1. Purpose

Southeast Technical College (STC) is dedicated to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive environment for ~~staff~~employees, students, and citizens. STC believes that education has a central role in establishing patterns of behavior related to good health and shall take measures to help its employees and students resist tobacco use. STC is concerned about the health of its employees and students. Therefore, STC shall promote non-smoking and non-use of tobacco products among its employees ~~and~~ students.

### 2. General Statement of Policy

Smoking and the use of tobacco and vape products are not permitted on the ~~STC campus~~ of STC.

The use of tobacco and/or carrying any lighted tobacco product by STC employees is prohibited on STC property. This includes all enclosed indoor areas under the control of ~~the~~ STC including work areas, employee lounges and restrooms, conference and ~~class rooms~~classrooms, hallways as well as STC grounds, parking areas, sidewalks surrounding buildings, and STC-owned vehicles.

~~Smoking and vaping are not permitted on the campus of Southeast Technical College (STC). In accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the no smoking policy would not apply to ceremonial and traditional rites.~~

### 3. Definitions

**Vape Product** – The term, vape product, includes any electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, or similar product or device and any vapor cartridge or other container of nicotine in a solution or other form that is intended to be used with or in an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic smoking device, or similar product or device.

### 4. Reporting Procedures

Enforcement of this policy is the shared responsibility of everyone at STC. All employees are authorized and encouraged to communicate this policy with courtesy, respect, and diplomacy, especially with regard to visitors. Violation of the policy may result in corrective action. Employees should report a violation of the policy to their supervisor or the President's Office. Students should report to their instructor or program advisor.

The Healthy South Dakota web site (<http://www.healthysd.gov/QuitTobacco.html>) offers cessation benefits/assistance for employees and students who want to quit smoking or chewing tobacco. Tobacco cessation information is also available from the South Dakota QuitLine's toll-free number 1-866-737-8487, or by visiting the Tobacco Control Program's website at <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/Tobacco/>.

## 5. Related Policies

STC 913 – Tobacco-Free Institute

## 6. Dissemination of Policy and Training

The policy is located on STC's website under Consumer Information – Southeast Tech Policies

### Legal References:

SDCL 22-36-2 Smoking in public place of place of employment prohibited  
34-46—14 Smoking in public or place of employment prohibited

### Board Approved:

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