

BOARD POLICY No. 604

TITLE: Smoking Prohibition on College Premises

DATE ADOPTED: August 17, 2021

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 17, 2021

SUPERSEDES: March 21, 2001

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Smoking on College property by any person, at any time, anywhere, is strictly prohibited. College property includes all College vehicles, as well as real estate owned by the College.
- 2. Rowan College at Burlington County recognizes the health hazards associated with smoking. These health hazards can have serious implications both for the smoker and the non-smoker. Enactment of this policy will promote the health and welfare of all individuals on campus and enhance the comfort of non-smokers, particularly those with health conditions aggravated by exposure to smoking.
- 3. The effect of this Policy is to prohibit smoking not only in all buildings, but also on all areas of College property. This means that smoking is prohibited on the grounds, playing fields, walkways, roadways, parking lots, in and around the perimeter of any building.

DEFINITIONS

Campus – property or facilities either owned, leased or controlled by the College to include all college buildings and facilities, any indoor area, or anywhere on College grounds. This also includes all College vehicles such as cars, vans, and trucks.

Smoking - the burning of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other matter of substance that contains tobacco, as well as the use of smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarette ("e-cigarette") devices, snuff, marijuana, or similar substances.

E-Cigarette, Electronic Smoking or Vaping Devices - an electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, or pipe.

Tobacco – all tobacco and tobacco-derived products intended for human consumption, including, but not limited to: cigarette, cigar, hookah-smoked products, clove cigarettes, beedis, kreteks, chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco and snuff. This definition does not include any product that



has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco-use cessation product.

Marijuana – the psychoactive dried resinous flower buds and leaves of the female hemp or cannabis plant (Cannabis sativa or C. indica) that contain high levels of THC and are smoked, vaped, or ingested (as in baked goods) especially for their intoxicating effect.

LEGAL AUTHORITY

This policy has been enacted in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 383, Public Laws of 2005, and codified in N.J.S.A 26:3D-55 et SCQ.

SANCTIONS AGAINST VIOLATORS

Any employee who violates this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action. Any student who violates the policy shall be subject to disciplinary measures in accordance with the provisions of the Student Code of Conduct. Other individuals, including visitors to the College, who violate this policy, may be asked to leave the College property. All violators are also subject to sanctions provided by applicable laws and regulations.

COMMUNICATION

Signs designating Rowan College at Burlington County as a smoke free campus will be posted. Additionally, signs requesting individuals to extinguish their smoking materials prior to exiting vehicles will be placed in each parking lot. This policy will also be placed in the College Catalog, Student Handbook, and other selected publications.

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