



SMOKE AND TOBACCO FREE CAMPUS POLICY

Administrative Division	Student Development
Policy Title	Smoke and Tobacco Free Campus
Administrative Office	Student Development Office
Effective Date of Policy	March 2010, Amended March 25, 2024

Purpose

A law banning smoking in public places statewide, the **Kansas Clean Indoor Air Act**, was signed by the Governor of Kansas March 12, 2010. In light of this legislation, the President’s Cabinet approved the Tobacco Free Campus Policy in 2010. It is in our best interest to have a healthy working environment and to protect our students, faculty, staff and campus visitors. For this reason, the policy was updated in March 2020 to include vaping. E-cigarettes pose health risks and contain detectable levels of carcinogens and toxic chemicals. These chemicals are also present in secondhand emissions. E-cigarettes are not a safe alternative to smoking, and there is no scientific evidence that they help smokers quit.

Implementation

This amended policy is effective March 25, 2024.

Definitions:

Tobacco Free covers all types of smoking products and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco) products.

Vaping refers to the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems or electronic smoking devices.

Restrictions on Smoke and Tobacco Use

All areas of the university premises and grounds are now smoke and tobacco free, unless exempted by the President.

The Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy prohibits the use of all types of smoking products and smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco) products, and electronic nicotine delivery systems (also known as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, and e-pipes) anywhere on university owned property. No vaping is permitted within the facilities of Kansas Wesleyan University at any time. This includes, but is not limited to, common work areas, auditoriums, classrooms, conference and meeting rooms, private offices, elevators, hallways, cafeterias, stairwells, restrooms, employer-owned or leased vehicles, and all other enclosed facilities.

Campus Visitors

Staff, visitors, and clients will be informed of the KWU e-cigarette-free policy through signs posted throughout properties owned and operated by KWU. All visitors, contractors and deliveries are required to abide by this policy. Any client or visitor observed using e-cigarettes on owned or leased premises will be asked to discontinue in a tactful manner.

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Amended Policy Approved by IDC: 3-25-24

Vehicles

The smoke and tobacco free ban also applies to any university-owned or leased vehicles, and any vehicles being used on university business.

Compliance

Compliance with the smoke and tobacco free policy is mandatory for all employees, students and visitors to campus.

KWU will assist students and employees who want to quit smoking or vaping by providing resource information to access smoking cessation programs and materials.

Any student or employee violations of this policy will be handled through the standard disciplinary procedure according to the respective university guidelines.