

## **2-27 Tobacco-Free Campus Policy**

College of The Albemarle became tobacco-free on March 14, 2007. The college further recognizes that it has the legal authority to prohibit tobacco use pursuant to North Carolina G.S. 115D-20.1. This policy is applicable to:

- All students, college employees, vendors and visitors
- All campuses, centers, and instructional locations—including the Owens Center/YMCA and all boardwalks, inside or outside buildings, on campus grounds including parked cars, parking lots, and roadways located on any college owned or controlled property.
- College locations where the facility is in a public area, the area immediately in front of the doors is considered tobacco-free.
- All college vehicles

For purposes of this policy, tobacco product includes cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, blunts, pipes, bidis, chewing tobacco, snuff, and any items containing tobacco, or reasonably resembling tobacco products. Tobacco use includes smoking, inhaling, chewing, dipping, or any other use of tobacco products.

It is the policy of the college that:

1. Use of tobacco is prohibited by students, staff, faculty, vendors and visitors while on or in any property controlled by the college.
2. The sale, promotion, or free distribution of tobacco products, including merchandise, on campus, in advertisements, or at events on college property, or college events located off college property is prohibited.
3. Implementation and compliance responsibilities are as follows:
  - a. The college ensures that appropriate signage and other physical indicators of the policy are provided.
  - b. Violators of the policy may be issued a verbal warning. Subsequent or more flagrant offenses will be handled as follows:
    - Staff and faculty may be referred to their supervisor and/or the Director of Human Resources. Repeated violations may result in further personnel action.
    - Students may be issued a Student Code of Conduct violation in accordance with the college's Student Code of Conduct.
    - Visitors may be asked to leave campus.
    - Vendors will be considered in breach of contract and may be asked to leave campus.