

# ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY BOARD POLICY

**Policy Number:** 702

**Subject:** Tobacco Free Policy

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Effective August 1, 2009 use of any tobacco product, including, but not limited to, smoking, use of electronic cigarettes, dipping, or chewing tobacco is prohibited on campus. This policy shall be enforced by the Arkansas Tech University Department of Public Safety.

"Campus" means all property, including buildings and grounds that are owned or operated by Arkansas Tech University.

"Electronic cigarette" (also known as "e-cig" or "e-cigarette") means a battery or USB powered device containing a nicotine-based liquid that is vaporized and inhaled, used to simulate the experience of smoking tobacco.

"Smoking" as that term is used in this policy means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any:  
(A) Lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, and pipe tobacco; and  
(B) Other lighted combustible plant material.

"Student" as that term is used in this policy means an individual enrolled in a credit or noncredit course at Arkansas Tech University.

## **1. Student discipline**

Students who violate this policy shall be disciplined as follows:

- (a) First Offense - Written warning.
- (b) Second Offense - Six months probation as defined in the Student Code of Conduct.
- (c) Third and subsequent Offenses - \$50.00 fine.

## **2. Employee discipline**

Employees who violate this policy shall be disciplined as follows:

- (a) First offense - written warning
- (b) Second offense - Written reprimand placed in personnel folder
- (c) Third and subsequent Offenses - \$50.00 fine

## **3. Visitors/independent contractor discipline**

Visitors or employees of independent contractors who violate this policy shall be disciplined as follows:

- (a) First offense - written warning
- (b) Second offense - banned from campus

Students may appeal their sanction pursuant to the terms of the Student Code of Conduct. All others may appeal the sanction imposed pursuant to this policy by submitting a written appeal to the Human Resources Committee within five calendar days of the infraction.

Pursuant to Act 734 of 2009, beginning August 1, 2010, any person who smokes on campus shall in addition to the penalties set forth above, be guilty of a violation and upon conviction in Russellville District Court, shall be punished by a fine of not less than (\$ 100) one hundred dollars nor more than (\$500) five hundred dollars.