



**POLICY STATEMENT**

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**SUBJECT: TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS**

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**I. PURPOSE**

Act 211 of the 2013 Louisiana State Legislative session directs all public post-secondary educational institutions to develop smoke-free policies for its campuses by August 01, 2014. In accordance with Act 211 and La. R.S. 40:133.263, Louisiana State University Shreveport has adopted this policy to provide guidelines for the implementation of the prohibition of tobacco use on the campus of LSU Shreveport.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

**Electronic Smoking Devices:** Defined as any product containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that can be used by a person to simulate smoking through inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the product, the term includes any device manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an electronic cigarette (e-cigarette), personal vaporizer (PV) or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS), vape pen, or under any other product name or descriptor.

**Secondhand Smoke:** Smoke emitted from lighted, smoldering, or burning tobacco when the smoker is not inhaling, smoke emitted at the mouthpiece during puff-drawing, and smoke exhaled by the smoker. This applies to the aerosol produced from electronic smoking devices.

**Smokeless Tobacco:** Tobacco products consumed orally in a manner other than smoking including, but not limited to: spit, dip, snuff, chew, and orbs.

**Smoking:** Inhaling, exhaling, burning, carrying, or possessing any lighted tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, and any other lighted combustible plant material. Smoking also includes the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking.

**Student Organizations:** Societies, clubs, or the like which are formed because of the special interest of any particular group of students.

**Tobacco-free:** The prohibition on the use of tobacco derived or containing products including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, pipes, hookah-smoked products, and smokeless tobacco products.

**Tobacco Products:** Cigarettes, cigars, pipes or the use of chewing or spit tobacco, electronic smoking devices (i.e., e-cigarettes, vapor emitting), or the use of any other oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking and or use of other tobacco products.

**Tobacco-related:** Applies to the use of a tobacco brand or corporate name, trademark, logo, symbol, motto, selling message, recognizable pattern or colors, or any other indicia of product identical to, or similar to, or identifiable with, those used for any brand of tobacco products or company which manufactures tobacco products.

**University-managed Property:** Property or facilities either owned, leased, or controlled by the University or its related entities, including campus parking lots and Pilots Pointe Apartments.

**University Organizations:** Institutionalized organizations for students and/or staff that receive funding directly from the University, and which are coordinated or directed by University staff.

### III. POLICY

LSU Shreveport strives to provide a healthy environment for faculty, staff, students, and visitors. Smoking and tobacco use has been proven to be the leading cause of preventable death in the United States and is a proven health and safety hazard, to both the smoker and non-smoker. LSUS recognizes the hazards caused by second-hand smoke (including aerosol and vapor) exposure, consequently this policy applies to the use of all tobacco products. The University has determined that:

1. The use of any tobacco product in any form (which includes, but it not limited to: smoking, smokeless, and vapor emitting) is prohibited effective August 01, 2014.
2. This prohibition applies to all students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors on all LSU Shreveport University-managed property.
3. The use of tobacco products is prohibited at all times:
  - a. In all interior spaces of the LSUS campus;
  - b. On all outside property or grounds of the LSUS campus;
  - c. In all indoor and outdoor athletic facilities;
  - d. In all vehicles leased, owned, and maintained by LSUS, including, but not limited to: physical plant vehicles, Campus Security vehicles, buses/cars/trucks used to transport students, faculty, staff, and/or visitors on University business.
4. All tobacco industry promotions, advertising, marketing, distribution, and programs or events that promote the sampling and/or sale of tobacco products and tobacco-related merchandise (including logo-containing items) in any format are prohibited on all University property and university and student organizations/group sponsored events.
5. LSUS university organizations and student organizations are prohibited from accepting money or gifts from tobacco companies.
6. All organizers and attendees at campus events will be required to abide by the LSUS Tobacco-Free Campus Policy. University offices responsible for reserving facilities shall be responsible for informing organizers of events. Organizers of such events are responsible for communicating the policy to attendees and for enforcing it.
7. Littering the remains of tobacco products on campus is also prohibited.

#### **IV. APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all members of the University community including, but not limited to: faculty, staff, students, volunteers, trainees, supplemental staff employed through contract agencies, or outside trade unions, guests, and visitors.

#### **V. POLICY COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

The policy will be referenced in the Faculty/Staff Handbook and the Student Handbook. Violations of University policies are subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

##### Complaint Reporting Procedures for Students/Faculty/Staff

It is the responsibility of the immediate supervisor to facilitate and enforce compliance among employees under their supervision or contact managers to ensure that contractors comply with the policy. All LSUS employees are encouraged to report those in violation of the LSUS Tobacco-Free Campus policy.

##### Consequences of Violations

Student violations will be addressed by the Dean of Students in the Office of Student Development and may include referral to resources, such as counseling or the Louisiana Quitline (1-800-QuitNow; [www.quit-withusla.org](http://www.quit-withusla.org)), or to Student Advocacy and Accountability for adjudication; staff violations will be addressed by appropriate supervisors; faculty violations will be addressed by Program/Department Heads. Faculty and staff violations may also be referred to the Office of Human Resource Management for potential admission in the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

##### Visitor Violations


1. Offices responsible for reserving facilities will establish procedures for enforcing policy when violations involve visitors who are participating in events associated with their office.
2. Complaints about campus visitor violators shall be brought to the attentions of the office responsible for the event.
3. Visitors found in violation of the policy will be requested to comply. Those who do not comply will be asked to leave campus.
4. Repeat violators may be banned from campus.

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**VI. POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW**


The Alcohol and Drug Prevention Task Force will conduct a biennial review of this policy and report updates in the Drug-Free Schools and Campuses Act Biennial Review.

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