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Policy: Campus Smoking Policy  
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### **CAMPUS SMOKING POLICY**

Sullivan County Community College's goal is to become a totally smoke-free campus. The new policy establishes Phase I of more stringent guidelines for students, faculty and staff smoking on campus.

During Phase I the College will try to accommodate the smokers and the others that do not even want to come into contact with second-hand smoke.

The policy calls for courtesy, respect and cooperation among all members of the community. Acceptance of the new smoking policy is going to be a culture change.

**The biggest difference outlined in the policy is:**

- **The courtyard area on the upper level of the campus will be designated as a "SMOKE-FREE" area. There will be no smoking allowed in the courtyard.**
- **A new 20-40 foot, smoke-free buffer zone around the rest of the campus. These areas will be clearly marked with signs indicating that members of the campus community won't be permitted to smoke in those areas.**
- **There will be designated smoking areas, complete with self-extinguishing ashtrays, near each area. Those who smoke are requested to use them so that a clean and visually attractive campus is maintained**

### **Smoking Cessation**

The College recognizes that individuals may need help to quit or refrain from smoking. In this regard, assistance with smoking cessation and prevention education is available through the Sullivan County Tobacco Free Coalition. This is a funded partnership, of the New York State Department of Health Tobacco Control Program. The goal of the coalition is to "de-normalize" tobacco usage, by using evidence based strategies to educate, mobilize and engage the community in efforts to reduce tobacco usage and

promote cessation. The coalition also works to promote the service of the Smoker's Quitline. The "Quitline" provides cessation counseling to those quitting tobacco usage. The toll free number is 1-866-697 8487.

### **Continuation of the Current Policy**

Smoking is prohibited in all indoor locations including but not limited to:

- classrooms, lecture halls, auditoriums and libraries;
- laboratories, shops, computer rooms and studios;
- offices, meeting rooms and dining areas;
- lounges and rest rooms;
- lobbies, foyers, and waiting rooms;
- hallways, stairwells and elevators;
- maintenance areas, mechanical and storage rooms, loading dock and garages;
- field house and physical activity centers;
- library and theater
- residence hall