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Nichols College Smoking Policy

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Nichols College is committed to the health and well-being of all students, faculty, staff, and guests. Through the smoking policy presented below, the College strives to promote the well-being of the campus community.

For the purpose of this policy, the following terms referenced throughout are defined as:

Smoking: the act of inhaling and exhaling the fumes of a burnt plant material

Vaping: the act of inhaling and exhaling the vapor produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device.

Vape/vaporizer pen: a battery powered device consisting of a cartridge with a heating element that produces vapor from any variety of substances including but not limited to, nicotine, cannabinoids, THC oil, dried plant material etc.

Vapor: a substance diffused or suspended in the air

Smoking/vaping is strictly prohibited inside any Nichols College owned building including academic buildings, administrative buildings, athletic facilities, or residence halls. This includes the use of e-cigarettes, hookahs, and vaping paraphernalia. Any individual who chooses to smoke/vape **must be more than 25 feet from any building**. *Note, smoking of marijuana/THC substances etc. are not permitted anywhere on the Nichols College campus. Please see the Nichols College Drug Policy for full policy information.

Individuals who are seen not adhering to the aforementioned guidelines will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for **9.f. Smoking/vaping in any College-owned building, including residence halls and/or smoking within 25 feet of a building**.

In the event that an individual causes the evacuation of a building due to vaping/smoking in a College-owned building by setting of a fire alarm, they will be referred to the Office of Community Standards for **9.b. Causing the evacuation of a building**

Possible Sanctions

Students found responsible for violating the Nichols College Smoking Policy are subject to the following sanctions:

Student Status Sanctions: Written Warning to Suspension from Nichols College

Housing Sanctions: Deferred Removal from Housing to Permanent Loss of Housing

Restriction Sanctions: Weekend Suspension
No Trespass from Residence Halls
Social Restriction

Other Sanctions: In certain circumstances, an individual may be assessed a Fine. Educational sanctions may also be given.

Restitution: The Dudley Fire Department routinely assesses bills to the College for responding to malicious fire alarms. In the event that an individual causes the evacuation of any College-owned building due to smoking/vaping, any cost assessed to Nichols College from the Fire Department will be charged to the Student's account directly for repayment.