Use of Tobacco

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes which state:

“The people of Oregon find that because the smoking of tobacco creates a health hazard to those present in confined places, it is necessary to reduce exposure to tobacco smoke by requiring non-smoking areas in certain places,” and “No person shall smoke or carry lighted smoking instrument in a public place except in areas designated as smoking areas . . .”

and since these policies apply to all “public places” in Oregon and educational facilities come within the definition of a public place, the Columbia Gorge Community College Board of Education adopts the following policy:

The Board finds that the smoking of tobacco creates a health hazard to those present in confined places. Most activities in Columbia Gorge facilities require people to remain in confined places for lengthy period of time. The choice to smoke should not interfere with the rights of others to breathe air free of smoke and its harmful effects.

Therefore, no person shall smoke, use smokeless tobacco or carry any lighted smoking instrument in any place on the college campus, except in designated areas. Designated smoking areas will be clearly signed and their location established by the college President.

The following areas have been designated as smoking/tobacco permitted areas at The Dalles Campus:

- Parking lots
- Inside your vehicle

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 192.710
ORS 341.290 (2)
ORS 433.850
ORS 341.290 (2)