

Clean Air De Anza

Building Towards A Healthier Campus for All

Do you want a healthier, cleaner, and more environmentally friendly De Anza campus? Learn more about why De Anza should adopt a 100% smoke and tobacco-free policy.

Why do people support smoke and tobacco-free campuses? To reduce toxic secondhand smoke and vape so everyone can breathe healthier air. To support people who want to quit using tobacco. To reject tobacco industry targeting of young adults, communities of color, and LGBTQ+ communities. To be more accessible for people with health issues like asthma.

What's the trend?

These campuses are already 100% smoke and tobacco-free, including no vaping:

- **59** of California's 115 community college campuses
- **All** 10 UC and 23 CSU campuses
- **2,100** college/university campuses in the U.S.

100% smoke and tobacco-free means: smoking, vaping, all other forms of tobacco use, and marijuana smoking and vaping are not allowed anywhere indoors and outdoors on campus.



Isn't De Anza already smoke-free?

No, not yet. In 2012, De Anza adopted a policy that prohibits smoking and vaping inside campus buildings and in most - but not all - outdoor areas of campus. Smoking and vaping is still allowed in these parking lots: Staff Lot A, Parking Lot B, and Parking Lot E. Check out De Anza's smoking policy at www.deanza.edu/policies/smoking.html

How does De Anza compare? We've fallen behind. Sadly, De Anza's current smoking policy gets only a C grade in the 2021 College and University Smoke/Tobacco-Free Policy Report Card. **We can do better.**

The current policy was a good step forward in 2012, but now the policy is out of date and far behind other California community colleges. It's time to strengthen the policy to better protect the health of our campus community. **De Anza deserves to breathe smoke-free air.**

What's the problem at De Anza?

Exposure to secondhand smoke and vape is common. A 2019 survey of De Anza students, faculty and staff found that **69% were exposed to secondhand smoke** and **70% were exposed to secondhand vape** on campus. 15% of respondents had an allergy or sensitivity—like asthma—that's triggered by breathing secondhand smoke or vape. Students, faculty, and staff who have health issues should not have to risk their health to come to school or work.

Awareness about De Anza's smoking policy is low. It turns out **only 25%** of respondents knew the right information about our policy: **smoking and vaping is only allowed in campus in parking lots.** Another troubling fact? 10% of respondents think it's okay to vape *inside* campus buildings, even though that's prohibited by both campus policy *and* state law.

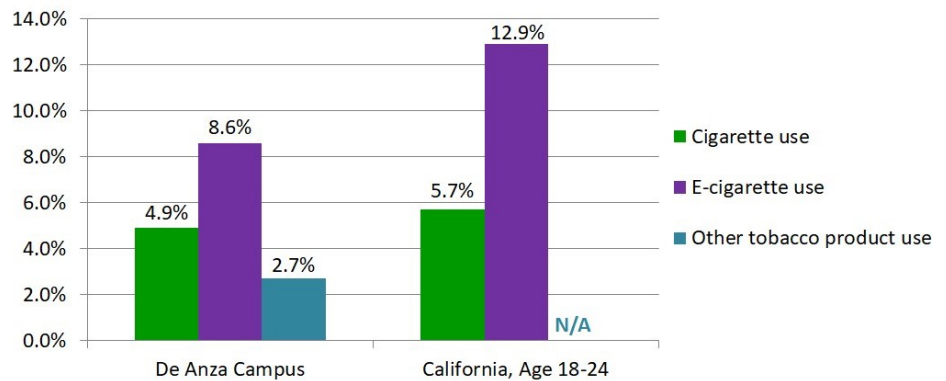


What does tobacco use look like at De Anza?

Good news: Less than **5%** of De Anza respondents smoked cigarettes, and **8.6%** used e-cigarettes.

Compared to tobacco use rates by Californians age 18–24, De Anza respondents' **e-cigarette use rate was 40% lower** than the statewide rate, and **cigarette use rate was 15% lower** than the statewide rate.

Tobacco Use at De Anza vs. California, 2019



Is there support for a stronger campus policy?

Yes! Two-thirds of survey respondents support strengthening De Anza's policy to either not allow smoking and vaping everywhere on campus or everywhere on campus except for one designated smoking area. **Let's make it happen!**

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Our Goal: We are a team of student leaders who are fighting back and protecting the next generation by advocating for a 100% smoke and tobacco-free De Anza campus.

Our Vision: Adopt and enforce a 100% smoke and tobacco-free policy at De Anza to protect the health of all students, faculty, staff and others in our campus community.

What have we done so far? We have taken many actions to educate our campus community and build support for adopting a stronger policy. We've had some very important successes: the DASB Senate adopted a resolution of support for a 100% smoke and tobacco-free policy in January 2021, and the Academic Senate adopted a resolution of support in November 2018. We also have signed letters of support from many student clubs.

What's next? We are working to educate the Classified Senate, and we will take our desire for a stronger policy to the College Council and then to the Foothill–De Anza District Board of Trustees, who can officially adopt a stronger policy.



How You Can Help

Want to show your support? Sign the petition to support making De Anza a 100% smoke and tobacco-free campus! **Students, faculty, staff, and others can sign the petition** at bit.ly/3iqVEhs

Want to get involved? Join our Clean Air De Anza team of student leaders who are educating the community about the need for a tobacco-free campus and are working to make change. **Fill out an application** at linktr.ee/bacr_api_chat

