

FHDA Smoking Policy Survey, Fall 2010

The Smoking Policy Survey was emailed to people who had an affiliation with Foothill College and/or De Anza College during Fall Quarter, 2010. A total of 7,441 people responded to the survey online.

Important highlights include:

- 58% of respondents were from De Anza College, 41% from Foothill College, and 1% from Central Services.
- 92% of respondents were students, 5% faculties, and 3% Classified Employees/ Supervisors.
- 44% of respondents were between the ages of 18-24m; 19% between 25-32; 33% were age 33 or older; and 3% were 17 or younger.
- 56% of respondents were female, 43% male, and 1% declined to state.
- 68% of respondents had never been smoker/tobacco users; 18% were a former smoker/tobacco user; 9% smoked/used tobacco including hookah, cigars, or pipes occasionally; 4% smoked/used tobacco daily, and 1% used smokeless tobacco.
- 74% of respondents had never used cigarettes within the last 30 days; 4% used all 30 days; 3% used 1-2 days; 1% used each 3-5 days; 6-9 days, 10-19 days; and 15% had used, but not in the last 30 days.
- Only 28% of respondents knew that Health Services at Foothill College and De Anza College currently have a tobacco cessation program, which provides free nicotine replacement products, along with one-on-one counseling.
- 29% of respondents occasionally encountered second-hand smoke on campus, 13% never; 21% rarely; 19% 1-2 times daily; 10% 3-4 times daily, and 8% more than 5 times daily.
- 52% of respondents reported second-hand smoke irritated their eyes or nose, 7% had asthma or lung disease, 7% were allergic to smoke, and 31% reported that smoke does not bother them.
- 58% of respondents selected that they want the campus to be 100% smoke-free (no smoking anywhere on campus, including parking lots); 25% selected “no”, and 17% selected “no opinion”.

Responses by Campus Highlights include:

- 22% of Foothill respondents reported they never encounter, and 29% rarely encounter second-hand smoke on campus, while these percentages correspondingly are 7% and 15% for De Anza respondents.
- 69% of Foothill respondents believe that a smoke-free campus policy reduces smoking on campus, while this amount is 53% for De Anza respondents.
- 23% of Foothill respondents think the smoke-free campus policy is “not enforced at all” at college, while this percentage is 36% for De Anza respondents.
- 59% of Foothill respondents reported the campus needs better or clearer signs to assist smokers in knowing which parking lots, and/or areas are designated as being allowed to smoke there, while this percentage is 72% for De Anza respondents.

Responses by Student/Employee highlights include:

- 26% of students reported they know that Health Services at Foothill College and De Anza College currently have a tobacco cessation program, while 53% of employees reported knowing.
- 14% of students stated they never encounter second-hand smoke on campus, while 5% of employees reported they never encounter second-hand smoke on campus.
- 29% of students reported that the smoke-free campus policy is not enforced at all, while 48% of employees reported the smoke-free campus policy is not enforced at all.