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COMPREHENSIVE POLICY ON CAMPUS FOOD SECURITY, SUSTAINABILITY, AND INCLUSIVITY
Effective Date: 2023
Responsible Offices: Safety Office, Human Resource Management Office (HRMO), Community Extension Office, Campus Sustainability Committee
Review Cycle: Annually

I. RATIONALE

Holy Child Central Colleges, Inc. (HCCCI) recognizes the vital importance of promoting health, wellness, and environmental safety within its campus community. Smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke are known to cause serious health risks, including cardiovascular and respiratory diseases. As an educational institution committed to Sustainable Development Goal 3 (SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being), HCCCI adopts a Smoke-Free Policy to protect the health of students, faculty, staff, and visitors, while fostering a clean and safe learning environment.

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being – fostering physical and mental wellness through proper nutrition and responsible food systems.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

HCCCI upholds a **Smoke-Free Campus Policy**, prohibiting smoking, vaping, and the use of any tobacco or nicotine-related products within all school premises, buildings, facilities, and vehicles. Smoking will only be permitted in **designated smoking areas** identified and maintained in compliance with health and safety regulations.

The institution commits to maintaining a culture of health consciousness and responsibility through education, enforcement, and community engagement.

- To encourage students to reduce or quit smoking through education and counseling support.
- To integrate health and wellness advocacy into institutional policies and student activities.

IV. SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All students, faculty, staff, and administrators of HCCCI.
- Visitors, contractors, and vendors within the campus premises.
- All HCCCI-owned buildings, classrooms, laboratories, offices, dormitories, vehicles, and surrounding open spaces.



V. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. **Health First:** The physical well-being of all community members is a top priority.
2. **Shared Responsibility:** Everyone is responsible for maintaining a smoke-free environment.
3. **Respect and Inclusion:** Implementation shall be done respectfully, without discrimination or stigma.
4. **Education and Empowerment:** Awareness programs and counseling will accompany enforcement efforts.
5. **Sustainability:** The policy aligns with national and global efforts to promote long-term health and environmental sustainability.

VI. POLICY COMPONENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION

- **Smoke-Free Zones:** All indoor and outdoor areas of the campus are designated as smoke-free, except for clearly marked smoking areas.
- **Signage:** Visible "Smoke-Free Campus" signs will be posted in strategic locations.
- **Awareness Programs:** Information campaigns will be conducted to educate students and staff on the health risks of smoking and the benefits of cessation.
- **Cessation Support:** Access to counseling, peer mentoring, and referral programs for those who wish to quit smoking.
- **Disciplinary Measures:** Violation of this policy may result in sanctions consistent with the Student Handbook and HR policies.
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VII. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

➢ **School Administration:** Oversee policy implementation and enforcement.	➢ **School Administration:** Oversee policy implementation and enforcement.
➢ **Health Services Office:** Lead education campaigns and smoking cessation programs.	➢ **Health Services Office:** Lead education campaigns and smoking cessation programs.
➢ **Security** Office: Monitor compliance and report violations.	➢ **Security Office:** Monitor compliance and report violations.
➢ **Faculty and Staff:** Serve as role models and advocates for a smoke-free environment.	➢ **Faculty and Staff:** Serve as role models and advocates for a smoke-free environment.
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VIII. MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND REPORTING

The policy will be reviewed annually by the Health Services Office in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs. Feedback will be gathered through surveys and reports. Adjustments will be made based on outcomes, compliance levels, and evolving health standards.

IX. FUNDING AND SUSTAINABILITY

Funding for signage, awareness materials, and health programs will be sourced from institutional health and wellness budgets, grants, and partnerships with health organizations and local government units. HCCCI will sustain this initiative through continuous integration into its health and wellness framework.

X. ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL LAWS AND INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

This policy aligns with:

- **Republic Act No. 9211:** Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003
- **Executive Order No. 26, s. 2017:** Providing for the Establishment of Smoke-Free Environments in Public and Enclosed Places
- **WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC)**
- **United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3:** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

XI. EFFECTIVITY

This policy takes effect immediately upon approval by the HCCCI Administration and shall remain in force until amended or repealed. All members of the community are expected to adhere to and uphold this policy in the spirit of collective responsibility and wellness.