

TIMELINE FOR TOBACCO-FREE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OTC



Center of Excellence for
Tobacco-Free Campus Policy

September 1997	Administration began discussion of making OTC a tobacco-free campus.
November 1999	President recommended that the Board of Trustees approve Tobacco-Free policy.
December 13, 1999	Board of Trustees adopted Tobacco-Free Policy to be effective August 1, 2003.
June 2001	President appointed a steering committee to plan and promote “Tobacco-Free in ‘03” Campaign.
October 2002	President formed a campus committee created to develop a plan for implementation.
April 2003	External Tobacco-Free Advisory Committee was formed.
April 2003	Health fair focusing on addictive behaviors including tobacco use was held.
April 2003	The annual spring picnic featured a tobacco-free booth where 250 tobacco-free frisbees were distributed and students were surveyed regarding their tobacco usage and opinions about the upcoming policy.
June 2003	Tobacco-free signage was displayed across campus.
July 2003	A tobacco-free resource room was created and opened to the OTC community.
August 1, 2003	Tobacco-free policy went into effect, emphasizing education about the policy instead of punitive action.
October 18, 2004	OTC entered the second phase of enforcement. All offenders are required to meet with the Director of Safety and Security and either pay a \$15 fine or perform 2 hours of labor.