

VENTURA COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

SUPERINTENDENT POLICY NO. 3513.3

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CLASSIFICATION: General Administrative Policies

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SUBJECT: Tobacco-Free Schools

The Ventura County Office of Education recognizes the health hazards associated with tobacco products, including the breathing of second-hand smoke, and desires to provide a healthy environment for students and staff. Employees are encouraged to serve as models for good health practice.

In accordance with state and federal law, smoking is prohibited in all VCOE facilities and vehicles. (20 U.S.C. 6083, Labor Code 6404.5)

The Superintendent further prohibits the use of tobacco products at all times on VCOE grounds. This prohibition applies to all employees, students and visitors at any activity or event on property owned, leased or rented by or from VCOE.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform students, parents/guardians, employees and the public about this policy and related procedures.

Signs prohibiting the use of tobacco shall be prominently displayed at all entrances to VCOE property.

The Superintendent or designee may also maintain a list of clinics and other resources which may assist individuals who wish to stop using tobacco products.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

48901 Smoking or use of tobacco; steps to discourage

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

39002 Control of air pollution from non-vehicular sources

104420 Implementation of tobacco use prevention program

LABOR CODE

6404.5 Occupational safety and health: use of tobacco products

Legal Reference Continued

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6083 Nonsmoking policy for children's services

PERB RULINGS

CSEA #506 and Associated Teachers of Metropolitan Riverside v. Riverside Unified School District (1989) PERB Order #750 (13 PERC 20147)

Eureka Teachers Assn. v. Eureka City School District (1992) PERB Order #955 (16 PERC 23168)