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)