

ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Costa Mesa, California

SUPERINTENDENT'S POLICY PROCEDURE

100-22

Tobacco-Use Prevention Education Program

The Orange County Department of Education's tobacco-use prevention program shall provide students in grades 6-12 instruction which addresses the following topics:

1. Immediate and long-term undesirable physiologic, cosmetic, and social consequences of tobacco use
2. Reasons that adolescents say they smoke or use tobacco
3. Peer norms and social influences that promote tobacco use
4. Refusal skills for resisting social influences that promote tobacco use

As appropriate, the Orange County Department of Education shall provide or refer students in grades 7-12 to tobacco-use intervention and cessation activities.

These services shall be directed toward current users and shall be voluntary for students who desire assistance in ceasing the use of tobacco.

In addition to targeting students who currently use tobacco, the Orange County Department of Education's program shall target students most at risk for beginning to use tobacco as identified through a local needs assessment.

The Orange County Department of Education shall provide or refer every pregnant and parenting minor enrolled in the Orange County Department of Education to tobacco-use prevention services. Such services may be integrated with existing programs for pregnant and parenting minors and shall include:

1. Referral to perinatal and related support services
2. Outreach services and assessment of smoking status
3. Individualized counseling and advocacy services
4. Motivational messages
5. Cessation services, if appropriate

6. Incentives to maintain a healthy lifestyle
7. Follow-up assessment
8. Maintenance and relapse prevention services