



Chowchilla Union

High School



Dear Parents:

The Governing Board of the Chowchilla Union High School District has a comprehensive tobacco-free school policy. ***This policy prohibits all tobacco use by everyone, everywhere on campus, at all times – including school events after regular school hours.*** This policy also prohibits students from bringing tobacco products on campus.

The Governing Board recognizes the health hazards associated with tobacco products, including 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 practices that are consistent with the district's instructional programs.

In accordance with state and federal law, smoking is prohibited in all district facilities and vehicles. (20 USC 6083; Labor Code 6404.5) The Board further prohibits the use of tobacco products at all times on district grounds. This prohibition applies to all employees, students and visitors at any activity or athletic event on property owned, leased or rented by or from the district. Signs prohibiting the use of tobacco are prominently displayed at all entrances to school property.

The Governing Board desires to discourage students' use of tobacco products. Students who smoke, chew or possess tobacco or nicotine products on school property, at school-sponsored events, or while under the supervision of district employees shall be subject to disciplinary procedures which may result in suspension from school.

First Offense:

- a. Student conference
- b. Parent/guardian contact
- c. One day suspension
- d. Two weeks non-privilege

Second Offense:

- a. Parent/guardian contact
- b. Three-day suspension
- c. Four weeks non privilege

Third and Subsequent Offenses:

- a. One-to five-day suspension
- b. Transfer/Local School Placement Hearing
- c. Disciplinary probation with behavioral contract
- d. Six weeks non-privilege

Additionally, all students shall receive instruction on the effects of smoking on the human body. A list of cessation resources is available to assist individuals who wish to stop using tobacco products. This list can be found on our school website (www.chowchillahigh.k12.ca.us), by request from district office, and is listed on back side of this notification.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Doreen Castillo, *Assistant Principal*