

TOBACCO-FREE

Blue Oak Charter Council (BOCC) recognizes that the use of commercial tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, staff, visitors, and school facilities. The board is acutely aware of the serious health risks associated with the use of commercial tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, to users and non-users. BOCC believes that the use or promotion of commercial tobacco products, including electronic smoking devices, on school grounds and at off-campus school-sponsored events are detrimental to the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors. BOCC also believes accepting gifts or materials from the tobacco industry will send an inconsistent message to students, staff, and visitors. BOCC embraces that adult staff and visitors serve as role models for students. BOCC embraces its obligation to promote positive role models in schools and to provide an environment for learning and working that is safe, healthy, and free from unwanted smoke or aerosol and other commercial tobacco use for the students, staff, and visitors.

Smoking or use of any tobacco-related product or disposal of any tobacco-related waste is prohibited within 25 feet of school grounds, except on a public sidewalk located within 25 feet of the school. In addition, any form of intimidation, threat, or retaliation against a person for attempting to enforce this policy is prohibited. (Health and Safety Code 104495)

(A) Blue Oak Charter School (BOCS) students are prohibited from possessing, using, consuming, displaying, promoting, or selling any tobacco products, tobacco-related devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters at any time on school property or at any off-campus, school sponsored event.

(B) Administrators, staff, or visitors of BOCS are prohibited from using, consuming, displaying, activating, promoting, or selling any tobacco products, tobacco related devices, imitation tobacco products, or lighters at any time on school property or at any off-campus, school-sponsored events. This includes products or paraphernalia displaying tobacco industry brands.

(C) It shall be a violation of this policy for BOCS to solicit or accept any contributions, gifts, money, curricula, or materials from the tobacco industry or from any tobacco products shop or producers of electronic smoking devices. It shall also be a violation of this policy to participate in any type of service funded by the tobacco industry while in the scope of employment for BOCS.

(D) Instruction to discourage the use of tobacco products shall be included in the education provided for all students. Staff responsible for teaching tobacco use prevention shall have adequate training and participate in ongoing professional development activities to effectively deliver the education program as planned. The curriculum for this instruction will not be paid for or developed by the tobacco industry or its subsidiaries.