

## RESPIRATOR PROGRAM

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of this operating procedure is to ensure the protection of all employees from respiratory hazards.

### RESPONSIBILITY:

The Sevier County Board of Education safety office is solely responsible for all facets of this program and has authority to make necessary decisions to ensure the success of this program. The safety office will develop written detailed instructions covering each of the basic elements in the program and may amend these instructions as necessary.

The Board of Education authorizes the safety office to halt any operation of the school system where there is a danger of serious personal injury. This policy includes respiratory hazards.

### PROGRAM ELEMENTS:

1. The safety officer will develop detailed written standard operating procedures governing the selection and use of respirators, using ANSI as a guideline. Outside consultations, manufacturer's assistance and other recognized authorities will be consulted if there is doubt regarding proper selection and use. These detailed procedures will be included as appendices to this program.
2. Respirators will be selected on the basis of hazards to which the worker is exposed. All selections will be made by the safety officer.
3. The user will be instructed and trained in the proper use of respirators and their limitations. Both supervisors and workers will receive such instruction from the safety officer. Training will provide the employees an opportunity to handle the respirator, have it fitted properly, test its face piece-to-face seal, wear in normal air for a familiarity period, and wear in a test atmosphere. Every respirator wearer will receive fitting instructions, including demonstrations and practice in how the respirator should be worn, how to adjust it, and how to determine if it fits properly.