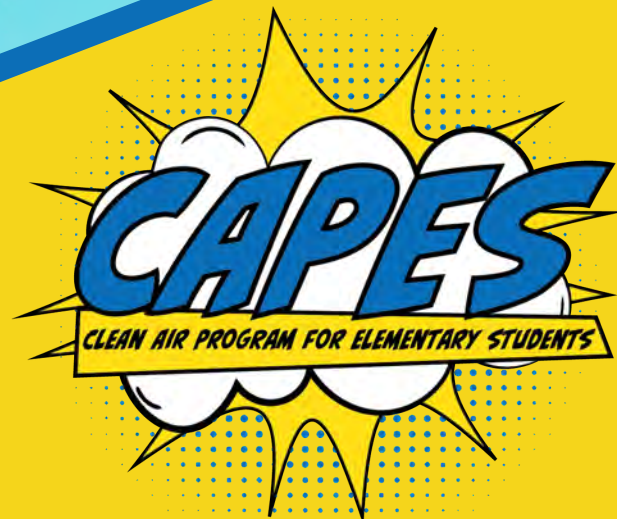
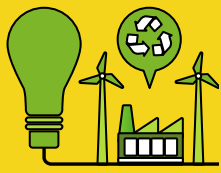




# South Coast Air Quality Management District





## Who is South Coast AQMD?

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for all of Orange County and parts of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties, including the Coachella Valley. The region is home to more than 17 million people – about half the population of the entire state of California.

South Coast AQMD's mission is to clean the air and protect the health of all residents in the South Coast Air District through practical and innovative strategies.



## What is CAPES?

The Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPES) is South Coast AQMD's program designed for elementary students to learn about the importance of air quality, the impact of air pollution, and actions students can take to improve the environment.

To implement CAPES, educators will be provided with short videos and a curriculum kit with lesson plans, worksheets, and answer keys. South Coast AQMD understands the different needs of schools and leaves it up to the educators on how in depth they would like to teach the curriculum. Support is available upon request.



# Why is CAPES important?

Since 2019, South Coast AQMD has partnered with elementary schools in communities impacted by environmental justice issues. South Coast AQMD aims to increase awareness of air quality issues and empower youth to drive positive change during a time when they are developing and forming their own habits.

By educating students in elementary schools, they will be equipped to make healthier, clean air choices.



# What topics will CAPES cover?

CAPES includes introductory air quality education. The video topics are:

- Air Pollution 101
  - Introduction to Air Pollutants
- Air Quality Index
  - Measuring Air Quality
- Clean Air Hero
  - Students will learn the importance of REUSING, REDUCING and RECYCLING!



# CAPEs



## You can be a Clean Air Hero too!

The Clean Air Program for Elementary Students (CAPEs), is an educational program that educates elementary school teachers, students, and their families on air quality and the health effects of air pollution through an interactive curriculum.

Visit our webpage at:  
[www.aqmd.gov/CAPEs](http://www.aqmd.gov/CAPEs)



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