

School Smoking Policy Survey, 1999-2000*
Cumberland Valley Health Department District

The purpose of the survey was to assess the type of smoking policies and tobacco prevention education in schools located in the Cumberland Valley Health Department District. The counties included in the health department district are Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, and Rockcastle. Results will be used to determine opportunities for school health promotion in the district.

In this district, 33 middle and high, public and private schools (% participation rate) participated in a telephone survey conducted by the Tobacco Prevention Coordinators in collaboration with the research staff at the University of Kentucky. Most participants were principals, vice principals, or assistant principals (85%). The average number of students for all schools was 391.

The TOTAL column represents results from 156 schools in six CDC-funded health department service areas covering 25 counties. Of the total 156 middle and high, public and private schools, the average number of students was 495.

Written policy banning indoor smoking?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	100%	100%

To whom does the written smoking policy apply?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Students	100%	99%
Employees	100%	99%
Visitors	100%	96%

Smoking banned on school grounds for students?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	91%	97%
If permitted, smoking restricted to specified areas	67%	75%

Smoking banned on school grounds for employees?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	61%	65%
If permitted, smoking restricted to specified areas	67%	69%

*Information compiled by Drs. Ellen Hahn and Mary Kay Rayens, University of Kentucky College of Nursing, 1999-2000

Smoking banned at indoor events after school hours?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	94%	84%
If allowed, restricted at adult functions	0%	8%
If allowed, restricted at teachers meetings	0%	4%
If allowed, restricted at community events	0%	8%
If allowed, restricted at indoor sports events	0%	74%

Smoking banned at outdoor events after school hours?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	28%	62%
If allowed, restricted at outdoor sports events	100%	91%
If allowed, restricted at outdoor community events	70%	59%

Do students and employees comply with the smoking policy?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Students comply:		
• All the time	33%	46%
• Most of the time	58%	49%
• Some of the time	9%	5%
• Never	0%	1%
Employees comply:		
• All the time	61%	79%
• Most of the time	36%	21%
• Some of the time	0%	0%
• Never	3%	1%

Who enforces the smoking policy?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Principals	100%	97%
Teachers	36%	58%
Security	9%	15%
Peers	12%	13%

“TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED” signs posted?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	63%	59%

How is the smoking policy communicated?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Student Handbook	91%	94%
Faculty Handbook	70%	72%

What happens when students fail to comply with the smoking policy?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
1 st offense	58% Notification of parents	42% Notification of parents
2 nd offense	76% Suspension	57% Suspension
3 rd offense	76% Suspension	62% Suspension

What happens when employees fail to comply with the smoking policy?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
1 st offense	67% Verbal reprimand	68% Verbal reprimand
2 nd offense	36% Written reprimand	51% Written reprimand
3 rd offense	15% Verbal reprimand 15% Written reprimand 15% Suspension from work	17% Suspension from work

Policy banning smokeless tobacco use?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	97%	94%
To whom the policy applies:		
• Students	97%	98%
• Teachers	94%	93%
• Visitors	84	86%
Where is smokeless tobacco use prohibited ?		
• Indoors	69%	88%
• Outdoors on school grounds	56%	73%

Is tobacco prevention education included in the curricula?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	85%	86%

Is help provided to students and employees who want to quit using tobacco products?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes, to students	42%	48%
Yes, to employees	20%	25%

Are smoking cessation services provided to students and employees?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	7%	11%

In what tobacco prevention/advocacy programs students involved?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
TATU	6%	7%
START	3%	7%
None	85%	67%

Is tobacco advertising prohibited at school or in school publications?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	97%	91%

Is wearing something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it prohibited?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	79%	89%

Are there tobacco advertisements within 1,000 feet of the school?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	15%	30%

Are tobacco products sold near the school?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	70%	60%

How satisfied are you with the school smoking policy?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Very satisfied	73%	67%
Satisfied	24%	31%
Not satisfied	3%	2%

Contemplating changes in the smoking policy?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	24%	12%

Interested in receiving assistance on changing smoking policies?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	30%	26%

Interested in receiving information on tobacco education, statistics, and trends?

	Cumberland Valley	Total
Yes	91%	87%

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