

**School Smoking Policy Survey, 1999-2000\***  
**Fayette County 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 Fayette County Health Department District. Results will be used to determine opportunities for school health promotion in the district.

In this district, 31 out of 33 middle and high, public and private schools (94% 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 (55%). The average number of students for the schools was 598.

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?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	100%	100%

**To whom does the written smoking policy apply?**

	Fayette	Total
Students	100%	99%
Employees	97%	99%
Visitors	97%	96%

**Smoking banned on school grounds for students?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	100%	97%
If permitted, smoking restricted to specified areas	na	75%

**Smoking banned on school grounds for employees?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	84%	65%
If permitted, smoking restricted to specified areas	60%	69%

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\*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?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	90%	84%
If allowed, restricted at adult functions	33%	8%
If allowed, restricted at teachers meetings	0%	4%
If allowed, restricted at community events	67%	8%
If allowed, restricted at indoor sports events	50%	74%

**Smoking banned at outdoor events after school hours?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	40%	62%
If allowed, restricted at outdoor sports events	72%	91%
If allowed, restricted at outdoor community events	58%	59%

**Do students and employees comply with the smoking policy?**

	Fayette	Total
Students comply:		
• All the time	61%	46%
• Most of the time	36%	49%
• Some of the time	3%	5%
• Never	0%	1%
Employees comply:		
• All the time	84%	79%
• Most of the time	16%	21%
• Some of the time	0%	0%
• Never	0%	1%

**Who enforces the smoking policy?**

	Fayette	Total
Principals	94%	97%
Teachers	74%	58%
Security	36%	15%
Peers	19%	13%

**“TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED” signs posted?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	53%	59%

**How is the smoking policy communicated?**

	Fayette	Total
Student Handbook	90%	94%
Faculty Handbook	81%	72%

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

	Fayette	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> offense	48% Suspension	42% Notification of parents
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	55% Suspension	57% Suspension
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	52% Suspension	62% Suspension

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

	Fayette	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> offense	68% Verbal reprimand	68% Verbal reprimand
2 <sup>nd</sup> offense	42% Written reprimand	51% Written reprimand
3 <sup>rd</sup> offense	19% Suspension	17% Suspension from work

**Policy banning smokeless tobacco use?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	84%	94%
To whom the policy applies:		
• Students	100%	98%
• Teachers	92%	93%
• Visitors	92%	86%
Where is smokeless tobacco use prohibited ?		
• Indoors	89%	88%
• Outdoors on school grounds	73%	73%

**Is tobacco prevention education included in the curricula?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	90%	86%

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

	Fayette	Total
Yes, to students	68%	48%
Yes, to employees	47%	25%

**Are smoking cessation services provided to students and employees?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	19%	11%

**In what tobacco prevention/advocacy programs students involved?**

	Fayette	Total
TATU	13%	7%
START	3%	7%
None	68%	67%

**Is tobacco advertising prohibited at school or in school publications?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	84%	91%

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

	Fayette	Total
Yes	81%	89%

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

	Fayette	Total
Yes	30%	30%

**Are tobacco products sold near the school?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	58%	60%

**How satisfied are you with the school smoking policy?**

	Fayette	Total
Very satisfied	81%	67%
Satisfied	16%	31%
Not satisfied	3%	2%

**Contemplating changes in the smoking policy?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	3%	12%

**Interested in receiving assistance on changing smoking policies?**

	Fayette	Total
Yes	16%	26%

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

	Fayette	Total
Yes	77%	87%

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