

School Smoking Policy Survey, 1999-2000*
Lincoln Trail 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 Lincoln Trail Health Department District. The counties included in the health department district are Grayson, Hardin, Larue, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington. 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 (100% 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 (69%). The average number of students for all schools was 589.

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?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	100%	100%

To whom does the written smoking policy apply?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Students	100%	99%
Employees	100%	99%
Visitors	100%	96%

Smoking banned on school grounds for students?

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

Smoking banned on school grounds for employees?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	50%	65%
If permitted, smoking restricted to specified areas	85%	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?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	97%	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?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	41%	62%
If allowed, restricted at outdoor sports events	90%	91%
If allowed, restricted at outdoor community events	74%	59%

Do students and employees comply with the smoking policy?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Students comply:		
• All the time	63%	46%
• Most of the time	34%	49%
• Some of the time	0%	5%
• Never	3%	1%
Employees comply:		
• All the time	94%	79%
• Most of the time	6%	21%
• Some of the time	0%	0%
• Never	0%	1%

Who enforces the smoking policy?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Principals	100%	97%
Teachers	31%	58%
Security	3%	15%
Peers	0%	13%

“TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED” signs posted?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	79%	59%

How is the smoking policy communicated?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Student Handbook	100%	94%
Faculty Handbook	89%	72%

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

	Lincoln Trail	Total
1 st offense	46% Detention Hall	42% Notification of parents
2 nd offense	57% Suspension	57% Suspension
3 rd offense	66% Suspension	62% Suspension

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

	Lincoln Trail	Total
1 st offense	66% Verbal reprimand	68% Verbal reprimand
2 nd offense	46% Written reprimand	51% Written reprimand
3 rd offense	23% Written reprimand	17% Suspension from work

Policy banning smokeless tobacco use?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	88%	94%
To whom the policy applies:		
• Students	94%	98%
• Teachers	94%	93%
• Visitors	94%	86%
Where is smokeless tobacco use prohibited ?		
• Indoors	94%	88%
• Outdoors on school grounds	74%	73%

Is tobacco prevention education included in the curricula?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	94%	86%

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

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes, to students	54%	48%
Yes, to employees	23%	25%

Are smoking cessation services provided to students and employees?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	22%	11%

In what tobacco prevention/advocacy programs students involved?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
TATU	14%	7%
START	3%	7%
None	43%	67%

Is tobacco advertising prohibited at school or in school publications?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	97%	91%

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

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	97%	89%

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

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	9%	30%

Are tobacco products sold near the school?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	57%	60%

How satisfied are you with the school smoking policy?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Very satisfied	83%	67%
Satisfied	14%	31%
Not satisfied	3%	2%

Contemplating changes in the smoking policy?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	12%	12%

Interested in receiving assistance on changing smoking policies?

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	42%	26%

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

	Lincoln Trail	Total
Yes	89%	87%

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