

School Smoking Policy Survey, 1999-2000*
WEDCO 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 WEDCO Health Department District. The counties included in the health department district are Harrison, Nicholas, and Scott. Results will be used to determine opportunities for school health promotion in the district.

In this district, 9 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 (78%). The average number of students for all schools was 764.

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?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	100%	100%

To whom does the written smoking policy apply?

	WEDCO	Total
Students	100%	99%
Employees	100%	99%
Visitors	100%	96%

Smoking banned on school grounds for students?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	89%	97%
If permitted, smoking restricted to specified areas	100%	75%

Smoking banned on school grounds for employees?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	44%	65%
If permitted, smoking restricted to specified areas	60%	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?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	100%	84%
If allowed, restricted at adult functions	na	8%
If allowed, restricted at teachers meetings	na	4%
If allowed, restricted at community events	na	8%
If allowed, restricted at indoor sports events	na	74%

Smoking banned at outdoor events after school hours?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	0%	62%
If allowed, restricted at outdoor sports events	100%	91%
If allowed, restricted at outdoor community events	100%	59%

Do students and employees comply with the smoking policy?

	WEDCO	Total
Students comply:		
• All the time	0%	46%
• Most of the time	89%	49%
• Some of the time	11%	5%
• Never	0%	1%
Employees comply:		
• All the time	56%	79%
• Most of the time	44%	21%
• Some of the time	0%	0%
• Never	0%	1%

Who enforces the smoking policy?

	WEDCO	Total
Principals	100%	97%
Teachers	100%	58%
Security	67%	15%
Peers	67%	13%

“TOBACCO USE PROHIBITED” signs posted?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	56%	59%

How is the smoking policy communicated?

	WEDCO	Total
Student Handbook	100%	94%
Faculty Handbook	89%	72%

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

	WEDCO	Total
1 st offense	89% Notification of parents	42% Notification of parents
2 nd offense	67% Suspension	57% Suspension
3 rd offense	67% Suspension	62% Suspension

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

	WEDCO	Total
1 st offense	89% Verbal reprimand	68% Verbal reprimand
2 nd offense	89% Written reprimand	51% Written reprimand
3 rd offense	89% Suspension from work	17% Suspension from work

Policy banning smokeless tobacco use?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	100%	94%
To whom the policy applies:		
• Students	100%	98%
• Teachers	100%	93%
• Visitors	40%	86%
Where is smokeless tobacco use prohibited ?		
• Indoors	89%	88%
• Outdoors on school grounds	56%	73%

Is tobacco prevention education included in the curricula?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	56%	86%

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

	WEDCO	Total
Yes, to students	11%	48%
Yes, to employees	0%	25%

Are smoking cessation services provided to students and employees?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	0%	11%

In what tobacco prevention/advocacy programs students involved?

	WEDCO	Total
TATU	0%	7%
START	0%	7%
None	100%	67%

Is tobacco advertising prohibited at school or in school publications?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	78%	91%

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

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	78%	89%

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

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	22%	30%

Are tobacco products sold near the school?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	33%	60%

How satisfied are you with the school smoking policy?

	WEDCO	Total
Very satisfied	33%	67%
Satisfied	67%	31%
Not satisfied	0%	2%

Contemplating changes in the smoking policy?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	11%	12%

Interested in receiving assistance on changing smoking policies?

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	22%	26%

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

	WEDCO	Total
Yes	100%	87%

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