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University of Kentucky College of Nursing
School Policy Interview, 2003

Mercer County Health Department

	Mercer County (N= 6)	Kentucky (N= 691)
1. Does your school have a policy that bans indoor smoking? (n= 6)	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 99.0%
2. Does your school's policy apply to students? (n= 6) ^a	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 99.4%
3. Does your school's policy apply to teachers and staff? (n= 6) ^a	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 96.6%
4. Does your school's policy apply to visitors to your school? (n= 6) ^a	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 97.2%
5. Does your school have a policy that bans smoking on school grounds for students? (n= 6)	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 96.6%
6. If no, where are students permitted to smoke? (n= 0)		
Anywhere outside on school property	N/A	40.0%
In a specified area outside on school property	N/A	60.0%
7. Does your school have a policy that bans smoking on school grounds for employees? (n= 6)	Yes= 66.7%	Yes= 41.7%
8. If no, where are employees permitted to smoke? (n= 2)		
Anywhere outside on school property	0.0%	22.8%
In a specified area outside on school property	100.0%	77.2%
9. Is smoking permitted at indoor school-related events that occur after school hours? (n= 6)	No= 100.0%	No= 92.7%

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10. Is smoking permitted at outdoor events that occur after school hours? (n= 6)	No= 50.0%	No= 43.6%
11. To what extent do students comply with the existing smoking policies? (n= 6)		
All of the time	16.7%	44.6%
Most of the time	83.3%	50.7%
Some of the time	0.0%	4.5%
Never	0.0%	0.2%
12. Other than the principal, is anyone assigned to monitor specific problem areas for smoking (such as bathrooms, hallways, etc)? (n= 6)	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 85.5%
13. How effective is this in curtailing student smoking in your building? (n= 6)		
Very effective	66.7%	77.5%
Somewhat effective	33.3%	21.6%
Not at all effective	0.0%	0.9%
14. Are there signs posted at your school that say tobacco use is prohibited? (n= 6)	Yes= 50.0%	Yes= 68.0%
15. How is the student policy communicated? (n= 6)		
Student handbook	100.0%	96.5%
Hallways	33.3%	18.5%
Classrooms	33.3%	16.9%
Restrooms	0.0%	7.4%
Administrative offices	33.3%	13.3%
Not communicated	0.0%	0.7%
16. How is the employee policy communicated? (n= 6)		
Faculty handbook	83.3%	80.6%
Administrative offices	33.3%	15.8%
Teacher's lounge	16.7%	5.8%
Not communicated	0.0%	4.8%

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17. For a first time offense, what action is taken when a student violates the smoking policy? (n= 6)		
Verbal reprimand	0.0%	31.0%
Written reprimand	0.0%	24.0%
Notification of parents	50.0%	59.2%
Detention hall	16.7%	31.7%
Probation	0.0%	3.0%
Suspension	83.3%	29.5%
Smoking education class	0.0%	8.3%
Mandatory smoking cessation class	0.0%	2.5%
Voluntary smoking cessation class	0.0%	2.0%
18. For a second time offense, what action is taken when a student violates the smoking policy? (n= 6)		
Verbal reprimand	0.0%	19.8%
Written reprimand	0.0%	25.2%
Notification of parents	50.0%	54.6%
Detention hall	0.0%	25.0%
Probation	0.0%	5.1%
Suspension	100.0%	47.9%
Smoking education class	0.0%	5.5%
Mandatory smoking cessation class	0.0%	4.2%
Voluntary smoking cessation class	0.0%	16.1%
19. For 3 or more offenses, what action is taken when a student violates the smoking policy? (n= 6)		
Verbal reprimand	0.0%	17.4%
Written reprimand	0.0%	20.4%
Notification of parents	50.0%	45.9%
Detention hall	0.0%	9.8%
Probation	0.0%	4.8%
Suspension	83.3%	63.0%
Smoking education class	0.0%	6.1%
Mandatory smoking cessation class	16.7%	3.8%
Voluntary smoking cessation class	0.0%	19.8%

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20. For a first time offense, what action is taken when an employee violates the smoking policy? (n= 6)		
Verbal reprimand	100.0%	73.7%
Written reprimand	0.0%	18.2%
Suspension from work	0.0%	1.2%
Smoking education class	0.0%	0.9%
Mandatory smoking cessation program	0.0%	0.3%
21. For a second time offense, what action is taken when an employee employee violates the smoking policy? (n= 6)		
Verbal reprimand	16.7%	21.1%
Written reprimand	83.3%	58.8%
Suspension from work	0.0%	6.7%
Smoking education class	0.0%	1.7%
Mandatory smoking cessation program	0.0%	0.9%
22. For 3 or more offenses, what action is taken when an employee violates the smoking policy? (n= 6)		
Verbal reprimand	0.0%	14.9%
Written reprimand	50.0%	22.9%
Suspension from work	0.0%	25.3%
Smoking education class	0.0%	1.7%
Mandatory smoking cessation program	0.0%	1.5%
23. Does your school have a policy that bans smokeless tobacco use? (n= 6)	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 95.5%
24. If yes, does your policy apply to students? (n= 6) ^a	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 98.2%
25. If yes, does your policy apply to teachers and staff? (n= 6) ^a	Yes= 83.3%	Yes= 90.8%

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26. If yes, does your policy apply to visitors at your school? (n= 6)	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 87.0%
27. If yes, where is smokeless tobacco use prohibited? (n= 6)		
Indoors	100.0%	91.7%
Outdoors on school grounds	83.3%	59.1%
28. Do you provide direct smoking cessation services to students and/or employees at your school? (n= 6)	Yes= 83.3%	Yes= 27.9%
29. If yes, what resources are available at your school? (n= 5)		
Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking	80.0%	11.7%
T.E.G. (Tobacco Education)	100.0%	48.9%
T.A.P. (Tobacco Cessation)	100.0%	41.5%
N.O.T. (Not on Tobacco cessation program)	80.0%	9.6%
N.O.T. (Alternative to Suspension)	80.0%	6.4%
30. How often are the smoking cessation classes offered at your school? (n= 5)		
Once a year	0.0%	10.8%
Once every school semester or session	80.0%	22.8%
Every 12 weeks	0.0%	6.0%
31. What tobacco/advocacy programs are the youth at your school involved in? (n= 6)		
TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use)	66.7%	9.4%
START (Students Teaching Awareness Regarding Tobacco)	66.7%	3.0%
SQUADS (Study, Question, Understand, Act, Debrief, & Success)	0.0%	2.3%
Champions for a Drug-Free Kentucky	33.3%	16.9%
SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)	16.7%	9.1%
None	16.7%	50.1%
32. Is tobacco advertising prohibited at school or in school publications? (n= 6)	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 93.5%
33. Does your school dress code prohibit wearing something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it? (n= 6)	Yes= 83.3%	Yes= 90.1%

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34. Are there any tobacco advertisements within 1,000 feet of the school? (n= 6)	No= 66.7%	No= 86.0%
35. Does your school do any fundraising involving bingo halls that allow smoking? (n= 6)	No= 66.7%	No= 91.2%
36. Are youth involved in these fundraising efforts allowed to work in bingo halls that allow smoking? (n= 2) ^b	No= 100.0%	No= 63.3%
37. How often do school safety officers or local law enforcement officers enforce tobacco use and possession laws in or around your school? (n= 6)		
Often	0.0%	17.2%
Sometimes	16.7%	10.8%
Rarely	16.7%	17.5%
Never	66.7%	54.4%
38. What happens to youth cited by an officer for possession or use of tobacco at or around your school? (n= 2)		
Tobacco is confiscated	100.0%	71.5%
Referred to a tobacco education program (TEG, NOT Alternative to Suspension)	0.0%	6.4%
Community service is required	0.0%	0.7%
39. Does the school or school district own or lease a tobacco base? (n= 6)	No= 66.7%	No= 82.3%
40. If yes, do students participate in tobacco production on this base? (n= 2) ^b	No= 50.0%	No= 64.1%
41. If yes, for what purpose do students participate in tobacco production? (n= 1)		
Fundraising for school activities	0.0%	7.7%
Agriculture education	100.0%	76.9%
42. Does your school or school district receive money from tobacco companies for any purpose? (n= 6)	No= 100.0%	No= 83.4%

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43. How satisfied are you with your smoking policy? (n= 6)		
Very satisfied	66.7%	61.7%
Satisfied	16.7%	33.6%
Not satisfied	16.7%	4.7%
44. Are you contemplating changes in your smoking policy? (n= 6)	Yes= 16.7%	Yes= 13.2%
45. How interested are you in receiving assistance on changing your smoking policies? (n= 6)		
Very interested	16.7%	7.7%
Interested	16.7%	21.3%
Not interested	66.7%	71.0%
46. Would you be interested in receiving information pertaining to tobacco education statistics, or trends? (n= 6)	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 84.5%
PREVENTION CURRICULA		
47. Does your school teach Life Skills Training Program ? (n= 6)	Yes= 16.7%	Yes= 33.6%
48. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught? (n= 1)		
6th	0.0%	45.8%
7th	100.0%	44.1%
8th	100.0%	46.3%
9th	0.0%	34.8%
49. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? (n= 1) ^a	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 73.6%
50. Does your school teach Project Alert ? (n= 6)	Yes= 16.7%	Yes= 9.9%
51. If yes, what grade levels is it taught? (n= 1)		
6th	0.0%	45.5%
7th	100.0%	60.6%
8th	0.0%	54.6%

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52. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? (n= 1) ^a	Yes= 100.0%	Yes= 74.2%
53. Does your school teach Project Northland ? (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 5.0%
54. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught? (n= 0)		
6th	N/A	72.7%
7th	N/A	57.6%
8th	N/A	51.5%
55. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? (n= 0) ^a	N/A	Yes= 81.8%
56. Does your school teach Know Your Body ? (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 5.9%
57. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught? (n= 0)		
Kindergarten	N/A	10.3%
1st	N/A	10.3%
2nd	N/A	10.3%
3rd	N/A	12.8%
4th	N/A	12.8%
5th	N/A	30.8%
6th	N/A	53.9%
58. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? (n= 0) ^a	N/A	Yes= 89.7%
59. Does your school teach Kentucky Adolescent Tobacco Prevention Program (Developed by Dr. Melody Noland- a total of 9 lessons)? (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 3.5%
60. If yes, in what grade level is it taught? (n= 0)		
7th	N/A	43.5%
61. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? (n= 0) ^a	N/A	Yes= 65.2%
62. Does your school teach the Michigan Model ? (n= 6)	Yes= 0%	Yes= 0.5%

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63. In what grade levels is it taught? (n= 0)		
Kindergarten	N/A	0.0%
1st	N/A	0.0%
2nd	N/A	0.0%
3rd	N/A	0.0%
4th	N/A	0.0%
5th	N/A	0.0%
6th	N/A	0.0%
7th	N/A	33.3%
8th	N/A	0.0%
9th	N/A	66.7%
10th	N/A	66.7%
11th	N/A	66.7%
12th	N/A	66.7%
64. Do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? (n= 0) ^a	N/A	Yes= 66.7%
65. Does your school teach Here's Looking At You 2000? (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 10.5%
66. If yes, in what grade level is it taught? (n= 0)		
Kindergarten	N/A	30.4%
1st	N/A	33.3%
2nd	N/A	34.8%
3rd	N/A	31.9%
4th	N/A	36.2%
5th	N/A	23.2%
6th	N/A	33.3%
7th	N/A	27.5%
8th	N/A	27.5%
9th	N/A	31.9%
10th	N/A	13.0%
11th	N/A	10.1%
12th	N/A	10.1%

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67. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? (n= 0) ^a	N/A	Yes= 72.5%
68. Does your school teach the <u>new</u> version of DARE ? (n= 6)	Yes= 16.7%	Yes= 29.8%
69. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught? (n= 1)		
Kindergarten	0.0%	1.0%
1st	0.0%	1.5%
2nd	0.0%	2.0%
3rd	0.0%	2.0%
4th	0.0%	6.1%
5th	0.0%	33.5%
6th	0.0%	44.2%
7th	0.0%	11.7%
8th	0.0%	19.3%
9th	0.0%	8.6%
10th	0.0%	6.1%
11th	0.0%	6.6%
12th	0.0%	6.6%
70. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? (n= 1) ^a	0.0%	Yes= 85.3%
Does your school teach?		
71. Growing Healthy (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 5.3%
72. Teenage Health Teaching Modules (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 5.3%
73. Project Toward No Tobacco Use (TNT) (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 2.6%
74. ALL STARS (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 1.7%

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75. Prime for Life Under 21 (formerly called "Talking with your Students about Alcohol" (TWYSAA) developed by the Prevention Research Institute in Lexington, KY - a total of 10 lessons) Note: TWYSAA may still be offered in 5th and 6th grades. (n= 6)	Yes= 16.7%	Yes= 6.3%
76. Get Real About Violence (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 5.5%
77. Reconnecting Youth (n= 6)	Yes= 16.7%	Yes= 3.0%
78. Second Step (n= 6)	Yes= 66.7%	Yes= 22.8%
79. Smart Moves (sometimes offered as an after-school program) (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0%	Yes= 3.0%
80. Are you interested in receiving information about research based alcohol, tobacco, and other drug curricula? (n= 6)	Yes= 83.3%	Yes= 81.5%
81. Does your school have a specific school health committee that represents various interest groups (parents, teachers, food service staff, FRYSC, etc)? (n= 6) ^a but committee does not represent various groups	Yes= 0.0% Yes ^a = 0.0% No= 100.0%	Yes= 13.3% Yes ^a = 5.0% No= 81.7%
82. If yes, does that school health committee meet at least four times per year? (n= 0) ^a	N/A	Yes= 74.2%
83. Can all <u>students</u> use your school's indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities -- free of cost--outside of school hours? (i.e., after school, evenings, weekends and school vacations.) (n= 6)	Yes= 83.3%	Yes= 72.7%
84. Can the <u>public</u> use your school's indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities --free of cost--outside of school hours? (n= 6)	Yes= 83.3%	Yes= 55.3%
85. Does your school or school district have an exclusive contract or a pouring rights contract with a soft drink vendor that allows only that vendor to place vending machines in the school? (n= 6)	Yes= 83.3%	Yes= 70.1%

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86. Does your school or school district have a policy that prohibits OR limits junk foods?		
In vending machines (n= 6)	Yes= 33.3%	Yes= 45.2%
At student/classroom parties (n= 6)	Yes= 16.7%	Yes= 24.7%
At staff meetings (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0 %	Yes= 7.4%
At after-school events (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0 %	Yes= 9.0%
As rewards for good behavior (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0 %	Yes= 18.9%
As rewards for academic performance (n= 6)	Yes= 0.0 %	Yes= 19.2%
87. How often do fundraising efforts at your school include the sale of junk food? (n= 6)		
Often	50.0%	30.4%
Rarely	33.3%	50.5%
Never	16.7%	18.1%
Policy prohibits fundraising with junk foods	0.0%	1.0%
Sample characteristics (N= 6)		
Percentage of Private Schools	16.7%	17.2%
Percentage of Principals or Assistant Principals as Respondents	66.7%	64.5%
Mean Number of Students		
K-5 Grades (n= 3)	136.7	213.7
6-8 Grades (n= 5)	201.6	249.4
9-12 Grades (n= 4)	244.8	426.3
Participation Rate	100.0%	67.6%

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