

Kentucky Department for Public Health  
University of Kentucky College of Nursing  
**School Tobacco Policy Study, 2007**

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	<b>Mercer <i>n</i>= 8</b>	<b>Kentucky <i>N</i>= 762</b>
1. Does your school have a policy that bans indoor smoking? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 100.0	<i>n</i> = 756 99.7
2. Does your school's policy apply to students? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 100.0	<i>n</i> = 734 100.0
3. Does your school's policy apply to teachers and staff? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 100.0	<i>n</i> = 734 98.5
4. Does your school's policy apply to visitors to your school? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 100.0	<i>n</i> = 734 99.2
5. Does your school have a policy that bans smoking on schools grounds for students? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 100.0	<i>n</i> = 751 97.2
6. If no, where are students permitted to smoke? Anywhere outside on school property In a specific area on school property	<i>n</i> = 0 0.0 0.0	<i>n</i> = 11 36.4 63.6
7. Does your school have a policy that bans smoking on school grounds for employees? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 25.0	<i>n</i> = 747 52.1
8. If no, where are employees permitted to smoke? Anywhere outside on school property In a specified area outside on school property	<i>n</i> = 6 0.0 100.0	<i>n</i> = 350 14.9 85.1
9. Is smoking prohibited at indoor school-related events that occur after school hours? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 100.0	<i>n</i> = 754 90.1
10. Is smoking prohibited at outdoor events that occur after school hours? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 37.5	<i>n</i> = 736 49.7
11. To what extent do students comply with the existing smoking policies? All of the time Most of the time Some of the time Never	<i>n</i> = 8 25.0 75.0 0.0 0.0	<i>n</i> = 755 46.9 48.9 3.8 0.4

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12. Other than the principal, is anyone assigned to monitor specific problem areas for smoking (such as bathrooms, hallways, etc.)? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 75.0	<i>n</i> = 752 81.0
13. How effective is this in curtailing student smoking in your building?	<i>n</i> = 7	<i>n</i> = 619
Very effective	71.4	77.1
Somewhat effective	28.6	22.3
Not at all effective	0.0	0.6
14. Are signs posted at your school that say tobacco use is prohibited? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 62.5	<i>n</i> = 749 73.2
15. How is the student policy communicated?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 762
Student handbook	100.0	96.1
Hallways	37.5	21.1
Classrooms	37.5	13.1
Restrooms	37.5	12.6
Administrative offices	12.5	13.8
Not communicated	0.0	0.3
16. How is the employee policy communicated?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 762
Faculty handbook	62.5	84.9
Administrative offices	0.0	17.8
Teacher's lounge	0.0	10.8
Not communicated	37.5	3.1
17. For a first time offense, what action is taken when a student violates the smoking policy?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 761
Verbal reprimand	62.5	35.6
Written reprimand	62.5	31.0
Notification of parents	87.5	56.2
Detention hall	25.0	16.4
Probation	12.5	5.3
In school suspension	37.5	38.0
Out of school suspension	12.5	11.6
Smoking education class	12.5	7.9
Mandatory smoking cessation class	12.5	1.7
Voluntary smoking cessation class	12.5	2.6

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18. For a second time offense, what action is taken when a student violates the smoking policy?	<u>n</u> = 8	<u>n</u> = 761
Verbal reprimand	62.5	19.4
Written reprimand	75.0	38.1
Notification of parents	87.5	55.7
Detention hall	12.5	15.9
Probation	0.0	5.7
In school suspension	62.5	43.0
Out of school suspension	25.0	25.1
Smoking education class	12.5	10.5
Mandatory smoking cessation class	12.5	2.4
Voluntary smoking cessation class	25.0	3.3
19. For 3 or more offenses, what action is taken when a student violates the smoking policy?	<u>n</u> = 8	<u>n</u> = 762
Verbal reprimand	62.5	14.2
Written reprimand	75.0	30.8
Notification of parents	87.5	44.4
Detention hall	0.0	7.7
Probation	0.0	4.7
In school suspension	37.5	26.8
Out of school suspension	50.0	51.3
Smoking education class	25.0	9.6
Mandatory smoking cessation class	12.5	5.5
Voluntary smoking cessation class	25.0	3.3
20. For a first time offense, what action is taken when an employee violates the smoking policy?	<u>n</u> = 8	<u>n</u> = 762
Verbal reprimand	100.0	68.9
Written reprimand	12.5	21.4
Suspension from work	0.0	1.7
Smoking education class	0.0	0.8
Mandatory smoking cessation program	0.0	0.1
21. For a second time offense, what action is taken when an employee violates the smoking policy?	<u>n</u> = 8	<u>n</u> = 762
Verbal reprimand	50.0	18.9
Written reprimand	75.0	58.4
Suspension from work	0.0	7.0
Smoking education class	12.5	7.5
Mandatory smoking cessation program	12.5	2.2

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22. For 3 or more offenses, what action is taken when an employee violates the smoking policy?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 762
Verbal reprimand	50.0	12.2
Written reprimand	62.5	27.2
Suspension from work	25.0	28.5
Smoking education class	12.5	7.0
Mandatory smoking cessation program	12.5	3.8
23. Does your school have a policy that bans smokeless tobacco use?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 750
Yes	100.0	97.3
24. If yes, does your policy apply to students?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 707
Yes	100.0	100.0
25. If yes, does your policy apply to teachers and staff?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 716
Yes	75.0	95.9
26. If yes, does your policy apply to visitors at your schools?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 717
Yes	75.0	93.4
27. If yes, where is smokeless tobacco use prohibited?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 762
Indoors	100.0	85.3
Outdoors on school grounds	87.5	52.9
28. Do you provide direct smoking cessation services to students and/or employees at your school?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 741
Yes	50.0	33.5
29. If yes, what resources are available at your school?	<i>n</i> = 4	<i>n</i> = 248
Cooper/Clayton Method to Stop Smoking	0.0	36.7
TEG (Tobacco Education)	75.0	49.2
TAP (Tobacco Cessation)	50.0	44.4
N.O.T. (Not on Tobacco cessation program)	0.0	2.0
N.O.T. (Alternative to Suspension)	0.0	1.2

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30. How often are the smoking cessation classes offered at your school?	<i>n</i> = 4	<i>n</i> = 230
Once a year	0.0	11.7
Once every school semester or session	50.0	19.1
Every 12 weeks	0.0	10.4
Other	50.0	58.7
31. What tobacco advocacy programs are the youth at your school involved in?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 762
TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use)	37.5	15.1
START (Students Teaching Awareness Regarding Tobacco)	0.0	1.2
SQUADS (Study, Question, Understand, Act, Debrief, & Success)	0.0	1.4
Champions for a Drug-Free Kentucky	12.5	14.7
SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)	0.0	9.4
Other program	12.5	32.2
None	50.0	33.9
32. Is tobacco advertising prohibited at school or in school publications?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 756
Yes	87.5	93.8
33. Does your school dress code prohibit wearing something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 749
Yes	75.0	91.3
34. Are there any tobacco advertisements within 1,000 feet of the school?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 741
Yes	0.0	17.9
35. Does your school do any fundraising involving bingo halls that allow smoking?	<i>n</i> = 7	<i>n</i> = 745
Yes	0.0	8.1
36. Are youth allowed to work in the bingo halls that allow smoking?	<i>n</i> = 0	<i>n</i> = 55
Yes	0.0	29.1

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37. How often do school safety officers or local law enforcement officers enforce tobacco use and possession laws in or around your school?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 744
Often	0.0	17.1
Sometimes	0.0	10.5
Rarely	37.5	12.8
Never	25.0	30.0
We don't have officers at our school	37.5	29.7
38. What happens to youth cited by an officer for possession or use of tobacco at or around your school?	<i>n</i> = 3	<i>n</i> = 300
Tobacco is confiscated	100.0	87.3
Referred to a tobacco education program (TEG, N.O.T. Alternative to Suspension)	0.0	20.7
Community service is required	0.0	6.3
Other	0.0	35.3
39. Does the school or school district own or lease a tobacco base?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 747
Yes	0.0	3.6
40. If yes, do students participate in tobacco production on this base?	<i>n</i> = 0	<i>n</i> = 27
Yes	0.0	55.6
41. If yes, for what purpose do students participate in tobacco production	<i>n</i> = 0	<i>n</i> = 16
Fundraising for school activities	0.0	6.3
Agriculture education	0.0	81.3
42. Does your school or school district receive money from tobacco companies for any purpose?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 756
Yes	0.0	1.2
43. Are you contemplating changes in your smoking policy?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 749
Yes	25.0	16.4
44. How interested are you in receiving assistance on changing your smoking policies?	<i>n</i> = 8	<i>n</i> = 758
Very interested	0.0	7.8
Interested	25.0	20.1
Not interested	75.0	72.2

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45. Would you be interested in receiving information pertaining to tobacco education statistics or trends? Yes	$\underline{n} = 8$ 62.5	$\underline{n} = 751$ 74.2
<b>PREVENTION CURRICULA</b>		
46. Does your school teach <b>Life Skills Training Program</b> ? Yes	$\underline{n} = 8$ 0.0	$\underline{n} = 752$ 27.5
47. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught?	$\underline{n} = 0$	$\underline{n} = 207$
Kindergarten	0.0	4.8
1 <sup>st</sup>	0.0	6.3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0.0	6.8
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0.0	10.1
4 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	16.9
5 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	19.3
6 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	47.3
7 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	47.3
8 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	47.8
9 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	27.1
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	20.8
11 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	14.0
12 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	14.5
48. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? Yes	$\underline{n} = 0$ 0.0	$\underline{n} = 193$ 88.6
49. Does your school teach <b>Project Alert</b> ? Yes	$\underline{n} = 8$ 37.5	$\underline{n} = 744$ 12.2
50. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught?	$\underline{n} = 3$	$\underline{n} = 91$
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0.0	2.2
4 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	4.4
5 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	12.1
6 <sup>th</sup>	66.7	44.0

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7 <sup>th</sup>	66.7	46.2
8 <sup>th</sup>	33.3	38.5
9 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	19.8
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	11.0
11 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	3.3
12 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	3.3
51. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? Yes	<i>n</i> = 3 100.0	<i>n</i> = 87 96.6
52. Does your school teach <b>Project Northland</b> ? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 736 5.6
53. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught?	<i>n</i> = 0	<i>n</i> = 41
5 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	4.9
6 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	65.9
7 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	48.8
8 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	51.2
9 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	4.9
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	9.8
54. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? Yes	<i>n</i> = 0 0.0	<i>n</i> = 34 97.1
55. Does your school teach <b>Here's Looking at You 2000</b> ? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 731 5.9
56. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught?	<i>n</i> = 0	<i>n</i> = 43
Kindergarten	0.0	11.6
1 <sup>st</sup>	0.0	16.3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0.0	14.0
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0.0	20.9
4 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	32.6
5 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	37.2
6 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	51.2

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7 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	34.9
8 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	30.2
9 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	18.6
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	7.0
11 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	7.0
12 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	7.0
57. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? Yes	<i>n</i> = 0 0.0	<i>n</i> = 41 92.7
58. Does your school teach the <u>new</u> version of <b>DARE</b> ? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 12.5	<i>n</i> = 743 26.0
59. If yes, in what grade levels is it taught?	<i>n</i> = 1	<i>n</i> = 193
Kindergarten	0.0	1.6
1 <sup>st</sup>	0.0	2.6
2 <sup>nd</sup>	0.0	2.1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	0.0	3.1
4 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	3.1
5 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	51.8
6 <sup>th</sup>	100.0	37.3
7 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	10.4
8 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	13.5
9 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	5.7
10 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	3.1
11 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	2.6
12 <sup>th</sup>	0.0	2.6
60. If yes, do all children in the grade level receive the curriculum? Yes	<i>n</i> = 1 100.0	<i>n</i> = 180 97.8
Does your school teach:		
61. Growing Healthy? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 733 4.9

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62. Teenage Health Teaching Modules? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 729 3.8
63. Project Toward No Tobacco Use (TNT)? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 12.5	<i>n</i> = 733 5.2
64. ALL STARS? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 729 0.5
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65. 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) <b>Note:</b> TWYSAA may still be offered in 5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grades Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 733 3.7
66. Get Real About Violence? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 745 3.8
67. Reconnecting Youth? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 734 2.0
68. Second Step? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 37.5	<i>n</i> = 742 17.0
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69. Smart Moves (sometimes offered as an after-school program)? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 738 3.1
70. Minnesota Prevention Program? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 733 0.1
71. Know Your Body? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 734 1.2
72. Kentucky Adolescent Tobacco Prevention Program? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 732 3.7
73. Michigan Model? Yes	<i>n</i> = 8 0.0	<i>n</i> = 733 0.4

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74. Are you interested in receiving information about research based alcohol, tobacco, and other drug curricula? Yes	<u>n</u> = 8 62.5	<u>n</u> = 747 71.0
75. Does your school have a specific school health committee that represents various interest groups (parents, teachers, food service staff, FRYSC, etc)? Yes Yes, but committee does not represent various groups	<u>n</u> = 8 37.5 12.5	<u>n</u> = 753 42.2 4.9
76. If yes, does the committee meet at least four times per year? Yes	<u>n</u> = 4 50.0	<u>n</u> = 345 78.0
77. Are students allowed to use your school's indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities, free of cost, outside of school hours? (Outside of school hours means after school, evenings, weekends and school vacations) Yes, both indoor and outdoor Yes, but indoor only Yes, but outdoor only No	<u>n</u> = 7 28.6 14.3 14.3 42.9	<u>n</u> = 743 53.7 3.2 23.4 19.7
78. Is the public allowed to use your school's indoor and outdoor physical activity facilities, free of cost, outside of school hours? (Outside of school hours means after school, evenings, weekends and school vacations) Yes, both indoor and outdoor Yes, but indoor only Yes, but outdoor only No	<u>n</u> = 7 57.1 0.0 0.0 42.9	<u>n</u> = 746 36.5 2.4 30.7 30.4
79. 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? Yes	<u>n</u> = 8 75.0	<u>n</u> = 738 74.0
80. Does your school or school district have a policy that prohibits OR limits junk foods? In vending machines At student/classroom parties At staff meetings	<u>n</u> = 8 75.0 8 75.0 8 0.0	<u>n</u> = 751 89.7 750 64.1 750 16.3

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At after school events	8	0.0	750	22.1
As reward for good behavior	8	50.0	754	56.8
As reward for academic performance	8	37.5	747	56.2
81. How often do fundraising efforts at your school include the sale of junk food?	<i>n</i> =	8	<i>n</i> =	749
Often		25.0		21.0
Rarely		50.0		52.1
Never		25.0		21.6
Policy prohibits fundraising with junk foods		0.0		5.3
Sample characteristics				
Percentage of private schools	<i>n</i> =	8	<i>n</i> =	743
		12.5		16.0
Percentage of principals or assistant principals as respondents	<i>n</i> =	8	<i>n</i> =	763
		100.0		61.1
Mean number of students:				
K-5 grades		38.0		224.2
6-8 grades		217.6		249.0
9-12 grades		273.4		513.3
Participation Rate		100.0%		82.6%

Note: Data for this report were collected December 2006 - October 2007

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