

School Smoking Policy Survey Results*
Green River, Madison County, North Central and Northern Kentucky
Health Department Districts
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The purpose of the survey was to assess the type of smoking policies and tobacco prevention education in schools (6th through 12th grades) located in Green River, Madison County, North Central and Northern Kentucky Health Departments (see list of the counties included at the end of this document). Results will be used to determine opportunities for school health promotion in these districts.

In the four areas, 141 of 158 (89%) public and private schools participated in a telephone survey conducted by Tobacco Prevention Coordinators and research staff at the University of Kentucky. Most participants were principals, vice principals, or assistant principals (60%). The mean number of students for all schools was 526.

Written policy banning indoor smoking?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	100%	100%	100%	97%	99%

Smoking banned on school grounds?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	42%	100%	100%	88%	71%
If permitted, smoking by employees restricted to specified areas	78%	NA	NA	50%	73%

Smoking banned at indoor or outdoor events after school hours?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	36%	80%	67%	57%	51%
If allowed, restricted at adult functions	33%	--	0%	19%	26%
If allowed, restricted at student functions	28%	--	67%	78%	50%

* Information compiled by Drs. Ellen Hahn and Mary Kay Rayens, University of Kentucky College of Nursing, May - June, 1999

To whom does the written smoking policy apply?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Students	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Employees	84%	100%	89%	83%	85%
Visitors	82%	90%	67%	80%	81%

Who enforces smoking policy?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Principals	96%	90%	100%	75%	86%
Teachers	64%	70%	78%	30%	50%

Do students and employees comply with the smoking policy?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Students comply all the time	36%	20%	11%	52%	41%
Students comply most of the time	59%	80%	56%	40%	51%
Employees comply all of the time	91%	80%	67%	79%	83%

What happens when students fail to comply with smoking policy?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
1 st offense	64% suspension	50% verbal reprimand	56% notify parents	51% suspension	52% suspension
2 nd offense	69% suspension	50% written reprimand	56% suspension	60% suspension	62% suspension
3 rd offense	64% suspension	70% suspension	44% suspension	48% suspension	56% suspension

What happens when employees fail to comply with smoking policy?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
1 st offense	55% written reprimand	90% verbal reprimand	67% verbal reprimand	52% verbal reprimand	53% verbal reprimand
2 nd offense	55% written reprimand	70% written reprimand	44% written reprimand	31% written reprimand	44% written reprimand
3 rd offense	38% termination	50% suspension	17% suspension	18% termination	25% termination

"NO SMOKING" signs posted?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	78%	80%	50%	59%	67%

How is smoking policy communicated?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Student Handbook	95%	100%	100%	92%	94%
Employee Handbook	78%	100%	100%	57%	72%

Is tobacco prevention education included in the curricula?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	96%	100%	89%	100%	98%
Grades 1-5	30%	80%	NA	41%	37%
Grades 6-8	91%	100%	93%	68%	81%
Grades 9-12	41%	100%	44%	57%	57%

What tobacco education programs are taught in grades 1 – 5?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
DARE	90%	33%	NA	96%	90%

Other programs offered include: Know Your Body School Health Promotion Program (KYB), Project Charley, Project Northland, KASPAR, Josh McDowell's "Making the Right Choices." (Note: these other programs were mentioned only by one or two schools)

What tobacco education programs are taught in grades 6 – 8?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
DARE	73%	13%	43%	82%	71%
Life Skills Training (LST)	0%	13%	0%	5%	4%

Other programs offered include: KYB, Here's Looking at You 2000, Project Charley, Project ALERT, Project Northland, KASPAR, Josh McDowell's "Making the Right Choices." (Note: these other programs were mentioned only by one or two schools)

What tobacco education programs are taught in grades 9 – 12?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
DARE	32%	17%	0%	50%	36%
KYB	0%	33%	0%	4%	6%
LST	0%	0%	0%	8%	4%

Other programs offered include: Kentucky Adolescent Tobacco Prevention, Josh McDowell's "Making the Right Choices", Miss Kentucky speaker, SADD, and the Great American Smoke-Out. (Note: these other programs were mentioned only by one or two schools)

Are smoking cessation classes offered to students and employees?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	15%	10%	22%	10%	13%
If offered, Cooper/Clayton Method ¹ used	25%	0%	0%	0%	7%
If offered, Fresh Start ² used	25%	0%	50%	0%	14%
If offered, Freedom From Smoking ³ used	0%	0%	50%	14%	14%
If offered, taught by community resource person	43%	50% Health Department personnel	100%	43%	47%
If offered, taught by a counselor	29%	0%	0%	43%	29%
If offered, how frequently?	66% as needed	100% as needed	100% at least once/year	50% at least once/quarter	50% as needed
If offered, at what time?	67% during school	100% after school	100% during school	71% during school	69% during school

Is tobacco advertising prohibited at school or in school publications?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	69%	20%	89%	92%	77%

¹ Method to stop smoking developed by Drs. Cooper and Clayton, University of Kentucky

² Developed by American Lung Association

³ Developed by American Cancer Society

Are tobacco products sold near school?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	29%	50%	67%	45%	40%

Interested in changing school smoking policy?

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	7%	10%	11%	8%	8%
Want assistance?	7%	40%	56%	23%	20%

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

	Green River District	Madison Co. District	North Central District	No. Kentucky District	Total
Yes	98%	100%	100%	86%	93%

The following counties are included in the four health department districts:

Green River	Madison Co.	North Central	No. Kentucky
Daviess	Madison	Henry	Boone
Hancock		Shelby	Campbell
Henderson		Spencer	Grant
McLean		Trimble	Kenton
Ohio			
Union			
Webster			

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