

Appendix A

2000 Principal Survey Overall Results

Please note: When “n” is used, it represents the number of respondents answering a question. Not all principals answered each question; therefore, the number of responses will vary. In some cases, principals were instructed to skip questions that were not applicable. All percentages in this report are rounded to the nearest whole percent. Questions 1-23 are from the School Health Education Profile (SHEP) and questions 24-43 are from the School Tobacco Survey Module.

1. Are any of the following grades taught in this school?

- 6th grade 56%
- 7th grade 60%
- 8th grade 60%
- 9th grade 50%
- 10th grade 50%
- 11th grade 50%
- 12th grade 50%

2. Is health education required for students in any of grades 6 through 12 in this school?

91% responded “yes”

3. How many required health education courses do students take in grades 6 through 12 in this school?

- 0 courses 10%
- 1 course 16%
- 2 courses 43%
- 3 courses 21%
- 4 or more courses 10%

4. Is a required health education course taught in each of the following grades in this school?

- 6th grade 90%
- 7th grade 93%
- 8th grade 86%
- 9th grade 95%
- 10th grade 90%
- 11th grade 10%
- 12th grade 8%

5. During this school year, about what percent of students in grades 6 through 12 were exempted or excused from any part of a required health education course by parental request?

- Students cannot be exempted or excused 23%
- Less than 1% 58%
- 1% to 5% 10%
- 6% or more 2%
- Don't know 7%

6. Is required health education taught in each of the following ways to students in grades 6 through 12 in this school?

- In a combined health education and physical education course 95%
- In a course mainly about another subject other than health education such as science, social studies, or English 11%

7. Who coordinates health education in this school?

- No one coordinates health education 4%
- District administrator 5%
- District health ed. or curriculum coordinator 19%
- School administrator 17%
- Health education teacher 50%
- School nurse 2%
- Other 3%

8. Does this school or school district have a school health committee or advisory group that develops policies, coordinates activities, or seeks student and family involvement in programs that address health issues?

60% responded "yes"

9. During this school year, how would you describe parental feedback about health education in this school?

- No feedback received 41%
- Mainly positive feedback 51%
- Mainly negative feedback 1%
- Equally balanced between positive and negative 7%

10. Has this school adopted a policy prohibiting cigarette smoking by students?

100% responded "yes"

11. Does that policy specifically prohibit cigarette smoking by students in each of the following locations?

- In school buildings 100%
- On school grounds 100%
- In school buses or other vehicles... 100%
- At off-campus, school sponsored events 94%

12. When students are caught smoking cigarettes, how often are each of the following actions taken?

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely or Sometimes</u>	<u>Almost Always</u>
• Referred to a school counselor	17%	57%	26%
• Referred to a school administrator	1%	1%	98%
• Encouraged, but not required to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program	23%	53%	23%
• Required to participate in an assistance, education, or cessation program	42%	46%	12%
• Referred to legal authorities	21%	53%	26%
• Placed in detention	39%	45%	17%
• Given in-school suspension	27%	44%	29%
• Suspended from school	3%	51%	46%
• Expelled from school	64%	33%	3%
• Reassigned to an alternative school	56%	42%	2%
• Parents or guardians are informed	2%	3%	95%

13. Has this school adopted a policy specifically prohibiting each of the following types of tobacco use by students?

- Smokeless tobacco 99%
- Cigars 98%
- Pipes 98%

14. Has this school adopted a policy specifically prohibiting each of the following types of tobacco use by faculty and staff?

- Cigarettes 84%
- Smokeless tobacco 81%
- Cigars 82%
- Pipes 82%

15. Is tobacco advertising prohibited in each of the following places?

- In the school building 94%
- On school grounds... 94%
- On school buses or other vehicles... 93%
- In school newsletter, newspapers, or other school publications 93%

16. Is tobacco advertising through sponsorship of school events prohibited?

91% responded “yes”

17. Are students at your school prohibited from wearing tobacco brand-name apparel or carrying merchandise with tobacco company names, logos, or cartoon characters on it?

86% responded “yes”

18. Does your school post signs marking a tobacco-free zone, that is, a specified distance from school grounds where tobacco use by students is not allowed?

50% responded “yes”

19. Does your school implement each of the following safety and security measures?

- Require visitors to report to the main office or reception area 100%
- Maintain a “closed campus” where students are not allowed to leave school during the school day, including lunch 93%
- Use staff or adult volunteers to monitor school halls... 93%
- Routinely conduct bag, desk, or locker checks 44%
- Prohibit students from carrying backpacks or book bags... 19%
- Require students to wear uniforms 4%
- Require students to wear identification badges 4%
- Use metal detectors 25%
- Have uniformed or undercover police or security guards during the regular school day 69%

20. Does your school have or participate in each of the following programs?

- A peer mediation program 66%
- A safe-passage to school program 12%
- A program to prevent gang violence 31%
- A program to prevent bullying 43%

21. Does your school have a written plan for responding to violence at the school?

98% responded “yes”

22. Has this school adopted a written policy that protects the rights of students and/or staff with HIV infection/AIDS?

49% responded “yes”

23. Does that policy address each of the following issues for students and/or staff with HIV infection/AIDS?

- Attendance of students with HIV infection or AIDS 98%
- Procedures to protect HIV-infected students and staff from discrimination 97%
- Maintaining confidentiality of HIV-infected students/staff 99%
- Worksite safety (i.e., universal precautions for all school staff) 97%
- Confidential counseling for HIV-infected students 77%
- Communication of the policy to students, school staff, & parents 85%
- Adequate training about HIV-infection for school staff 94%
- Procedures for implementing the policy 94%

24. What is your position in your school?

- Principal 84%
- Assistant or Vice Principal 10%
- Other administrator 0%
- Other 5%

25. Including this school year, how many years have you been in your current position?

- 1 year 17%
- 2 to 5 years 43%
- 6 to 9 years 19%
- 10 to 14 years 11%
- 15 or more years 9%

26. How many retailers in the area around your school (1,000 foot radius) sell tobacco products?

- 0 54%
- 1 16%
- 2 to 3 14%
- 3 or more 14%
- Don't know 2%

27. Are there tobacco advertisements in the area around your school (1,000 foot radius)?

11% responded "yes"

28. Does your school provide tobacco cessation programs on site for any of the following people?

- Faculty and staff 10%
- Students 28%
- Family members of faculty and staff 4%
- Family members of students 4%
- Community members 3%

29. Does your school provide referrals to off-site tobacco cessation programs for any of the following people?

- Faculty and staff 27%
- Students 38%

30. Has this school adopted a policy prohibiting the use of tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, or pipes) by students?

100% responded “yes”

31. How are students informed of your policy which prohibits their use of tobacco?

- Signs stating the policy are posted in visible locations 57%
- Written policies are distributed directly to students 100%
- Written policies are distributed to faculty and staff who then inform students 90%
- Written policies are distributed to parents/guardians who then inform students 87%
- Policies are communicated verbally directly to students 97%
- Policies are communicated verbally to faculty and staff who then inform students 84%
- Policies are communicated verbally to parents/guardians who then inform students 52%
- Other 25%

32. How are the parents/guardians of students informed of your policy which prohibits tobacco use by students?

- Meetings among teachers, parents/guardians, and students 52%
- Meetings between teachers and parents/guardians 40%
- Meetings between teachers and parents/guardians of smokers 32%
- Informational pamphlets for parents/guardians on the tobacco use policy 43%
- Policies are included in the general school policy manual 98%
- Policies are included in the student handbook 100%
- Policies are announced at school events 59%
- Other 23%

33. Were parents/guardians of students involved in the development of the school policy which prohibits tobacco use by students?

39% responded “yes”

34. Are the following people responsible for enforcing the policy your school has adopted which prohibits tobacco use by students?

• School administrators	100%
• School security guards	62%
• Teachers	99%
• Law enforcement officers	77%
• Parents	48%
• School volunteers	36%
• Bus drivers	94%
• Coaches	92%
• Other school staff	85%

35. How much support do you believe exists among faculty and staff for the policy your school has adopted which prohibits tobacco use by students?

• Very high support	93%
• Moderate support	7%
• Slight support	0%
• No support	0%

36. How much do you personally support the policy your school has adopted which prohibits tobacco use by students?

• Very much	100%
• Somewhat	0%
• Not too much	0%
• Not at all	0%

37. Has this school adopted a policy prohibiting the use of tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars, or pipes) by faculty and staff during school related activities?

96% responded “yes”

38. How are faculty and staff informed of your policy which prohibits their use of tobacco during school related activities?

- Signs stating the policy are posted in visible locations 59%
- Written policies are distributed to faculty and staff 89%
- Policies are communicated verbally to faculty and staff 90%
- Policies are included in the faculty/staff policy manual 93%
- Through staff development programs 31%
- The policy is included in faculty and staff contracts 14%
- Other 19%

39. Are the following people responsible for enforcing the policy your school has adopted which prohibits tobacco use by faculty and staff during school related activities?

- School administrators 100%
- School security guards 45%
- Teachers 61%
- Law enforcement officers 58%
- Parents 25%
- School volunteers 24%
- Bus drivers 45%
- Coaches 49%
- Other school staff 43%

40. Does your policy specifically prohibit tobacco use by faculty and staff in each of the following locations?

- In faculty lounge or staff room during regular school hours 98%
- In faculty lounge or staff room during non-school hours 97%
- In school buildings during regular school hours 100%
- In school buildings during non-school hours 98%
- Outside on school grounds/property during regular school hours 81%
- Outside on school grounds/property during non-school hours 68%
- Within a specified distance of school grounds/property 42%
- At off-campus school-sponsored events 74%
- In school buses or other vehicles used to transport students 99%

41. When faculty or staff are caught violating school policy which prohibits tobacco use during school related activities, how often are the following actions taken?

	<u>Never</u>	<u>Rarely or Sometimes</u>	<u>Almost Always</u>
• Referred to a school or district administrator	20%	41%	39%
• Given a written or verbal reprimand	13%	43%	45%
• Encouraged to attend a cessation program	36%	51%	13%
• Suspended from position	71%	29%	1%

42. How much do you personally support the policy your school has adopted which prohibits tobacco use by faculty and staff during school related activities?

• Very much	92%
• Somewhat	6%
• Not too much	1%
• Not at all	1%

43. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use tobacco?

• 0 days	90%
• 1 or 2 days	2%
• 3 to 5 days	1%
• 6 to 9 days	1%
• 10 to 19 days	1%
• 20 to 29 days	0%
• All 30 days	4%