



Tobacco-Free School Materials: School Newsletter/Newspaper Article

Share your tobacco-free campus policy with students, teachers and parents by including it in your school newsletter or newspaper.

Tobacco-Free Policy on Campus

480,000 lives are lost to tobacco each year, including over 41,000 due to secondhand smoke. Despite these statistics, more than 24 million, or about 37 percent of U.S. children under the age of 18, are exposed to secondhand smoke. Students and staff spend nearly 1,000 hours on our school's campus between classtime, and before and after school activities, and the air we breathe on campus should be safe for all students.

Starting [Date], [School] will be a tobacco-free campus – including all indoor and outside spaces. This means that we will have healthier, smokefree air throughout our school. You'll notice new signage throughout campus announcing this tobacco-free policy which states that no student, staff member or visitor will be allowed to use any tobacco product on our campus at any time, including but not limited to:

- Cigarettes
- Hookahs
- E-Cigarettes
- Cigars and Cigarillos
- Smokeless Tobacco
- Snuff

We thank you in advance for your adherence to this policy and encourage you to learn additional ways in which to help your community and family go tobacco free. Seventy percent of smokers want to quit, and nearly half will try this year. You can double your chances of quitting smoking if you use any nicotine replacement therapy and quit-smoking counseling like the American Lung Association's Freedom From Smoking®. Visit FreedomFromSmoking.org to take a quiz to see if you are ready to quit smoking.

For more information on tobacco-free communities visit Lung.org/CVS.