

# Louisiana's 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy

It is important for school leaders to send a clear, consistent non-use message to their students, staff, and community by implementing a 100% Tobacco-Free policy. By implementing such a policy, school leaders will be countering the tobacco industry's influence with efforts to promote safe learning environments and healthy lifestyles.

## Model Policy Statement:

Because tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death, disease, and disability, the \_\_\_\_\_ Parish School Board shall provide a 100% tobacco-free school environment.

All tobacco products are prohibited on any school campus, school vehicle, or parish school board property. School campus includes the elementary or secondary school building and buildings on that campus. School Board property shall include any portable buildings, field houses, stadiums, equipment storage areas, vacant land, or any property owned, operated, or leased by the board.

All tobacco products are also prohibited at school-sponsored functions away from school property.

Tobacco advertising is also prohibited in school buildings, at school functions, and in school publications.

## Compliance and Enforcement

"Tobacco-Free" signs shall be displayed on school property. Notice of this policy shall be posted at the entrances to the grounds of each school and school building, and within school vehicles.

Notice of this policy shall be given to... (*School districts should note their procedures for communicating the policy to students, all school staff, parents or families, visitors, and the community.*)

As an alternative to punishing those students who are found in violation of this policy, students shall be referred to the school's health provider (Nurse, Health Center, or Social Worker) for a tobacco intervention. The school's health provider shall have the option of referring the student to the Fax to Quit Louisiana Program, coordinated by The Department of Health and Hospitals Tobacco Control Program, which refers the student to the Louisiana Quit-line, a free counseling service done over the phone for tobacco cessation.

School employees who violate 100% Tobacco-Free School Policy shall also be referred to the Louisiana Quit-Line (1-800-QuitNow) which is a free counseling service for tobacco cessation.

*Individual school district's punitive measures written here....*

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