

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

27-11. Increase smoke-free and tobacco-free environments in schools, including all school facilities, property, vehicles, and school events.

National Data Source	School Health Policies and Programs Study (SHPPS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
State Data Source	School Health Policies and Programs Study (SHPPS), CDC, NCCDPHP.
Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 3.10 (Tobacco).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	Revised Baseline— (see Comments)
Measure	Percent.
Baseline (Year)	38 (1994)
Target	100
Target-Setting Method	Retain the Healthy People 2000 target. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of junior high, middle, and senior high schools that reported that no smoking and no smokeless tobacco use was allowed by students, staff, or visitors on school facilities, property, vehicles, and school events.
Denominator	Number of junior high, middle, and senior high schools.
Population Targeted	Public and private junior high, middle, and senior high schools.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	From the 1994 School Health Policies and Programs Study: Handcard #1: <i>School building</i> <i>School grounds</i> <i>School-sponsored events off-campus</i> <i>School vehicles</i>

[Show Handcard #1]

- *I'm going to ask you a series of questions about student smoking policies. By smoking, I mean all forms of smoking tobacco, including cigarettes, pipes, and cigars. Looking at Handcard #1, are students permitted to smoke in any of these places during regular school hours?*

[If yes:]

Where are students permitted to smoke during regular school hours?

Are students permitted to smoke in any of these places during non-school hours?

[Show Handcard #1]

- *I'm going to ask you the same series of questions about student smokeless tobacco use policies. By smokeless tobacco, I mean snuff or chewing tobacco. Looking at Handcard #1, are students permitted to use smokeless tobacco in any of these places during regular school hours?*

[If yes:]

Where are students permitted to use smokeless tobacco during regular school hours?

Are students permitted to use smokeless tobacco in any of these places during non-school hours?

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- *Looking at Handcard #1, are school staff permitted to smoke in any of these places during regular school hours?*

[If yes:]

Where are school staff permitted to smoke during regular school hours?

Are school staff permitted to smoke in any of these places during non-school hours?

[Show Handcard #1]

- *Looking at Handcard #1, are school staff permitted to use smokeless tobacco in any of these places during regular school hours?*

[If yes:]

Where are school staff permitted to use smokeless tobacco during regular school hours?

Are school staff permitted to use smokeless tobacco in any of these places during non-school hours?

Do your smoking and smokeless tobacco policies apply to visitors at your school?

No

Yes, smoking policies apply

Yes, smokeless tobacco policies apply

Expected Periodicity Periodic.

Comments

The tobacco use prevention questions used to generate the first update data point for 2000 were different from those used for the 1994 baseline. Starting in 2000, the following questions were used:

- *Has this school adopted a policy prohibiting [cigarette smoking/cigar and pipe smoking/smokeless tobacco use] by [students/faculty and staff/school visitors]?*
- *Does that policy specifically prohibit [cigarette smoking/smokeless tobacco use] by [students/faculty and staff/school visitors]...*
 - In school buildings?*
 - Outside, on school grounds?*
 - In school buses or other vehicles used to transport students?*
 - At off-campus, school-sponsored events?*

The original baseline of 37 percent was revised to 38 percent due to methodological changes. The target of 100 percent did not change.

This objective differs from Healthy People 2000 objective 3.10, which not only tracked school districts providing tobacco-free environments, but also the proportion of school districts providing antismoking education. This objective focuses on smoke- and tobacco-free environments only.

See Part C for a description of SHPPS and Appendix A for focus area contact information.