

Tobacco use

Among Oklahoma Public High School Students

What is the problem?

The 2017 Oklahoma Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that among public high school students:

Cigarette Use

- 39% of students have ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs
- 12% smoke a whole cigarette for the first time before 13 years of age
- 13% smoked cigarettes during the 30 days before the survey

Other Tobacco Use

- 49% have ever used electronic vapor products
- 16% used electronic vapor products during the 30 days before the survey
- 26% used some form of tobacco during the 30 days before the survey (cigarette, cigar, smokeless, or electronic vapor products)
- 10% of current electronic vapor product users less than 18 years old got their own electronic vapor products
- 45% of users of tobacco products or electronic vapor products tried to quit during the 12 months before the survey

What are schools in Oklahoma doing about it?

The 2016 Oklahoma School Health Profiles indicates that among schools with grade six or higher:

School Environment

- 65% of schools followed a policy that mandates a tobacco-free environment, which prohibits tobacco use by students, staff, and visitors in school buildings, at school functions, in school vehicles, on school grounds, and at off-site school events
- 99% had adopted a policy prohibiting tobacco use
- 34% provided tobacco cessation services for faculty and staff
- 24% provided tobacco cessation services for students
- 90% posted signs marking a tobacco free school zone

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