

Support strong in Kentucky for 100% tobacco-free schools

Only 28% of Kentucky's school districts have protected students, staff members, teachers and guests from second-hand smoke by enacting 100% tobacco-free school policies.¹ Kentucky ranks 50th, the worst, in the percentage of secondary school campuses that prohibit tobacco use in all locations at all times.² Nationally, 65% of schools have such a policy.³

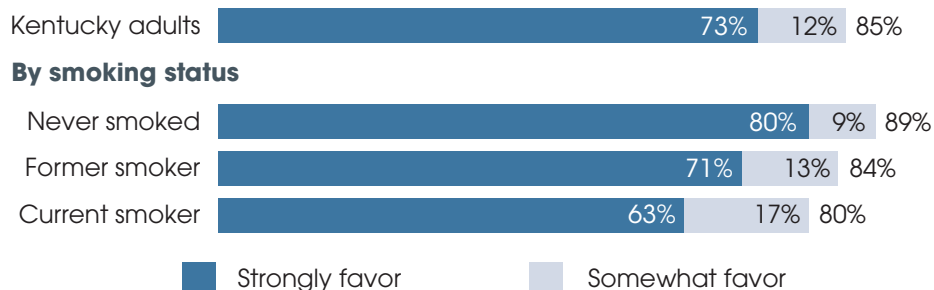
To learn Kentucky adults' opinions about this topic, the **Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP)** asked, "Research indicates that the younger a person is when they first try tobacco, the more susceptible they are to becoming addicted. To help keep kids from smoking, some school systems are adopting tobacco-free campus policies that would prohibit the use of tobacco by students, staff, parents or guests while they are on school grounds or

¹ Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky Department for Public Health, Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program, Kentucky's 100% Tobacco Free School Districts, Dec. 2015. Retrieved from: <http://bit.ly/1WXLynG>.

² U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, School Health Profiles 2014: Characteristics of Health Programs Among Secondary Schools, 2015. Retrieved from: <http://1.usa.gov/1jQZOkp>.

³ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, School Health Policies and Practices: Trends over time 2000-2014. Retrieved from: <http://1.usa.gov/1TWaa0Q>.

Percentage of Kentucky adults who favor tobacco-free campus policies



at school-sponsored activities, such as field trips and sporting events. Would you favor or oppose schools adopting tobacco-free campus policies in your community?"

Most support 100% tobacco-free schools

More than 8 in 10 Kentucky adults (85%) favored schools in their communities adopting tobacco-free campus policies. This is similar to 2013 when KHIP found that 84% of Kentucky adults favored such a policy.

Large majorities of Kentucky adults in all groups tracked by KHIP favored schools adopting tobacco-free campus policies. Majorities of nonsmokers (89%), former smokers (84%) and current smokers (80%) favored such a policy.

Likewise, more than 8 in 10 Independents (88%), Republicans (87%) and Democrats (83%) favored schools in their own communities adopting tobacco-free policies.

Support strong in all regions of Kentucky

In all regions, large majorities of adults supported tobacco-free policies on school campuses.

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