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FANSHAWE—The Fanshawe school board recently voted to protect students by adopting a 24/7 tobacco free school policy.

Tobacco kills more Oklahomans than alcohol, auto accidents, AIDS, suicides, murders and illegal drugs combined.

In order to recognize the importance of adult role modeling for students during formative years and to provide a healthy environment for students, staff, patrons and visitors; many school districts promote a 100 percent tobacco-free environment. These schools policies prohibit the use of all tobacco products on all district-owned property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



“State law only mandates schools be tobacco free between the hours of seven a.m. and four p.m.,” said Marcey Ford, coordinator of Tobacco-free LeFlore County. “Tobacco-free LeFlore County is encouraged to see schools decide to give students the clear message that tobacco is not a healthy choice by passing 24/7 Tobacco-free Policies.”

Current 24/7 Schools are Howe, LeFlore, Arkoma, Poteau, Shady Point, Spiro, Talihina, Cameron, Monroe and Panama.

Tobacco-free LeFlore County is a program of the LeFlore County Coalition for Healthy Living and LeFlore County Youth Services.

For more information on Tobacco-free LeFlore County, or would like to see how your school can become tobacco-free, contact Ford at (918) 647-4196 or [mford.lcys@gmail.com](mailto:mford.lcys@gmail.com).