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Monroe Eagles Adopt 24/7 Tobacco-free School Policy

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, 22.3 percent of eighth graders tried smoking by the eighth grade. 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, the Monroe School board recently voted to adopt a 24/7 Tobacco-free School Policy.

Current state law only mandates school be tobacco-free 7 am to 4 pm. The new Monroe School Policy prohibits the use of all tobacco products on all district-owned property 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Monroe joins, Howe, Poteau, Shady Point, Spiro and Talihina in adopting a 24/7 Tobacco-free Policy. The school was assisted in their efforts by Tobacco-free LeFlore County (TLC).

TLC is a program of the LeFlore County Coalition for Healthy Living and LeFlore County Youth Services. They serve to help prevent the initiation of tobacco use and to offer cessation services to those desiring to quit. Tobacco-free LeFlore County can assist in your school or business adopting a 24/7 Tobacco-free Policy. For more information call (918) 647-4196 or look us up on Facebook @ www.facebook.com/TobaccofreeLeFloreCounty.