

# Tobacco use

## Among Oklahoma Public High School Students

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### 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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