

**Rhode Island Department of Education
2006 School Health Profiles**

TOBACCO USE PREVENTION	
Among Rhode Island public middle/high schools, the percentage that...	Percentage
Have adopted a policy prohibiting tobacco use	98
Have an "ideal" tobacco-use prevention policy *	64
Post signs marking a tobacco-free school zone	73
Provide referrals to tobacco cessation programs for students	71
Provide referrals to tobacco cessation programs for faculty and staff	39
Prohibit all tobacco advertising**	70
Taught all 16 recommended tobacco-use prevention topics***	16
The lead health education teacher has received staff development during the past 2 years on tobacco-use prevention	19

* A tobacco-free environment prohibits all tobacco use by students, school staff members, and visitors in school buildings, on school property, in school buses or other vehicles used to transport students, and at off-campus school-sponsored events.

** Prohibits all tobacco advertising in school buildings; on school grounds including on the outside of the school building, on playing fields, or other areas of the campus; on school buses or other vehicles, in school publications, and through sponsorship of school events, and prohibits students from wearing tobacco brand-name apparel or carrying merchandise with tobacco company names, logos, or cartoon characters on it.

*** (among those that reported requiring a health education course)... Topics: short- and long-term consequences of smoking cigarettes, of smoking cigars, and of using smokeless tobacco; benefits of not smoking cigarettes, and of not using smokeless tobacco; addictive effects of tobacco; how many young people use tobacco; influence of families on tobacco use, of media, of social/cultural influences; how to find valid tobacco health information; making a personal commitment not to using tobacco; how students can influence others to prevent tobacco use; how students can influence others to quit using tobacco; resisting peer pressure to use tobacco; and effects of Environmental Tobacco Smoke or second-hand smoke.