

Congratulations to the Logan-Hocking School District! The Logan-Hocking Board of Education recently adopted a new 100% Tobacco Free School policy based on the guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Health.

The decision to adopt a 100% Tobacco Free School policy is one that will protect the health of students and promote healthy behaviors through role modeling in the school system. A 100% Tobacco Free School policy prohibits ALL tobacco use by everyone, including students, staff and visitors in all school facilities and buildings; on school grounds, athletic grounds and parking lots; at all school-sponsored events off-campus; and at all times (24/7). The policy must contain an enforcement provision and prohibit possession of tobacco products and tobacco paraphernalia by students.

According to the Ohio Department of Health's 2010 Ohio Youth Tobacco Survey more than 25% of high school students reported using tobacco products in the past 30 days, and more than 9% of middle school students reported using tobacco products in the past 30 days. Youth tobacco use in Ohio has been decreasing since 2000 as more public schools have adopted tobacco free policies.

The Ohio Department of Health has provided signs for each school building displaying the new policy. Students in grades K-4 received lunch boxes to celebrate becoming a 100% tobacco free school system. Again, congratulations to the Logan-Hocking School District on this tremendous achievement!