



## Tobacco-Free Virtual Toolkit

### Tobacco-Free Environmental Scan

Conducting an environmental scan will determine where tobacco use, and secondhand smoke and aerosol exposure is occurring. Use the information gathered from this tool to help determine the number of tobacco-free signage needed and signage placement. This information can also be used to assess compliance in the future.

Complete the environmental scan by walking around the school property observing where tobacco use is occurring and checking the appropriate response to the questions. Initiate the first step to adopting a tobacco-free policy by completing this environmental scan. Conduct a follow-up scan 6 months after the tobacco-free policy is implemented and annually thereafter.

Do you see smoking or vaping at school?	Yes	No	Notes
Near building entrances?			
In or around athletic facilities?			
On sidewalks or bus stops?			
In parking lots?			
Bathroom?			
Stairwell?			
Other:			
<b>Do you smell cigarette smoke...</b>			
Near building entrances?			
In or around athletic facilities?			
On sidewalks or bus stops areas?			
In parking lots?			
Bathroom?			
Stairwell?			
Other:			
<b>Do you smell vaping aerosol...</b>			
Near building entrances?			
In or around athletic facilities?			

On sidewalks or bus stops or other?			
In parking lots?			
Other:			
<b>Are there “no smoking” or “no vaping” or “no tobacco” signs posted?</b>			
At building entrances?			
On athletic fields?			
In parking lots?			
Other locations?			
<b>Are there designated smoking areas?</b>			

Adapted from North Carolina Department of health and Human Services Needs Assessment Tool for a Tobacco-free School Policy:  
<https://nctobaccofreeschools.dph.ncdhhs.gov/tools/tobacco-free-schools-tools-for-schools-guide.pdf>  
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