

West Bank

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The West Bank GSPS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on attitudes on school policy toward tobacco use, access to teaching materials and training, and attitudes toward tobacco use. These factors are components West Bank could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The West Bank GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2001 West Bank GYTS. The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 8 - 12.

For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of West Bank. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 98.7%. For the GSPS, 81.7% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,586 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

35.9% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 50.6%, Teachers = 34.0%)
 33.9% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 44.4%, Teachers = 32.5%)
 33.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 44.8%, Teachers = 32.4%)
 16.2% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 22.5%, Teachers = 15.4%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

98.7% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 50.0% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 86.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 15.1% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 62.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

89.6% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 24.4% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 7.2% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 17.6% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 96.2% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 93.4% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 74.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 88.7% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- One-third of the school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 33.9% currently smoke cigarettes and 16.2% currently use other tobacco products.
- Half the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; 15.1% have a policy for personnel; Close to two-thirds of the schools enforce their policies.
- One-quarter of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 7.2% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- 17.6% of schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than nine in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.