

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 2005 West Bank GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 7, 8, 9 and 10. 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 100.0%. For the GSPS, 100.0% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 117 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

46.0% ever smoked cigarettes (Teachers = 45.4%)
 27.6% currently use any tobacco product (Teachers = 26.6%)
 24.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Teachers = 23.0%)
 12.0% currently use other tobacco products (Teachers = 11.2%)
 23.8% smoked on school property in the past year (Teachers = 23.3%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

99.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 64.8% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 81.8% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 28.5% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 41.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

13.0% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 91.8% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 70.6% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 12.2% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 45.1% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

95.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 92.4% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 62.6% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 88.8% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 27.6% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 24.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 12.0% currently use other tobacco products.
- Close to two-thirds of the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; almost one in three have a policy for personnel; two in five schools enforce their policies.
- 13.0% of schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Seven in ten teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 12.2% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Close to half the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.