

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death, as well as causing approximately 435,000 premature deaths and more than 5 million years of potential life lost;¹

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke exposure causes heart disease and lung cancer in non-smoking adults;²

WHEREAS, there is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure. Even brief exposure can be dangerous;³

WHEREAS, the Pro Children's Act of 1994 requires all federally funded children's service's to become smoke free;⁴

WHEREAS, school staff and child care providers have a responsibility to adhere to federal and state law and school policies related to non-use of tobacco products;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the American School Health Association exhort all public and non-public schools, preschools, and child care programs to prohibit at all times the use of any tobacco products by faculty, staff, students and visitors on school property, buildings, grounds, and vehicles, as well as at all school sponsored and school sanctioned events.

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