Sample Tobacco Policy Parent Letter

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

On [Date], [School Name] approved a comprehensive tobacco-free school policy. This policy prohibits all tobacco and e-cigarette use by everyone (students, staff, parents and visitors), everywhere on campus, at all times, including school events after regular school hours. This policy also prohibits the use of tobacco products and e-cigarettes during off-site school-sponsored events. A copy of the policy is attached for reference.

We have implemented this policy in an effort to:

* Create a healthy and positive environment: Youth spend a great deal of their time at school and school events. Keeping tobacco and e-cigarettes out of the school environment means students don’t see their friends or adults using tobacco and e-cigarettes, which helps make tobacco and e-cigarette use less socially acceptable.
* Prevent tobacco use initiation: National statistics show that youth are using e-cigarettes now more than ever before. We have a responsibility to educate our students about the dangers of nicotine addiction and help them to live tobacco and nicotine-free lives.

Tobacco and vape-free schools provide positive role modeling for students. Schools are a place where children develop lifelong behaviors, and we are committed to ensuring smoking, chewing tobacco, and/or using e-cigarettes are not among those behaviors.

We have installed signs about the policy throughout the school campus. We will also make regular announcements at school events to remind students and visitors that tobacco and e-cigarette use is not allowed at these events or on school property.

There are many helpful resources for youth or adults in our community who use tobacco and want to quit. Please visit [www.quitwithusla.org](http://www.quitwithusla.org) or call 1-800-QUIT-NOW to learn more about free quit support services available for youth and adults.

We appreciate your help in supporting this policy. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact [Point of Contact].