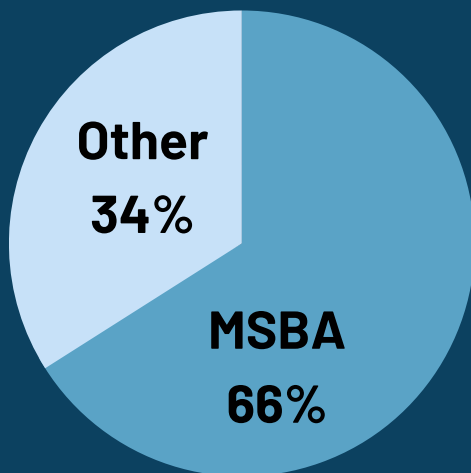


# Commercial Tobacco Policies in Schools

The Association for Nonsmokers-MN (ANSR) and the Public Health Law Center analyzed the commercial tobacco policies of school districts across Minnesota. About the research:

- A total of 329 school districts in Minnesota.
- Analyzed 290 of the 329 school district policies.
- Conducted analysis of policies using a set of 16 questions.



Of the 290 district policies analyzed, 192 adopted the complete Minnesota School Board Association's (MSBA) model policy. This policy:

- Includes the definition of an e-cigarette;
- Prohibits donation and promotion from commercial tobacco industries;
- Creates commercial tobacco-free grounds; and
- Allows for religious or cultural exemptions.

This policy does not include a definition for synthetic nicotine, smokeless tobacco, or imitation tobacco products.

## Among non-MSBA policies:

- 16% do **not** ban donation or promotion of the commercial tobacco industry.
- 11% do **not** include a definition of an e-cigarette.

**Only 1% of all school district policies explicitly offer cessation opportunities and support to students.**

More Information for individual school districts is available upon request.



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