

HENDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

PROUD TO BE

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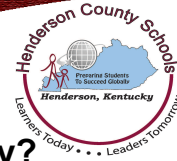
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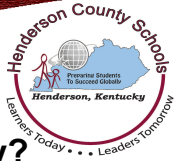
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Community involvement and comprehensive tobacco-free policies are needed to model appropriate behavior for youth. We cannot send mixed signals in our learning environments. In order to be effective, there must be no exceptions.

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