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Apply for School Health Grant: Up to 10K Awarded

Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) invites public and charter schools to apply for the Reaching for Excellence (RFE) in Texas School Health Grant.

The goal of the RFE grants is to fund projects that inspire students to live healthier lives. The RFE grant funds new projects or projects operating for less than a year. The project must focus on at least one key component of the [Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child model](#).

Eligible projects should engage students, their families, and the community. They should also include plans to continue the project past the initial year. A school district can receive up to \$10,000 (in reimbursement funds) to implement a project at the district level or on a school campus. If selected, the school district will receive funds for one project. [Learn more and apply for a Reaching for Excellence Grant](#).

Application Period Now Open:
September 1, 2022 to November, 14, 2022.

Project Begins: September 1, 2023,
Project Ends: August 31, 2024.

Events/Health Observances

Click on the dates below to access more information about the event or observance, if available.

October

OCT	Breast Cancer Awareness Month
OCT 3-7	Mental Illness Awareness Week
OCT 21	National Mammography Day

November

NOV	Lung Cancer Awareness Month
NOV 17	Great American Smokeout

[Click here to learn the latest on COVID-19.](#)

Questions? Email
schoolhealthawards@dshs.texas.gov or call 512-776-7279.



E-Cigarette Retailer Information Available Online

E-cigarette retailer data is now available to the public and can be downloaded using the Texas Comptroller's website search feature for [cigarette, tobacco and/or e-cigarette retailer permits](#). The data is updated daily and provides the public with the most current e-cigarette retailer permit information possible.

As of January 1, 2022, e-cigarette retailers are required to obtain an e-cigarette retailer permit through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts before selling e-cigarettes in this state.



\$438.5 Million Multistate Settlement with JUUL for Deceptive Marketing and Sales Practices; Texas to Recover \$42.8 Million

The \$438.5 million agreement in principle between JUUL Labs and 34 states and territories, resolves a two-year bipartisan investigation into the e-cigarette manufacturer's marketing and sales practices. The investigation, [initially launched in 2020 by Attorney General Paxton](#), was led by his office, along with the Attorneys General of Connecticut and Oregon.

Of the \$438.5 million, [Texas will receive \\$42.8 million](#). The settlement will also force JUUL to comply with a series of strict injunctive terms severely limiting their marketing and sales practices.



New Health Education Materials Available

As part of the *SelfMade Health Network (SMHN) Healthier Nation Fact Sheet Series*, the first three "Healthier Nation" Fact Sheets (2022 edition) are posted and available for downloading on the [SMHN website](#).

SelfMade Health Network "Healthier Nation" Fact Sheets can be used while developing or enhancing partnerships to reduce cancer and tobacco-related disparities.



Say What! Annual Conference

The annual Say What! Conference was held July 26 to July 29, 2022 in Austin, Texas. School Safety Center staff and Teen Ambassadors welcomed 170 youth and 95 adults to the first in-person conference in two years. Based on the initial evaluation feedback, the conference was a success!



TYTAP Instructor Training Updated

The dates and locations for the State Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Texas Youth Tobacco Awareness Program (TYTAP) instructor training is posted on the [TYTAP website](#).

- For current instructors, classes will be held November 11, 2022 in Austin/Round Rock, January 27, 2023 in Dallas, and June 16 2023 in College Station or virtually.
- For new instructors, classes will be held November 30 - December 2, 2022 in Corpus Christi, February 1-3, 2023 in El Paso, June 7-9, 2023 in Round Rock or virtually.

Please visit the [website](#) for updates on exact locations for classes.

TYTAP offers awareness classes for minors and provides them with the information and skills necessary to quit using tobacco and to avoid using tobacco products in the future. For questions, please email Tobacco.Free@dshs.texas.gov.



Transcripts and Recording Available for Listening Sessions on FDA's Proposed Tobacco Product Standards

FDA's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) recently proposed two product standards: one that would prohibit menthol as a characterizing flavor in cigarettes and another that would prohibit characterizing flavors (other than tobacco) in all cigars.

On June 13 and June 15, 2022, FDA held virtual listening sessions to give the public an opportunity to verbally provide open public comment on the proposed product standards. During each listening session, a diverse range of speakers including public health advocates, tobacco industry representatives and tobacco researchers, were able to share their comments on topics related to the products standards. The transcripts and recordings, with closed captioning and ASL interpretations, are now available on the [FDA website](#).

Got content ideas? Email them to us and let us know what you would like to see in this newsletter at: Tobacco.Free@dshs.texas.gov.

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