

FAIRVIEW INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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E-cigarettes are battery-powered vaporizers that simulate the action and sensation of smoking. Their use is often referred to as vaping because they do not produce tobacco smoke. Nearly all e-cigarettes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can harm the developing adolescent brain, Because the brain is still developing until about 25, youth and young adult exposure to nicotine can lead to addiction and disrupt attention and learning.

The Fairview School District is committed to educating students on the health risks of vaping as an adolescent. In the coming weeks, students will participate in a lesson and receive educational health information to assist them in understanding the harmful effects of vaping and why our district will have zero tolerance for vaping moving forward.

Per district policy #09.4232, students shall not be permitted to use or possess any tobacco, including alternative nicotine product or vapor products on property owned or operated by the Fairview Board of Education, inside Board-owned vehicles, on the way to and from school, or during school-sponsored trips and activities. Students who violate these prohibitions while under the supervision of the school shall be subject to penalties set forth in the local code of acceptable behavior and discipline. Vaping paraphernalia use is not permitted at any time by teachers, staff, students, parents, or visitors in any facility considered to be under the supervision of the Fairview High School administration.

If a student is found in violation of the Code of Conduct by school administration, the following consequences for student behavior shall apply:

First Possession

- Vaping paraphernalia will be confiscated and destroyed
- Contact with the parent/guardian will be made before the end of the day
- Student will complete an online assignment on the dangers of vaping
- Student will be assigned Saturday School
- May be referred to law enforcement for consideration of a citation. A citation will include the Court Designated Worker's (CDW) involvement.

Second or More Possessions

- Vaping paraphernalia will be confiscated and destroyed
- Contact with the parent/guardian will be made before the end of the day
- Student will complete an online assignment on the dangers of vaping
- Student will be assigned Saturday School
- Automatically referred to law enforcement for consideration of a citation. A citation will include the Court Designated Worker's (CDW) involvement.

School administration may assign additional alternative consequences such as in and out of school suspension, revoked driving privileges, participation in extracurricular activities, graduation participation, etc.