



SAHUARITA
UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT

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Dear Sahuarita Families:

As you may be aware, over the last several years, there has been a significant increase in the use of electronic smoking devices by high school students to “vape” tobacco and other nicotine products. E-cigarettes are known by many different names. They are sometimes called “e-cigs,” “e-hookahs,” “mods,” “vape pens,” “vapes,” “tank systems,” and “electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS).” Using an e-cigarette is sometimes called “vaping” or “JUULing.”

The FDA now believes that youth use of e-cigarettes is reaching epidemic proportions. In fact, the High School Risk Behavior Survey shows that 51% of the students polled in Arizona had tried vaping products.

Recently, an alarming new trend has arisen. Teens are no longer using these electronic smoking devices, referred to as “e-cigarettes,” simply to vape tobacco. These devices, now frequently referred to as “weed pens” and “weed vaporizers,” are instead being used to vape cannabis (marijuana).

We feel that it is important for us to share this information with you as we are starting to see an increase in occurrences at school. It is important for you to know that possession of a vape pen, e-cigarette, or any materials associated with them is strictly prohibited at school and is illegal.

Sahuarita Unified School District has created a webpage of resources for students and families. You can access the resources at <http://bit.ly/SUSDwp411>. The health and well-being of all of our students is of great importance and by sharing this information with you, you can have meaningful conversations with your child(ren) about the effects of vaping.

Please take some time to speak with your child about this. We appreciate your efforts in supporting school rules and policies to help maintain quality learning environments and keeping our students safe.

Respectfully,

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