

From the Office of Student Services

Dear WKHS Parents and Students,

There has been a dramatic increase in the number of incidents where students are being found with cigarettes, or electronic / vapor nicotine delivery systems on all of our campuses in Worthington. There have always been some students who have brought tobacco and tobacco products to school throughout the history of schools....but recently the trend has been to bring or carry electronic versions: e-cigs, and vaporizers that are able to vaporize flavors, chemicals like nicotine, and some even purportedly have the ability to vaporize THC, the active ingredient in marijuana. There seems to be an increase in these alternative products that are getting into the hands of students not old enough to purchase these products legally. We wanted to remind everyone -- Please do not bring these items to school or school events!

Here are a few links to the websites that describe some of these electronic cigarettes.

e-cig brand-- JUUL <https://www.juulvapor.com>

e-cig brand-- Blu <https://www.blu.com/en/US>

e-cig brand-- NJOY <http://www.njoy.com>



Our purpose for including these descriptions is to provide background information and pictures of what you may see out in the community. The marketing is attractive and does appeal to students and adults alike.

We have added this item to our newsletter and website to try and be proactive in our communication that the use of these products is probably not safe for any age group. It is a violation of our Codes of Conduct and it is causing some of our students to lose time at school. Students know that tobacco products and alternative tobacco products are not allowed on campus. To help inform the conversation relating to this most recent phenomenon, here is a publication from the National Institute on Drug Abuse that clarifies the impact this behavior may have on a person.

<https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/drugfacts/electronic-cigarettes-e-cigarettes>

For clarity, we feel it is important for us to share this reminder--The use of all tobacco and / or vape products (including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smokeless tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaporizers, vape pens, hookahs, blunts, pipes, snuff, and any other tobacco or vape related product, including any product that looks like these products) is prohibited in all Worthington Schools and at all school sponsored activities.

Thank you for your Support and Cooperation!

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