

The Dean's Office strives to keep our environment healthy for the development of our students. We establish high expectations for our students in regards to the academic, social and emotional development. As we all know, technology continually changes our world and finds its way into every aspect of our lives. We have become aware of the drastic increase in kids around the country experimenting with vaping.

Vaping is the act of inhaling and exhaling the aerosol, often referred to as vapor, which is produced by an e-cigarette or similar device. The term is used because e-cigarettes do not produce tobacco smoke, but rather an aerosol, often mistaken for water vapor, that actually consists of fine particles.

Vaping has grown in popularity with the rise of e-cigarettes, which were introduced to the mass market in the U.S. in 2007. Vaping devices include not just e-cigarettes, but also vape pens and advanced personal vaporizers (also known as 'MODS', Pix, or Juuls). E-cigarettes, which resemble smoked cigarettes, and vape pens, are typically simpler in design.

Generally a vaping device consists of a mouthpiece, a battery, a cartridge for containing the e-liquid or e-juice, and a heating component for the device that is powered by a battery. When the device is used, the battery heats up the heating component, which turns the contents of the e-liquid into an aerosol that is inhaled into the lungs and then exhaled.

Please be aware as these devices have greatly increased in popularity with teenagers, especially those that resemble pens and flashdrives. As stated in our handbook under conduct, these devices will be treated as smoking and are prohibited, and therefore will be a violation of Fenwick High School's drug and alcohol policy. Any student found with these devices, or using these devices in school or at school related events will be subject to discipline under the drug and alcohol policy.

