



Huerfano RE-1 School District

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Dear Students, Parents, and Staff members:

Warning: Vaping or vaping devices will not be tolerated.

More than a quarter of **Colorado teens surveyed** say they currently use an electronic vapor product.

That puts Colorado at No. 1 among 37 surveyed states for teen vaping.

We are facing a growing threat to student health that is often disguised in many forms. Vaporizing devices commonly referred to as “vapes” are soaring in popularity among our Huerfano student population.

A vape, or electronic cigarette, is a handheld electronic device that tries to create the feeling of tobacco smoking. It works by heating a liquid to generate an aerosol, commonly called a “vapor” that the user inhales. The liquid in the e-cigarette, called e-liquid, is usually made of nicotine, propylene glycol, glycerin, and flavorings. Not all e-liquids contain nicotine. Some vapes can use flavored vapor without nicotine or tobacco. These devices can also be used for the ingestion of marijuana and related substances such as hash oil. Devices used for these purposes are often called “wax pens” or “dab pens” and are also small and easily pass undetected.

Our Huerfano RE-1 Board of education realizes the serious, growing dangers and health concerns of vaping.

Therefore the board of education will consider prohibiting any “electronic cigarettes that can deliver nicotine and non-nicotine vaporized solutions.” Thus, even e-cigarettes or vapes that contain only flavored “vape” are prohibited from school grounds or school sponsored events. Student related offenses involving the vaping of nicotine, non-nicotine, marijuana or THC are increasing dramatically. It is time to eliminate vaping of any kind in our school district.

Students in possession of non-nicotine vapes or e-cigarettes will be disciplined in the same way we discipline students Using or in possession of tobacco products. Be aware that consequences related to vaping will be changed.

STUDENT POSSESSION OF ANY VAPING DEVICE WILL RESULT IN THE FOLLOWING CONSEQUENCES:

1st Offense: 3 days out-of-school suspension plus a Friday school cessation session.

2nd Offense: 10 days out-of-school suspension.

3rd Offense: 10 days out-of-school suspension and recommendation for long-term suspension or expulsion.

Please note that a vaping device with THC or any other type of illegal drug is a discipline offense, which will result in a 1st offense minimum consequence of 10 days out-of-school suspension plus a Friday school cessation session which could also include a recommendation for long-term suspension/expulsion.

I believe a balanced response to vaping must be provided. Our response must discipline yet do so with prevention and treatment in mind also by requiring additional education or medical intervention.

★ *This response will include a mandatory Friday School session on cessation, health related factors and the marketing of vaping products to our youth prior to returning to school.*

Parents, please talk with your children at home about the potential health-related dangers of vaping and these newly implemented consequences for bringing vaping devices to school.

Respectfully,



Michael J Moore

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