

PPAlexandria Middle School
Respect Yourself–Respect Others–Respect your School



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Dear AMS Families,

Alexandria Middle School, similar to many other middle schools in New Jersey, has seen a recent spike in incidents involving student vaping. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the issue and to share resources if you suspect that your child is involved in this type of behavior. Due to the negative impacts of vaping, we are taking this issue very seriously as vaping is not only against school policy, but also very dangerous.

Vaping is the act of inhaling a vapor product by an electronic vaporizer. The liquids that are vaporized come in many different flavors and might even smell fruity. Many of these flavors of these liquid concentrates or “vape juices” are sweet and have names like cinnamon roll, marshmallow and bubblegum, which can be combined with marijuana.

Vaporizers come in all different shapes and sizes; some will look like pens, a stylus for computers, and even flash drives. Most of these devices are very small and can be hidden easily. Stores cannot sell these products to anyone under the age of 18; however they can be easily purchased by anyone on-line.

According to our school Code of Conduct, a student in possession of vaporizers, is subjected to a 1-10 day out of school suspension, medical clearance to return to school and a mandatory re- entry conference. In some cases, the Police may be notified.

I hope that you have found this letter informative and helpful. It is our goal at AMS to best support our students in making positive decisions. Please consider talking to your child about the dangers of vaping. It is my hope that through the efforts of home and school, that our students will refrain from using such devices.

For more information about vaping, please visit the links below:

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/pdfs/OSH-E-Cigarettes-and-Youth-What-Parents-Need-to-Know-2019-0327-508.pdf

<https://www.nj.gov/health/fhs/tobacco/vaping/young/>

Sincerely,

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