

October Hot Topic
Vaping - 10/4/23 - 2:30 p.m.
Approximately 15 Participants

CHAT TOPICS

- How big of an issue is vaping for everyone?
 - Once program thinks 8 out of 10 of their students are vaping
 - Some schools are having a better year.
 - Others say it's a HUGE issue that students are vaping with heads in the toilets or vaping into wet paper towels.
 - Students attempting it in the classroom now as well because of detectors in the restroom.
 - Some schools have found vapes in ceiling tiles.
- Seeing any trends?
 - Have now heard meth can be in vapes.
 - Vapes being hidden everywhere from ceiling tiles to inside of toilet seat
 - Newer vapes that look like highlighters
- Narcan
 - Training is a great idea schools should check into
- Any luck with detectors or metal wands?
 - One district noticed other drug use went up (pills, etc) when detectors were installed.
 - Some have had a mixed bag of results on the detectors. Students told staff they needed to get vape detectors. However, the delay of the fumes has sent the detector off when no students are even in the restroom. They haven't found them to be as accurate as they had hoped. They don't want to falsely accuse students, so it's tough.
- How do you decipher between nicotine & thc?
 - Maybe could have guest speaker or officers come discuss what substances may be found in the vapes and the dangerous affects of the chemicals.
- What discipline measures are you using?
 - One district is going into the restroom before and after they use the restroom individually.
 - Some districts have taken away bags and backpacks.
 - No longer issuing fleece jackets as uniforms because they began hiding them.
 - Restroom passes & must sign out to use the restroom so there's a written record of who's going.
 - One school uses a 3 step process:
 - 1st - 2 days in-school suspension
 - 2nd - 4 days in-school suspension
 - 3rd - 1 day out and parent meeting to return
 - Another school has search steps
 - 30 school days search plan if vape found with substance abuse counselor
 - No phones, nothing allowed, but chromes & clear backpack
 - Progressive Discipline
 - 3 days in/out school suspension
 - Referral to resource officer
 - Online curriculum
 - Sit with social worker 1 time per week to get the dangers of the why
- What discipline measures are working?
 - Bathroom monitor standing outside restroom at peak times.

- Cameras outside the restroom.
 - Restroom one at a time.
 - Sign out for restroom.
- Searching techniques & tips?
 - Have a 2nd staff member with you present
 - Use gloves, think before you start reaching in areas
 - Some schools have trainings
- Resources or curriculum anyone is using to help educate students?
 - Karen Thieman has some resources she will share out.
 - <https://www.vapeeducate.com/about/>
 - 3rd Millenium - Jeff Gerard will share
 - <https://3rdmil.com/>
 - Jennifer Garcia said their staff has been trained in searches and will find out where they were trained.
 - Vape education 101 class. Some use it in suspension.
 - West 40 allows students to chat with social worker before searching. They're motto is we're here to serve you, not bust you.
 - Tall Cop has a website that is a great resource

RESOURCES TO SHARE

- EVERFI has FREE materials
- Self Paced Vaping Prevention Education:
 - <https://www.bevapefree.org/empower-yourself/>
- Self Paced Alternative to Suspension:
 - <https://mededucation.stanford.edu/courses/my-healthy-future-online-course/>
- Instructor Led Vaping Prevention Education:
 - https://med.stanford.edu/tobaccopreventiontoolkit/you-and-me-together-vape-free-curriculum.html#general_info (6 lessons, 50 min)
 - <https://catch.org/program/vaping-prevention/> (4 lessons, 40 – 50 min)
- Mark Wagner Shared the following resources
 - <https://www.bevapefree.org/students/> (elementary, middle & high school videos) (used the middle school presentation)
 - <https://www.mdanderson.org/about-md-anderson/community-services/aspire.html>
 - <https://www.justthinktwice.gov/>