

# Jones Public Schools

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Parents,

For decades we have been campaigning to reduce teenage cigarette smoking. E-cigarettes, otherwise known as “vapes” are undoubtedly catching the eye of teenagers and even younger children. We understand that these nicotine delivery systems can seem attractive. However, the flavoring can mask the harshness of what is really inside. The main component is often nicotine, with a combination of other potentially hazardous chemicals like metals, microscopic particles and carcinogens.

The contents of these delivery systems are not easily identified and can range from tobacco to a controlled substance. We believe that in order to keep our campus tobacco free, we need to align our tobacco and vape policies to be one in the same.

The safety and well-being of our students is our first priority. As a school we want to get out in front of these issues and establish policies that will provide not only consequences, but guidance and education.

We believe these new polices on tobacco and vapes are an important preventive measure and will help to dissuade students from engaging in unhealthy behaviors with the goal of encouraging Jones youth to make decisions that are in their best interest.

Parents, we want to partner with you on this issue and help provide some education about the potential dangers of vaping. We have provided some links below to help you understand what risks are involved with teenage vaping.

Thank You,

Jones Public Schools Administration

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

<https://schoolleadersnow.weareteachers.com/educators-school-vaping/>