

Marshall Independent School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

I hope this letter finds you well as we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year at Marshall ISD. As you may already be aware, there have been significant developments in the legislative landscape concerning the use of vapes/e-cigarettes in schools. I write to inform you about the implications of the new Texas House Bill 114 and its impact on our district.

House Bill 114, enacted to ensure a safer and healthier learning environment, addresses the pressing issue of Vape usage among students. In adherence to this law, I must emphasize the grave importance of its implementation and the strict consequences that come with violating it.

Per State Guidelines, Marshall ISD will place students caught in **possession** and/or using any type of ECIG/Vape into the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP). A DAEP placement prohibits students from accessing any campus for any reason during the duration of the placement

Additionally, students in DAEP will not be allowed to participate in school-sponsored or schoolrelated activities during the term of placement, including games, practices, dances, ceremonies, concerts, or plays. This decision aligns with the gravity of the offense and aims to uphold the values of our educational community.

As difficult as these measures may seem, we are obliged to adhere to the law and prioritize the safety and well-being of all our students. Our commitment to providing a conducive and secure environment for learning remains paramount.

Let us remember that these strict measures are not intended to be punitive, but rather to reinforce the importance of responsible decision-making and complying with the law. We, as educators, strive to help our students grow into responsible, thoughtful, and law-abiding citizens.

We recognize the significance of preventive education, and as such MISD will continue to teach our students the dangers of vaping and the importance of choosing a healthy lifestyle through our curriculum, programs and courses.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support you and your children throughout this process.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Let us work together to create a safe and nurturing environment where every student can strive for excellence.

Sincerely,

Richele Langley

Dr. Richele Langley Superintendent of Marshall ISD