



Dear Parent/Guardian,

A major change to our letter this year focuses on additional examples (below) of what an e-cigarette looks like and what a vape looks like when it has a THC (marijuana) delivery system. These are rapidly changing times and we owe it to our community to be vigilant about this ever-changing landscape of nicotine delivery devices.

We want to inform you about the recent trend of e-cigarettes being used by young people. E-cigarettes also referred to as electronic cigarettes or vape pens are an electronic nicotine delivery system designed to mimic or replace smoking a cigarette. They produce an odorless vapor that resembles smoke. We are concerned that e-cigarettes may encourage young people to start smoking, particularly because of their novelty value, candy-flavored taste and the common assumption that they are safe.

E-cigarettes differ from regular cigarettes for several reasons. The liquid nicotine (vape or vapor-liquid) often comes in flavors marketed to young people such as strawberry, cherry, apple, or watermelon, have colorful packaging, and look more like a “pen” than a traditional cigarette. They are sold individually at gas stations, smoke shops, in some convenience stores, as well as online.

E-cigarettes contain liquid nicotine and not tobacco. The issue surrounding liquid nicotine is that the FDA has only just begun to regulate manufacturing and use of vape liquids. The short and long-term effects are not known. An additional concern we want to share is with little regulation, some brands of e-liquid have been found to have far more nicotine than advertised. Young people who start to use e-cigarettes could easily become addicted to nicotine and could progress to smoking cigarettes as well as, or instead of, e-cigarettes. In addition, law enforcement officials are now seeing e-cigarette devices being modified for use with THC/marijuana-based oils & liquid as well.

One of the main reasons we are sending this letter out now is there have been new technologies introduced that have made it very difficult to realize items are e-cigarettes or vapes. The examples on the next few pages are a testament to the ingenuity of the companies that make these compact e-cigarettes and their willingness to allow users a discreet way to hide or mask the items creates difficulty for school officials and parents to manage their use or possession.

We want our school community to know that possessing e-cigarettes or any other electronic smoking device or implement on campus is strictly prohibited. Please be aware that our district policy JFCH states: **All chemicals and substances which release toxic vapors or gases used for the purpose of giving off fumes, vapors, or gases to produce a mood altering affect and “Look-alikes” meaning any substance represented as a “drug” and/or represented to have a mood altering effect are prohibited.**

Please talk to your child and reinforce the dangers and potential consequences of e-cigarettes. If you are worried about your child or have additional questions about e-cigarettes or other substance-related issues, feel free to contact the student services office at your child's building. **Follow us on Twitter @pachphs, @lamathys, or @Linssen_PHS for continued information regarding a host of topics from Pulaski High School.**

Sincerely,

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Examples of E-Cigarettes (devices) confiscated at Pulaski Community School District buildings



Example picture of E-juice and E-cigarette cartridge or pods used to refill or deliver nicotine



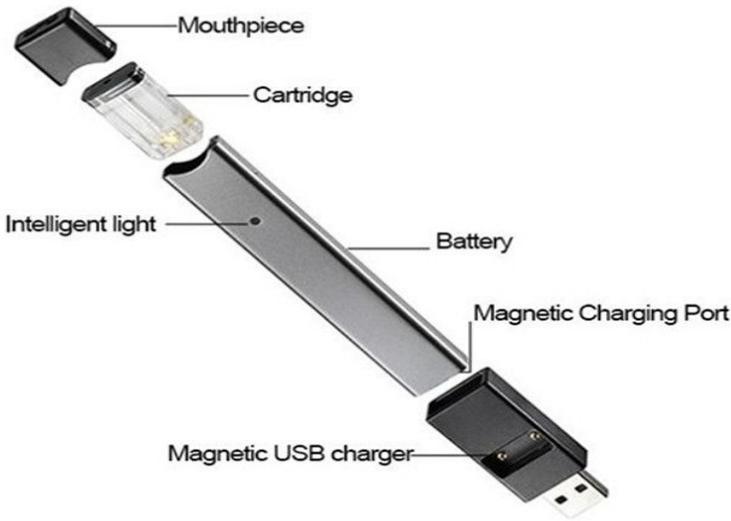
Example picture of what a DAB looks like



Dabbing is vaporizing concentrated marijuana, usually in the form of wax or hash, by connecting it to a vape MOD and inhaling the vapor. Dab marijuana concentrations are upwards of 88% effective THC, where a marijuana joint has only 11% effective THC concentration.



Juul Vape Example:



Credit Card E-cigarette



SMALLER THAN A CREDIT CARD



