



Santa Fe ISD

Dangers of Vaping

According to the School Safety and Compliance Newsletter released by SafeSchools on Tuesday, February 4, 2020, there is a growing concern for the number of teens vaping nicotine. According to the newsletter, there is also an alarming number of teens using vape pens to vape marijuana and marijuana concentrates.

In an effort to help parents and students better understand the dangers of vaping, below are statistics from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and helpful tips, from *Campus Safety Magazine*, on how you can tell what type of product is being used in a vape pen .

Statistics of teens who have vaped marijuana:
12.4% of eighth graders
10.8% of tenth graders
13.1 % of twelfth graders

How can you tell what type of product is being used in a vape pen?

1. Open the pen - the packed or used residue of the product will be inside one of these areas: a raised wick surrounded by a coil, a flat coil, or just a cylinder.
2. Marijuana has a wax-like consistency - wax inside of a vape pen can generally be tested with law enforcement kits. If the pen has been smoked recently, there could be the odor of smoked marijuana coming from inside the pen.
3. A closed pen with wax on the inside will produce very little to no smell.