

MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear New Lane Families,

Schools in the Middle Country School District and specifically New Lane, have seen instances of vaping. Unfortunately, this is mirroring a national trend. The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the issue and give you resources if you feel your child is involved in this behavior or around others who are. It is also to alert you that vaping on school grounds directly violates Middle Country Central School District's Code of Conduct and will be taken very seriously.

Vaping has negative health effects on children. The surgeon general reports that nicotine is addictive and can harm brain development up until the age of 25. The vapor can contain nicotine and other substances, which is very concerning. The liquid that is vaporized can come in many different flavors and might even smell fruity. Some flavors are marshmallow, bubble-gum, strawberry, lemonade and cookie. We often find that parents are frequently not aware of the risks around vaping, they do not recognize the signs, or the devices themselves.

We are aware that many of our students have older siblings or relatives that may legally use a vape. It is very important that these devices remain hidden or inaccessible to younger children in the house. Please have discussions with anyone who is around your children that vape. It is very important for us to work as a team to provide all our students a safe, healthy and productive school environment.

Here is a link from the CDC that further details the risks of vaping.

https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/e-cigarettes/Quick-Facts-on-the-Risks-of-E-cigarettes-for-Kids-Teens-and-Young-Adults.html

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Robin Newberg

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