



# Fountain Central Jr./Sr. High School

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Dear Parents and/or Guardians of Fountain Central Jr/Sr High School Students,

Unfortunately, we have noticed a growing trend in tobacco use by our students at Fountain Central in the form of electronic cigarettes. These smokeless tobacco devices, called vapes, are showing up in growing numbers in our classrooms and restrooms. Teachers and support staff have been made aware of the issue and have been trained to identify the devices and restrooms are being monitored closely. However, the issue continues to grow.

The most common form of vape is made by a company called JUUL. A nicotine pod snaps into the device, which looks like a thumb drive and is charged in the USB port of a computer, and contains the same amount of nicotine as a pack of cigarettes. We have confiscated numerous devices this school year, which classify as a tobacco product. We believe our current policies for tobacco possession and/or use needs to be altered to become a greater deterrent to this growing issue. Beginning in January 2019, the consequences for tobacco possession and/or use will be as follows.

- 1st Offense: 3 Days of In-School Suspension and referral to School Resource officer
- 2nd Offense: 3 Days of Out-of-School Suspension and referral to School Resource officer
- 3rd Offense: 5-10 Days of Out-of-School Suspension
- 4th Offense: Expulsion

Furthermore, referrals from the first semester will remain, so a 1st offense in the fall would mean that an offense after January 1, 2019 would result in the 2nd offense consequence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school office.

Thanks,

Ashley Hammond  
Principal

Chris Webb  
Assistant Principal