



PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Vaping Reference Sheet

Since 2019, the district has taken a stance of supporting and living a vape-free lifestyle, highlighted by our *Escape the Vape* campaign. From then through present, vaping pens continuously appear within our schools, whether it be found in a classroom or stairwell, on a student's person or physically being used by a student or shared amongst a group of students.

Below are photo examples to assist on how to spot the difference between a nicotine vape and a marijuana/thc infused vape.

Nicotine Based Vaping Pens	Marijuana/THC Based Vaping Pens
<p data-bbox="203 976 787 1045">Brands such as JUUL, Lava, Lava 2, YME/UNC as pictured below.</p> 	<p data-bbox="828 976 1404 1081">Cylinder shaped, usually attached to a similarly shaped/pen vaping battery with yellow/brown liquid within.</p> 

Students are choosing both nicotine-based AND marijuana/thc-based vaping products. **The substance abuse policy was changed in 2019 to state that a student must be thought to be under the influence in addition to having a vaping product in order to have a medical examination and drug test.** It is important to note that once an item is confiscated, this additional layer is required to move forward with a substance abuse test.

Smoking/vaping and substance use are violations to the [student code of conduct](#) and can come with a suspension:

- Nicotine Vape Pens: from 1-5 days ISS or OSS, dependent upon the discretion of the building principal (nicotine vapes only).
- Marijuana/THC Vape Pens: From 1-10 days ISS or OSS, dependent upon the discretion of the building principal (nicotine vapes only).

Whichever vaping product you come across, all must be reported and submitted to the SAC Office as we are keeping a district tally with physical examples to show.

All confiscated items **must** follow the procedure below:

1. Item removed from student's possession
2. Item tagged with: date, student initials and ID#, school, and note if a medical exam is also being conducted
3. If student is being tested, a referral form can be submitted [HERE](#)
4. If student is not being tested, continue to step 5.
5. Send interoffice to Ms. Laurel Olson, SAC Supervisor, 2nd floor, 90 Delaware Avenue

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out directly to the SAC Department at 973-321-0694 or lolson@paterson.k12.nj.us.

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