



New Vape Policy

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The FDA (Food & Drug Administration) stated that “ In 2022, about 1 in 10 or more than 2.5 million U.S. middle and high school students currently used e-cigarettes “

Oak Hills High School has implemented a new rule to help fight the ongoing vape epidemic. This rule states on your 1st offense if you are caught smoking or in possession of a vape you will have a \$25 fee charged to school account, will be suspended for 1 day, and will have to complete an online vape diversion course. If you are caught with a vape for a second time (second offense) you will be suspended from school for 3 days and be fined \$100 by Green Township Police. On your 3rd offense you will be suspended for a week (5 school days) and will be fined another \$100 by Green Township Police. Finally, if you're caught for your 4th offense you will receive a 10 day suspension with recommendation for expulsion. Possession of any illegal drugs or vapes that contain THC will result in an automatic 10 day suspension with recommendation for expulsion and will receive possession of illegal drugs charges from Green Township Police. Large groups of students hanging in the bathroom or caught in a stall with another student will be subjected to a search. Vaping is a massive problem in high school teens; it affects physical and mental health in young adolescents. Oak Hills school district has made this new anti-vaping rule to help fight this known vaping epidemic. Now that Oak Hills has implemented these new anti-vaping rules, should other schools in the country also implement more anti-vaping rules into their schools ?