

OUR MISSION

Every student, every day will be empowered with learning opportunities for growth, creativity and curiosity, in preparation for their future in a global community.

OUR VISION

Duluth Public Schools provides an academically engaging, safe and inclusive environment with high expectations and responsible use of resources.

OUR CORE VALUES

Learning



Developing a love of learning through life-long inquiry.

Excellence



Having high standards for all through accountability, integrity and authenticity.

Equity



Creating conditions of justice, fairness and inclusion so all students have access to the opportunities to learn and develop to their fullest potential.

Collaboration



Working in partnership with staff, families, students and community.

Belonging



Providing a welcoming and accessible environment where everyone feels safe, seen and heard.

Youth Vaping - Policy and Practice Recommendations for Healthier School Communities

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2023 MN Youth Commercial Tobacco Survey



One in Seven (14%) are vaping

80% of them are struggling with addiction and dependence.

70% want to quit and they are trying hard to do so with many reporting trying to quit 10 or more times.

High Potency. Accessibility. Targeted Advertising.

THC by weight of marijuana plant material was around 1-4% (1960-2010); now marijuana has a THC potency as high 25% in a flower plant and up to 95 percent in heated devices.



Photo Source: tienda 273

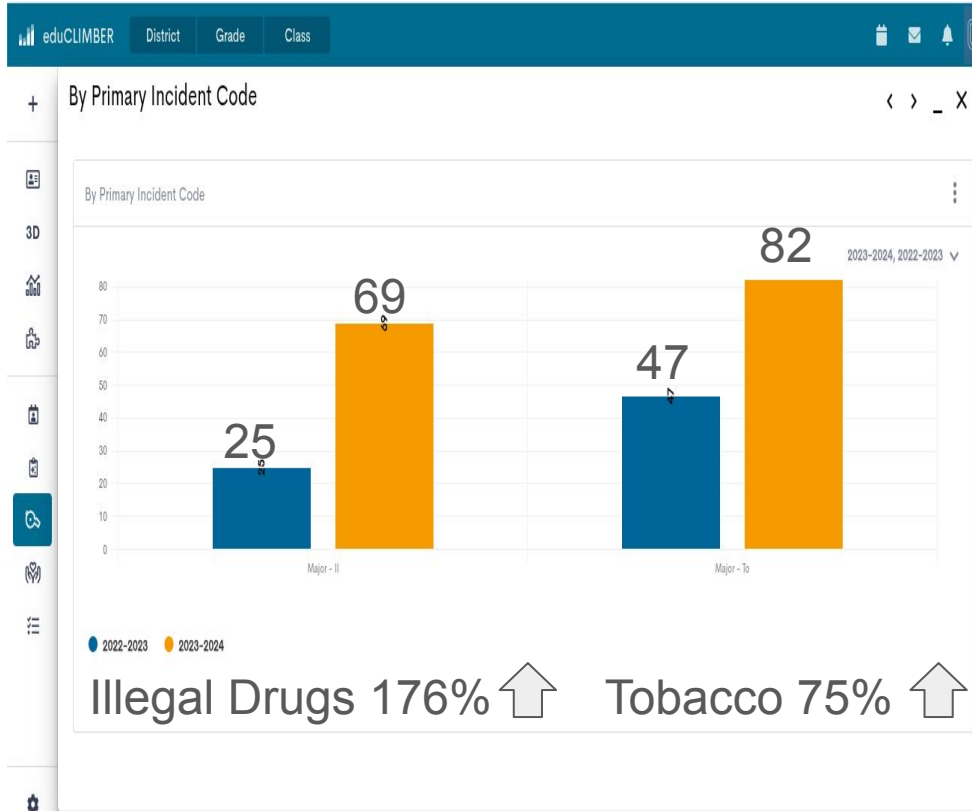
Loon Air 6000Puffs
(13ml x 60mg) =
**26 Packs of
cigarettes**



Photo Source: ANSR-MN

Elf Bar 3500+ puffs
(10.5ml X 50 mg)=
**17.5 packs of
Cigarettes**

Major Referrals for Substance Use Increased between 2022-2024 at Lincoln Park Middle School



- In School/Out of School Suspension primary response.
- 92 missed days of school last year (ISS/OSS)
- Restorative/Alternative to Suspension Responses $9/151 = 6\%$
- Warning $9/151 = 6\%$

Solution: Alternatives to Suspension for Use and Possession of Commercial Tobacco and Vaping Products



- Suspensions are counterproductive.
- **Research is clear on impact on Teen Mental Health...Policy and Practice are not keeping up.**
- Education and Prevention is more effective in changing substance use incidents/behavior.
- Once addicted, it may be incredibly difficult for youth to quit. This often explains why addicted students continue to misuse these products in school despite school policy.

Policy Solution



Policy that supports health and wellness AND student accountability

[Commercial-Tobacco-Free-K-12-School-](#)

[Model-Policy-2019.pdf](#) (*Options for enforcement listed in model policy language.)

[Duluth Schools PHLC MarkUp](#)

(in accordance with state laws: Minn. Stat. 144.4165; Minn. Stat. §120A.05, subs. 9, 11, 13.; Minn. Stat. §120B.238.; and Minn. Stat. §342.09, subd. 1(b)(4).)

(2) Possession or Use of Commercial Tobacco, Cannabis and all other Vaping Products.

(a) The first violation shall result in confiscation of commercial tobacco related products, electronic vaping devices and/or lighters; notification of parents and/or guardians; **and at least one of the following:**

(i) A student meeting and individual student assessment with a chemical health educator or designated staff to discuss substance use and the school policy.

(ii) **Student participation in a prevention education program ie: Alternative to suspension**

(iii) Provision of information to student about available cessation programs and resources.

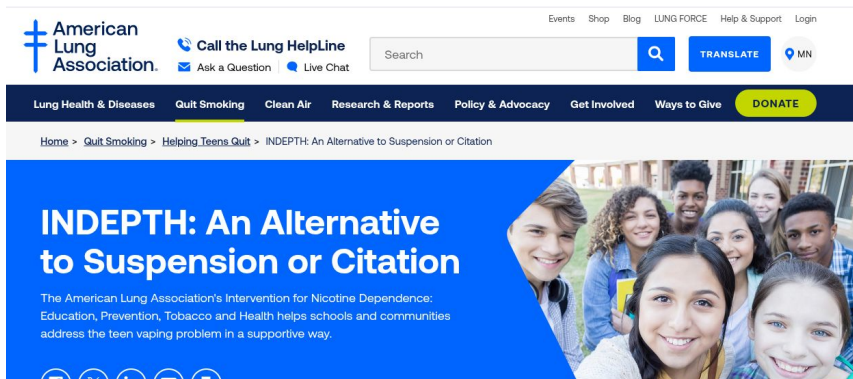
LOTS of Free Prevention and Intervention Curriculum!



REACH Lab



Healthy Futures, an Alternative-to-Suspension program, developed by the Stanford REACH Lab



Listening to Youth Voices:

ADD YOUR VOICE



HOW HAVE COMMERCIAL TOBACCO AND VAPING IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

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“An important opportunity to speak out.”

Exploring the Impact of Vaping on Youth and their Communities through the American Lung Association in Minnesota's Youth Voices Initiative

Check out the [Youth Card Initiative Report](#)

Learn more about what youth have to say in:
[Youth Voices Speaking Truth to Big Tobacco](#)



Questions?

- Any questions?
- Comments?
- Concerns?
- Feedback?