

I don't see anything controversial about the art policy. I did have to look up the word deaccession. It might be helpful to have a standard form for people to sign when they donate a piece. That may help lessen any incorrect assumptions about why, where, or if, something gets displayed.

I do have some thoughts on the vaping matter. My thoughts go to a bigger question. Are we actually addressing the problem by focusing on the penalties. Do the penalties curb smoking? Will penalties curb vaping? Are there alternatives (such as restorative practices) that could be used in lieu of penalties. The research is pretty clear that zero tolerance doesn't work as a deterrent. It is also pretty evident that the penalties can lead to higher dropout rates and families choosing homeschooling to get away from the school. Focusing the discussion on penalties is another example of a system oriented discussion, rather than a student centered discussion.

Thanks for considering.

Richard S. Bartolowits--Connections

I've dealt a lot this year with vaping items (and can show you the types of things that Doug and I have confiscated in the last three weeks alone ...)

I'm for handling this the same as we do other tobacco products. ASAA treats them the same for TAD violations ... The liquid that says 0 mg even says "Warning: This might contain nicotine. Nicotine is an addictive substance." Some students will try to say this is like the warning "product made in a facility that also processes peanuts" ... and either way the item is tobacco-like just how an unused marijuana pipe gets the same consequence as a used one.

Thank you,

Alison "Sunny" Mall—HHS

I do like the wording of the Community Art Donations policy, and have no issue with it. Regarding the 2nd question, I'll abstain from providing any feedback since the issue in question isn't something our school has ever dealt with in the past.

Thank you,

Greg Melvin
Razdolna Principal/Teacher

I know the policy says "Possession/use of tobacco or tobacco look-alikes" but I think the word "vape" should be in there because many kids don't associate vaping with tobacco. For what its worth, I think vaping should have the same penalty as tobacco.

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That Art Policy is way more liberal than the one we created over here with our Site Council. I like it.

Thanks, Trevan Walker

I don't see any problems with the art donation policy.

The vaping issue is worthy of discussion. Hard to tell exactly what is in a vape... is the district interested in attempting to determine what is there and then discipline based on that result? Or is it simpler to consider vape the same a drug paraphernalia?

Alan Fields KCHS

My only thought would be to have the estimated cost of the entire artwork including the frame be provided as it may fall under the fixed asset. I do not know if it has happened in the past but once a piece of artwork becomes "outdated" someone may offer to add it to their personal collection. I think some type of tracking may be good practice.

Vaping is legal for adults as the same for tobacco products and alcohol. My thoughts is that it should be treated the same and makes the policy/consequences black and white. (We do not need to get into the argument whether it is healthier or not healthier, just to follow State Law).

Kari Dendurent—HMS
