



Vaping Violation Protocol

Student and Parent Information Sheet

Parents,

If your child has been found to be in possession of any vaping products on school grounds or is caught using such contraband, there are several consequences you may expect.

First, all electronic vaping devices are confiscated by school staff and turned over to law enforcement for testing. If the vaping device is found to contain nicotine or any substance other than illicit drugs (such as THC), middle and high school students shall be assigned two days of In-School Suspension (ISS) for a first-time offense. While in ISS, your child may receive classroom assignments from their regular teacher, as well as academic assistance from the ISS staff. However, students are also assigned to our district's online vaping intervention course that is found in Schoology. The student may complete this brief six module course at any point during their two-day assignment to ISS or while at home in the evening. Your child will be provided an access code as soon as they are assigned to ISS, which will allow them to access all course materials.

Failure to complete the course will result in the following actions:

1. All middle and high school students shall be suspended out of school (OSS) for 1 additional day.
2. If the student fails to provide the School Resource Officer (SRO) with evidence of course completion within 72 hours of their initial assignment to ISS, the SRO (or other law enforcement) will issue a civil citation, per [Florida Statute §386.212](#). This civil citation shall not exceed \$30 and may be waived with 50 hours of community service.

Any subsequent violation of Florida vaping statutes while on school ground may result in an automatic civil citation and forfeiture of your child's driver's license, per Florida Statute 322.056.

All fines and civil penalties are a matter of law enforcement and are not associated in any way with the School District of Manatee County.

For more information regarding the district's prohibition and enforcement of nicotine and vaping, please consult the [district's Code of Student Conduct](#). For additional information on vaping and how to speak with your child, please visit our [vaping information and resource page](#) on the district website.