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# Issue Paper

**DATE:**

08/16/2024

**AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):**

Consider/Approve the Memorandum of Association (MOA) between the Kenton County School District (KCS D) and the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department (NKY Health) for the Ditch Vapes: Vape Disposal Program

**APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY:**

01.11 General Powers and Duties

**HISTORY/BACKGROUND:**

Students who use or possess smoking paraphernalia (jules or other vapor products) will have the items confiscated as noted in KCS D Code of Conduct and Expected Behavior 2024-25. NKY Health will provide a vape disposal program that includes education materials and resources, supplies for proper disposal of vapes by school staff, training on handling devices, and picking up disposed of vape devices. The KCS D will not participate in the use of optional anonymous vape disposal containers.

**FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

None

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval the Memorandum of Association (MOA) between the Kenton County School District (KCS D) and the Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department (NKY Health) for the Ditch Vapes: Vape Disposal Program

**CONTACT PERSON:**

Paula Rust, Director of Health Services

  
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Principal/Administrator

  
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District Administrator

  
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Superintendent

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# Ditch Vapes: Vape Disposal Program MOA

## FIRST PARTY

Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department  
8001 Veterans Memorial Drive  
Florence, KY 41042

## SECOND PARTY

Kenton County School District  
1055 Eaton Drive  
Ft. Wright, KY 41017

This memorandum of agreement sets forth the responsibilities of the parties and the terms and conditions of the agreement established for the collaboration of the vape disposal program. This agreement is effective September 10, 2024. Neither party shall have any financial obligation to the other resulting from or relating to this agreement.

The First Party agrees to:

1. Provide all participating schools within the Kenton County School District with a brief training on the NKY Health Vape Disposal Program.
2. Provide all participating schools within the Kenton County School District with the necessary supplies for the NKY Health Vape Disposal Program.
3. Visit all participating schools within the Kenton County School District every three months or as needed to check the vape disposal bins. If bins have reached the 2.2-pound fill line, NKY Health will properly dispose of vapes, and line disposal bin with a new bag.

The Second Party agrees to:

1. Participate in a brief training on the NKY Health Vape Disposal Program with NKY Health's tobacco team, and notify NKY Health when a new employee needs to be trained.
2. Implement at least one tobacco education program identified in the toolkit to all students each school year; and complete the required Tobacco Education Google form.



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3. Optional installation of vape disposal container(s) in a locked cabinet in a location determined by the school that allows for anonymous vape container disposal if approved by the school Board.
4. Contact the NKY Health's Tobacco Team when the vape disposal bins reaches the 2.2-pound fill line.
5. Document confiscation of vapes and any other tobacco products using survey.
6. Display tobacco cessation banners at all school and sporting events.
7. Add tobacco education during initial announcements at all school and sporting events.

Neither party shall assign its duties and obligations under this agreement without prior written consent of the other party. Any subcontract entered by the Second Party as the result of this assignment shall mandate that the subcontractor is required to abide by the same statutes and regulations regarding agreements listed above.

The term of the agreement shall be for a period from the date of its execution and shall be reviewed annually. Subject to such revisions as are mutually agreeable at the time of annual review, the duration of the agreement shall be continuous unless termination as specified within this agreement.

The agreement may be terminated by either party at any time if the other party defaults in any material obligation, but only if such default shall have continued for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice thereof by the other party. Either party shall have the right to terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, by giving 30 days written notice to the other party.

**FIRST PARTY:**



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(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENT)

Jennifer Mooney, PhD, MS – District Director of Health  
Northern Kentucky Independent District Health Department

08/13/2024

(DATE SIGNED)

**SECOND PARTY:**

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(SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENT)

Henry Webb, PhD – Superintendent  
Kenton County School District

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(DATE SIGNED)

# Ditch Vapes: NKY Health’s Vape Disposal Program

Due to the nicotine cartridges and lithium-ion batteries found within vaping devices, they are considered a “P-listed hazardous waste”<sup>1</sup> (“an especially acute hazard when disposed of as hazardous waste”<sup>2</sup>) and are subject to the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA). The RCRA is a federal law that requires specific handling for certain hazardous waste products<sup>3</sup>.

**According to the Energy and Environment Cabinet Department for Environmental Protection (2021), public schools “have responsibilities to ensure that the vaping devices are handled and disposed of in a way that is protective of human health and the environment”<sup>4</sup>** (please see last page of toolkit to review full memo).

## Vape Waste Disposal Kit Supplies

### Your school will receive:

- ❖ Sharps containers (disposable bins)
  - *Three per school*
- ❖ (Optional) Lockboxes (for sharps containers located inside bathrooms)
  - *Two per school*
- ❖ Nitrile gloves
- ❖ Trash bag liners (used to line sharps containers)
- ❖ Vaping posters
  - *Two per school*
  - If your school would like more, please order for free using the following link:  
[https://digitalmedia.hhs.gov/tobacco/print\\_materials/search](https://digitalmedia.hhs.gov/tobacco/print_materials/search)
- ❖ Vaping resources
- ❖ Tobacco cessation banners
  - *Five per school*

## Vape Waste Disposal Set-Up

- One of the sharps containers will be used for confiscated vapes, and should be stored inside a locked administrative office that does not have student access.
- (Optional) Two of the sharps containers will be placed inside of lockboxes. These lock boxes will need to be mounted on the wall inside one female bathroom and one male bathroom near the cafeteria or gymnasium.
  - A vaping poster should be placed on wall above each of the mounted lockboxes.
- Tobacco Cessation banners should be hung up at locations where sporting events are hosted (e.g., Fence at football field, fence at baseball field, inside gym for basketball games, etc.)

### References:



## Best Practices: Safe Handling, and Disposal of Vaping Devices

- When handling vaping devices, please **use nitrile gloves** to limit your exposure to harmful chemicals. Place vaping devices, components, and e-liquid into designated sharps container.
  - If device is leaking, please put on nitrile gloves, place vaping device into a plastic bag, remove gloves and place into plastic bag, seal the bag, and place into disposal bin.
- Once the bin has reached the **2.2-pound fill line**, please call NKY Health's Tobacco Prevention Health Educators at (859) 363-2092. The NKY Health's Tobacco Prevention Health Educators will come to your school, empty the disposal bin, and take the contents to a recycling center. The NKY Health's Tobacco Prevention Health Educators will be coming to your school quarterly to check each disposable bin.

**To request more supplies or if you have any questions, please contact NKY Health's Tobacco Prevention Health Educators at 859.363.2092**





# DITCH VAPES

A TOOLKIT FOR SCHOOLS



THIS TOOLKIT INCLUDES:  
Vape Disposal Program  
and Nicotine Prevention  
& Cessation Education.



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# RESOURCES

## Adults

### QUITNOW Kentucky

1-800-QUIT NOW, text QUITNOW to 333888, or visit website: [quitnowkentucky.org](http://quitnowkentucky.org)

### Freedom From Smoking

1-800-LUNGUSA or visit website: [freedomfromsmoking.org](http://freedomfromsmoking.org)

### SmokefreeTXT

Text QUIT to 47848

### quitSTART App

Download app on smartphone through Apple store or Google Play store

## Youth

### My Life My Quit

Text Start My Quit to 36072 or visit website: [MyLifeMyQuit.org](http://MyLifeMyQuit.org)

### Truth Initiative: This is Quitting

Text DITCHVAPE to 88709 or visit website: [truthinitiative.org/thisisquitting](http://truthinitiative.org/thisisquitting)

### NOT for me

Visit website: [notforme.org/](http://notforme.org/)

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## School Resources

### NOT on Tobacco (NOT)

Evidence-based curriculum that provides youth resources to break nicotine dependencies Please visit [Lung.org](http://Lung.org) for more information

### In-Depth

An alternative to suspension or citation that helps schools and communities address the teen vaping problem in a more supportive way. Please visit [lung.org](http://lung.org) for more information

### CATCH My Breath

Free, evidence-based curriculum to increase knowledge on e-cigarettes, nicotine, and substance use Please visit [catch.org](http://catch.org) for more information

### Truth Initiative

Digital course gives students (grades 8-12) core knowledge around the health effects associated with using vaping products (nicotine, cannabis, or co-use). Please visit [everfi.com/courses/k-12/vaping-programs-for-high-school-students](http://everfi.com/courses/k-12/vaping-programs-for-high-school-students)

### Stanford Tobacco Prevention Toolkit

A research-informed set of curriculums to help prevent students from starting or escalating use of any tobacco product. Please visit <https://med.stanford.edu/tobaccopreventiontoolkit.html>

[NKYHEALTH.ORG/QUITSMOKING](http://NKYHEALTH.ORG/QUITSMOKING)



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## **Welcome to the Northern Kentucky Health Department's Ditch Vapes Toolkit for Schools!**

Unfortunately, 1 in 5 high school students currently use e-cigarettes, also known as vapes, and research has shown how detrimental nicotine can be to young, developing brains.

We each have a role to play in tackling the youth vaping epidemic, and we hope that this toolkit provides you with the tools to do so at your school. Thank you for taking the first steps to creating a healthier generation of children!

### **In this toolkit, we have included:**

- Education on the harms of nicotine products and how they affect our youth.
- Information on NKY Health's vape disposal program.
- Services provided by NKY Health's Tobacco Team.
- Youth tobacco cessation resources.
- Materials you may want to use within your schools.

**For any questions, please contact our  
Tobacco Prevention Health Educators:  
(859) 363-2092**

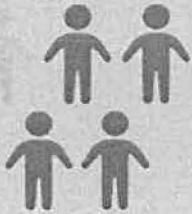




# DITCH VAPES: WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

## NORTHERN KENTUCKY'S SMOKING RATES ARE CURRENTLY HIGHER THAN THE REGIONAL AND NATIONAL AVERAGES

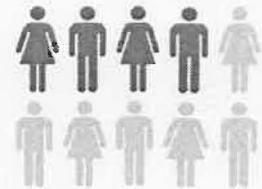
**1/5 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CURRENTLY USE E-CIGARETTES (ALSO KNOWN AS VAPES)<sup>1</sup>**



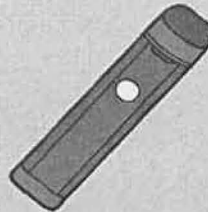
**TEENS ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO NICOTINE ADDICTION DUE TO THEIR DEVELOPING BRAIN<sup>2</sup>**



**4/10 NORTHERN KENTUCKY ADULTS CURRENTLY USE SOME FORM OF TOBACCO<sup>3</sup>**



**BIG TOBACCO SPENDS \$22.5 MILLION EACH DAY IN MARKETING<sup>4</sup>**



**ONE VAPE CAN CONTAIN UP TO 590 CIGARETTES WORTH OF NICOTINE<sup>5</sup>**



**4.5 VAPES ARE THROWN AWAY EACH SECOND<sup>6</sup>**



**SMOKING KILLS MORE PEOPLE EACH YEAR THAN ALCOHOL, AIDS, CAR CRASHES, ILLEGAL DRUGS, MURDERS, AND SUICIDES COMBINED<sup>7</sup>**



**8,900 ADULTS DIE EACH YEAR IN KENTUCKY DUE TO SMOKING**

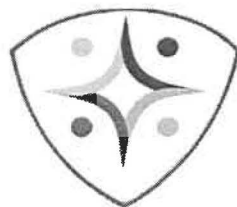


**KENTUCKY SPENDS \$2.23 BILLION IN HEALTHCARE COSTS RELATED TO SMOKING EACH YEAR<sup>8</sup>**

**14.3 MILLION STUDENTS INDICATED BEING EXPOSED TO SECONDHAND SMOKE<sup>9</sup>**



REFERENCES:



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