Oakland Tech Peer Educators Present:

We are here to recommend that OUSD adds e cigarettes, vaping devices, and flavored tobacco products language to the existing Tobacco Policy, because we want to protect youth because they are targeted by Tobacco Companies.

Oakland Technical High School



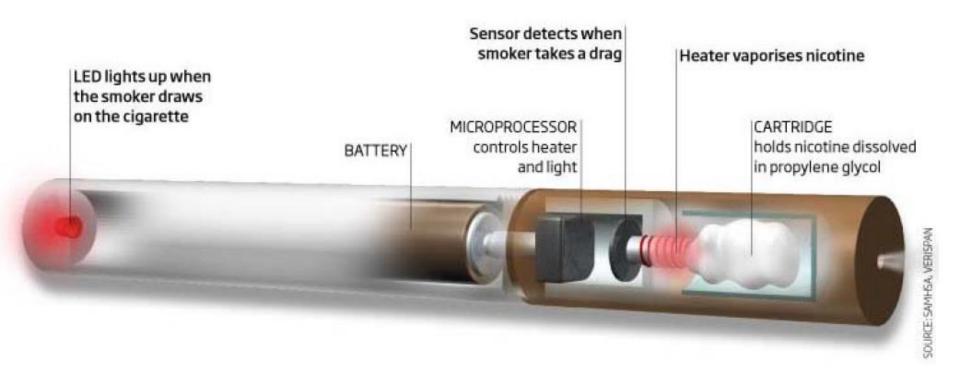
According to the 2015 OUSD Student California Healthy Kids Survey

- 9% of HS students used cigarettes in past 30 days...
- But 10.5% of HS Students reported using E-cigarettes!

Tobacco Companies are regaining their share of the youth market

(85% of HS students surveyed)

How do E-Cigarettes work?



Why Are E-Cigarettes Bad?

Many students are not aware of the addictive nature of nicotine in e-cigarettes.

There are chemicals and particles that can affect one's health:

- Nicotine Causes addiction & wrinkles
- Metals Can tear up inside lungs and throat
- Formaldehyde Cancer causing
- Acetaldehyde Cancer Causing

Effects of e-cigarettes on health:

- Addictive effects cause withdrawal symptoms when use stops including depression and irritability
- Lung irritants cause lung inflammation that can cause susceptibility to other lung diseases
- Can increase bacterial infections and may cause resistance to antibiotics

Who Are E-Cigarettes Targeted Towards?

Since 2009, Tobacco Companies have bought all of the e-cigarettes on the market and are using unrestricted advertising to market to their favorite consumers:

Target: Youth under age 18!

Over 30 new FLAVORS!

New tobacco blends based on real cigarette brands!



Youtube video of small children and candy flavored tobacco (1.23 min)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbwV_uopJZg



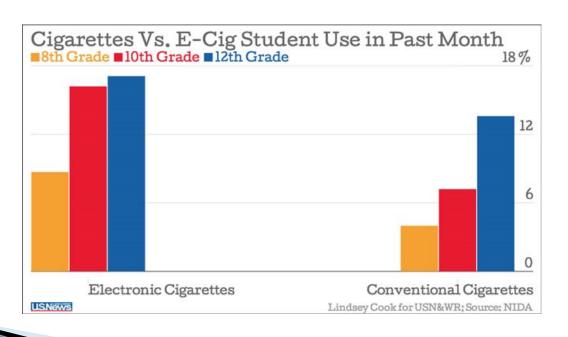


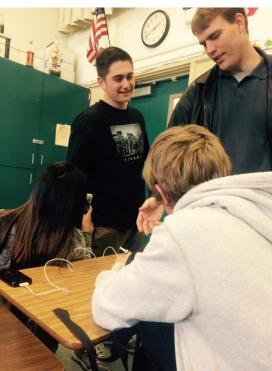




Sound Bites from concerned Oakland Tech students:

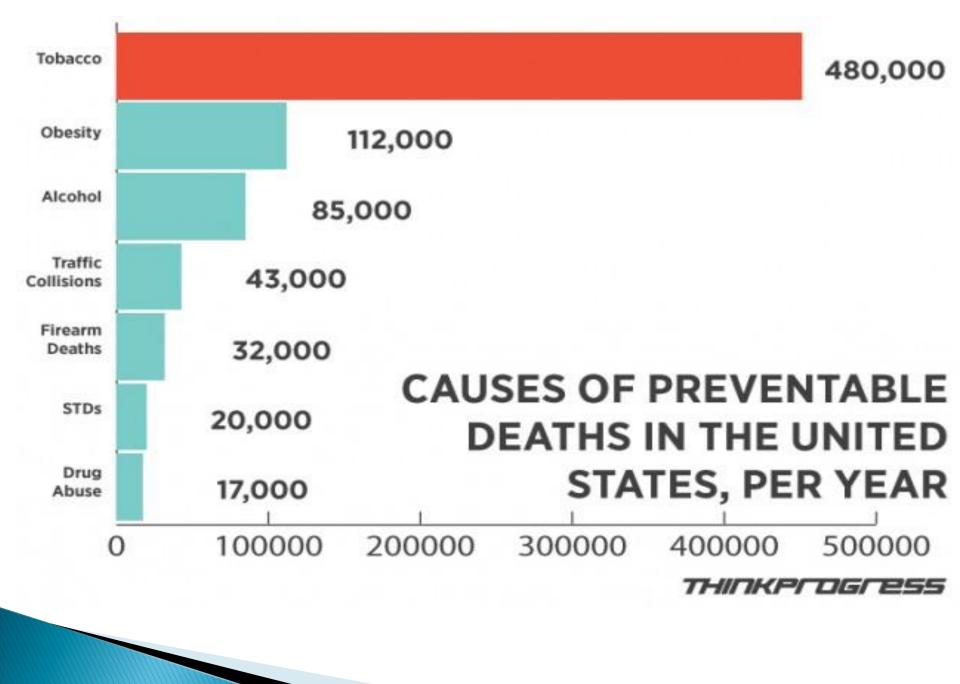
Vaping, E cig usage at Tech – why is use increased by youth?





Poison center calls involving e-cigarettes





Erica's story: Tech student personal story about tobacco

In Conclusion, we recommend that OUSD adds e-cigs, vaping devices, and flavored tobacco products language to the existing Tobacco Policy, because we want to protect youth as they are targets of the Tobacco Companies.





Questions?

I'll Quit Smoking

When my griends do When I don't have to study

When it affects my health

Except when parties/bars

Before I graduate

New Years

When I start a family

If not now, When?

Make today the day to stop smoking

☐ Thank You!

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