Vaporizing Villan

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“Vaping” or the use of an electronic cigarette has become a problem at Morton High School this past month. Electric cigarettes, also known as e-cigs, are supposed to be for 18 plus year old smokers who are trying to kick the bad habit but have found their way into the hands of MHS students.

When asked what he knew about e-cigs resource officer Jason Cabell said, “I know some about them but I'm sure not everything.  Just like students in high school and in life, I am always learning.”

Since e-cigs have not been popular until recent years there is not enough information on how the vapor affects your body. But with more and more research coming in the near future e-cigs may end up being just as harmful as cigarettes.

However some feel as if they are better than cigarettes. “They’re not inhaling the smoke like you do in cigarettes,” said senior Jess Stevens when asked if she believed e-cigs are a safer alternative to smoking.

Cabell does not necessarily agree that they are a safer alternative.

“If better means cheaper than actual cigarettes or better smelling then I suppose they are better.  If they are being used as a way to quit smoking cigarettes, I would argue that there are more proven ways to quit,” said Cabell.

With a problem like this at MHS some people like to look at the punishment side of things for guidance. So if students are wondering if it is worth it to bring one to school, take this as food for thought.

“We treat it the same as we would cigarettes...and each specific case can be different punishment because of former discipline for the same type of thing.  Typically, it starts with 5 days of CAP if a student has one in the building or a Saturday if they have it out of the building.  Page 49 of the handbook lists the consequences that can happen on subsequent occasions.  We are having the terms ‘e-cigarettes and vaporizers’ added to the language, but they do fall under ‘smoking materials’ as it's currently written,” stated Mrs. Johnson, principal of MHS.

If you agree with that, or not, either way do not be a part of the e-cig epidemic at MHS.

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