Coronado High School, like many schools across the country, has witnessed a dramatic increase in students using nicotine and THC (the active ingredient in marijuana) vape and wax pens on campus. To help parents and guardians know what to look for at home, we have compiled some useful information. The health of our students is a shared responsibility. Please review this information and discuss it at home.

These are the most common types of vapes with which students have been found on CHS’s campus. They often are mistaken for USB drives. Next to each of them in this picture are the chargers for the vapes. These are easily concealed and the smoke that is emitted is difficult to see.

Nicotine vapes come in many sizes and shapes as shown here. Additionally, the “pod juice” comes in containers that look like eye drops. They come in many flavors, but the ones that our students use most are raspberry and caramel. This is one of the easiest ways of detecting a vape, as the scents are strong.

This is a picture of wax pen parts. The charger is small and round, the cartridge containing the THC oil is clear, and the body of the “pen” is twice the size of the oil cartridge. The easiest way to determine if a vape is for nicotine versus THC oil is to look at its shape. If it is circular, it is most likely used for THC, and if it is flat, it is most likely used for nicotine.

These are packages and items we often find on students who smoke leaf marijuana. The students have someone purchase the flavored cigarettes, they cut them with the “EZ Splitz” (pink curricular item pictured), and then they take the nicotine out and fill them with leaf marijuana.

We encourage all parents and guardians to talk to their children about the risks of vaping and using THC wax pens. If you have any questions about the information above, feel free to contact the Discipline Office at 702-799-6800 x 4500.

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