





Of MHS seniors (41%) who reported vaping in the past 30 days, the substances vaped were "flavoring" (21%); nicotine (30%); marijuana, hash oil or dabs (12%), other (2.2%) and didn't know (2.5%).*

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- Although regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) vape pods/cartridges typically contain nicotine, as well as varying compositions of flavorings, propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, and other ingredients (USFDA).
- Other substances are also being vaped in pods/cartridges (Center on Addiction).
 In the past six months, 60 vape cartridges were found in the Massapequa
 Preserve with many testing positive for Cocaine, THC, Ephedrine, Meth and Heroin.
- Attractive flavors like mango and fruit medley makes vaping more appealing to adolescents.
 (Center on Addiction).
- The aerosol from e-cigarettes contains harmful chemicals including nicotine, ultrafine particles that can be inhaled deep into the lungs, flavoring such as diacetyl, a chemical linked to a serious lung disease, volatile organic compounds and heavy metals (US Surgeon General). A Mayo Clinic study finds that lung injuries from vaping most likely are caused by direct toxicity or tissue damage from noxious chemical fumes (Science Daily 10.2.19).

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