

2019-2020

Re: Anti-Vaping

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Decatur City Schools notified students and families at the beginning of the 2019-2020 year that we considered “vaping” to be a serious health concern and stronger repercussions would be implemented for students found vaping. During the first semester, students found in possession of or using a vaping device were assigned to in-school suspension (ISS). However, that punishment did not seem to deter many of our students who elected to engage in this harmful practice. After a discussion with students, parents and administrators, it was recommended that discipline for vaping offenses include an assignment to our Center for Alternatives to Suspension (CAS). Therefore, beginning in January of 2020, DCS administration will be assigning CAS to those students found using or in possession of vaping devices.

Again, as being reported in the news, vaping is causing serious health issues around our nation. We do not wish to see any of our students negatively impacted by either direct exposure or second hand exposure to these products. Please help us and discuss the dangers of vaping and the consequences of vaping at school with your student.