Youth in Rye are vaping and using e-Cigs at rates significantly higher than their peers nationally.

Past 30-Day Use of e-Cigs/Vaping:
24.6% by 10th graders  
33.7% by 11th graders  
42.3% by 12th graders  

Past 30-Day Use of Nicotine (traditional cigarettes):
19.8% by 12th graders  
(almost double the rate reported in 2014 and nearly double the national average)

NEW LAWS

In July 2017, New York state law explicitly banned e-Cigs and vapes on school grounds. As of November 2017, the law prohibited the use of e-Cigs and vaping devices in all public indoor spaces.

Rye City School District Policy prohibits e-Cigs and Vapes, along with cigarettes and other tobacco products, in all school buildings, on school property, at school sponsored activities, and in vehicles used to transport students for school-related events.

Vaping and use of e-Cigs among youth has increased 900% from 2011-2015.

E-Cigs generally contain nicotine, a highly addictive drug. Research suggests that nicotine use in adolescence primes the brain for addiction to other substances.
AND ALSO...

Many vaping products contain diacetyl, a chemical that has been linked with a type of cancer called “Popcorn lung.”

The U.S. Surgeon General called out e-Cigs as an “...emerging public health threat to the nation’s youth...”

E-Cig users are 5-15 times more likely to develop formaldehyde-related cancers than traditional cigarette smokers.

Youth report using vaping devices for other substances, particularly marijuana, THC, and hash oil. Use of marijuana and THC in adolescence is strongly correlated with the use of alcohol, nicotine, and other drugs, and with negative outcomes such as poor motivation, drop in IQ, and psychotic symptoms.

According to a study published in the medical journal Pediatrics, e-Cig users are as much as 6 times more likely to take up traditional smoking than non-users.

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