What Youth Are Saying About VAPING
PAYS 2021 Data

What is PAYS?
The Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) is a student survey administered in odd-numbered years (e.g. 2017, 2019, 2021) to youth in 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades in participating schools throughout the state. The questions asked in the survey cover many types of attitudes, knowledge, behaviors, and experiences.

DASD Youth Reported They:

Used a vape or e-cigarette in the past 30 days

Rates of vaping have decreased among all students since 2017--great news! However, among those that do vape, some are using harmful chemicals (see reverse). Vaping equipment includes e-cigarettes, flavored liquid bottles, and small pods or cartridges that can contain THC oil (SAMHSA, 2021). E-cigarettes come in many shapes and sizes, and may not look like tobacco products.
Exposure to nicotine at a young age can make it easier for teens to get hooked on vaping and using other tobacco products. Research has also discovered that individuals who vape are more likely to go on to use marijuana or smoke traditional cigarettes compared to their non-vaping peers (SAMHSA, 2021).

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