

Parents and Guardians,

We would like to notify you of an important new policy change that has been passed by the 88th Texas Legislature and will be taking effect immediately in our district for September 1st, 2023.

House Bill 114 (HB 114) has been enacted to respond to the increasing concerns around e-cigarettes, vaping, marijuana, and THC related products amongst our youth. The Bill mandates that any student found in possession of, under the influence of, selling, gifting, or delivering these substances within a 300-foot radius of any school premises, will be immediately removed, and placed in a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP).

You can access the full version of the Bill here:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/88R/billtext/pdf/HB00114F.pdf>

Please discuss the implications of this new law with your children, emphasizing the importance of adhering to school policies and laws for their own educational success and for the betterment of the school community.

Your cooperation and support in ensuring that Houston remains a safe and healthy educational environment for our students and staff is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns about this new policy, please contact your child's campus principal.

Thank you,

Houston ISD Administration

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