

E-cigarettes banned from Battle Ground School District

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The Battle Ground School District Board of Directors banned the usage of “e-cigarettes” on March 11, 2011.

The devices are not tobacco-based, but instead are cartridges containing a light

omitting diode that warms nicotine infused cartridge.

According to an article in USA Today, the FDA says tests show that e-cigarettes contain “known carcinogens and toxic chemicals,” including diethylene glycol, an ingredient used in antifreeze. Also, the cartridges can be infused with flavors such

as chocolate, cherry, or mint, while flavored cigarettes are banned, with the exception of menthol flavored ones.

Therein lies one of the greatest concerns relate to e-cigarettes: that the flavored aspect of the cartridges will attract a whole new audience: children, which was the reason that flavored cigarettes were banned in the

first place.

Also, because e-cigarettes still contain nicotine, they can still cause addiction, and in extreme cases, nicotine poisoning.

Battle Ground School District’s policy now not only includes E-cigarettes, but “all future tobacco-based innovations.”