



Reasoning with Ethics

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“Ethics in action creates character.”

Use this blog to:

1. Lead class discussions in social studies, civics, ethics or advisory classes.
2. Teach students skills to analyze cases with core values.
3. Recognize skills in support of the four components of ethical functioning.

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Friends and Vaping

In recent studies cited by CBS news, about 15% of Connecticut high school students report they use electronic cigarettes and about 26% of that sample have experimented with “dripping”. Dripping is a vaping technique where vape liquids are dripped directly on the heating coil of the device. The result is thicker clouds of smoke and stronger experience of the vaping flavor.



Regarding vaping in general CBS quotes Dr. Karen Wilson, chief of general pediatrics for Mount Sinai Health System in New York City, “Adolescents should not be using nicotine at all. It changes the brain chemistry, and adolescents are uniquely susceptible to the addictive properties of nicotine.”

And in the same story, Krishanan-Sarin from Yale’s School of Medicine states, “the levels of some chemicals like formaldehyde and other aldehydes, which are known carcinogens, are higher with direct dripping than with conventional e-cigarette use.”

With this brief introduction to the risks associated with vaping and dripping, and any information gleaned from a 4 minute Boston University Q&A video (<http://bit.ly/VapingRisks>) about vaping, what responsibility do students have to regulate themselves and their peers regarding vaping?

What core values would be demonstrated in discussing the risks of vaping with friends? In addition, what social skill would support this discussion?

For all questions, SEE welcomes students to post their response on our website at http://bit.ly/Ethics_Case where more information is available in support of *Reasoning with Ethics*.

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