

Macopin School



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Dear Macopin Parents,

At its April 24, 2018 meeting, the West Milford Board of Education revised the District's substance abuse policy and regulations, #5530. A summary of these changes was presented at a parent educational session at the high school on the evening of April 26. The slides from that presentation have been posted to our webpage along with a video that the students saw during our homeroom meeting. A few points of emphasis from that presentation are as follows:

- Vape devices are now considered suspected paraphernalia. As such, any student in **possession of**/or using a vape device of any kind will be sent out for an immediate medical exam and chemical screening.
- Refusal to go for a chemical screening in a timely fashion, or tampering with a test, are deemed positive results.
- **Consequences for policy violation include**, but are not limited to, in and out-of-school suspension and extracurricular privilege loss.
- If treatment is recommended by the evaluator, the treatment must be completed successfully and verified by the treatment provider. Non-compliance is considered a policy violation.

We are informing our parent community and students of these changes over the coming days, and the policy will be fully implemented beginning Wednesday, May 9, 2018. We feel that these updates will aid us in our continuing efforts to proactively address substance use and abuse. We shared this information with all of our students in homeroom on Tuesday, May 8th.

Should you have any questions concerning this policy, please contact Macopin School or our Student Assistance Counselor, Mrs. Janice Gerisch, at 973-697-1701 ext. 7048 or janice.gerisch@wmtps.org

Thank you for your support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marc Citro'.

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