

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

CATCH My Breath is a best-practices youth E-cigarette prevention program developed by the Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living at UTHealth School of Public Health. The program provides up-to-date information to teachers, parents, and health professionals to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed decisions about the use of E-cigarettes.

TARGET AGE

11-14
YEARS
 (6TH-8TH GRADE)

COST

\$25
 ANNUAL
 SUBSCRIPTION
 FEE PER SCHOOL

WHO TEACHES THE PROGRAM?

- Teachers
- Tobacco Educators
- Counselors
- Nurses

WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INCLUDE?

CATCH My Breath includes active student-centered learning facilitated by peer leaders. The online program includes six, 30-minute in-class lessons and activities, teacher education, take-home materials for parents, evaluation tools and school signage.

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES / INTENDED OUTCOMES

Knowledge of E-cigarettes and potential harms	Understanding and analyzing deceptive social media and advertising techniques	Understand that E-cigarettes are addictive, unhealthy, and not as popular as they think	Resist their own curiosity and peer pressure to experiment with E-cigarettes
OBJECTIVES		OUTCOMES	
Developing and practicing socially acceptable refusal skills	Practicing peer modeling techniques in small groups	Influence friends and peers to not use E-cigarettes	

IS THERE A NEED FOR THIS PROGRAM?

"While those of us in public health should cheer loudly about the decline in combustible cigarette use among children, youth are increasingly turning to E-cigarettes instead. Contrary to public opinion, E-cigarettes are not harmless. E-cigarettes deliver nicotine, which is addictive, and contain other harmful toxins."

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CATCH survey of middle school educators conducted January 2016:

- 86%** Do not have an E-cigarette curriculum
- 77%** Would be interested in implementing an E-cigarette prevention curriculum
- 74%** Rated the importance of E-cigarette prevention as a youth health issue as "high"