



**City Council Study Session Agenda
May 12, 2025 - 5:30 PM
City Council Chambers, City Hall, 3rd Floor,
1528 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Presentations**
 - a. Presentation on Proposed Amendments to the Tobacco Ordinance.
 - b. Presentation on the Martin Luther King Center Prevention Program.
- 4. Public Comment**
- 5. Adjourn**
 - a. Motion: Motion to adjourn.
VV Voice vote is needed.

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Introduction and Background

- In December 2022 the City Council adopted a six-month moratorium on new vape shops due to concerns with the number of vape products, flavored tobacco products and shops in the City.
- In June 2023 the City Council passed an ordinance amending Article XVIII Sale/Possession of Tobacco Products, which included the creation of Class A and Class B licenses and revised and added definitions.
- In October 2024 the City Council adopted another resolution issuing a moratorium on vape shops after continued concerns with the number of vape products and shops in the City. Staff were also directed to investigate Hemp-derived THC products and the possibility of a flavored tobacco ban.

Hemp-derived THC Regulation

- January 2025 - Hemp Consumer Products Act or HB 4293 – Gov. Pritzker bill that would limit sales of most-hemp derived products; passed the Senate but stalled in the House. It is anticipated similar legislation will be reintroduced in 2026.
- IL cities that have adopted bans contend that statewide regulatory framework is needed for better regulation and effectiveness.
- Effectiveness of ban in Rock Island would be limited as it is offered by all of the surrounding communities.
- Enforcement and regulation challenges (i.e. personnel)
 - **Recommendation**: Wait for state and/or federal government to adopt regulatory framework.

Flavored Tobacco Regulation

- In April 2025 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a FDA decision banning flavored vapes.
- Communities who have enforced flavored tobacco bans cite difficulty in enforcement due to the inability to determine which products are flavored. (i.e. tobacco companies increased push for concept flavor product labels like “blue” “royal” and jazz”)
- Litigation risk – enforcement of concept flavors could raise First Amendment concerns.
 - **Recommendation**: Wait for state and/or federal government to adopt regulatory framework.

Proposed Changes to the Tobacco Ordinance

1. **Amendments and Additions to Tobacco Definitions**: The proposed amendments to the City's tobacco ordinance include updating and adding terminology and language that mirror other Illinois cities that have been proactive in addressing the sale and use of tobacco and vape related products.
 - *The changes introduce or revise definitions for: Tobacco products, vaping devices, tobacco accessories, alternative nicotine products and smoking herbs.*
 - *These updates ensure the ordinance clearly distinguishes between different types of tobacco products and delivery methods, making it more understandable and easier to enforce.*

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2. **Vaping Product Restrictions**: The proposed amendments to the ordinance strengthen restrictions on vape product sales by revising the sales threshold and adding enhanced enforcement mechanisms. The current ordinance lacks a defined threshold for floor/display space, and the existing sales threshold is set at 80%.
- **Class A**: *Less than 50% of total sales derived from tobacco-related items and less than 20% of floor/display space allocated to tobacco products, tobacco accessories, vaping and alternative tobacco products.*
 - **Class B**: *More than 50% of total sales from tobacco-related products or 20% or more of floor/display space dedicated to these products.*

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3. **License Limitations**: Currently, Rock Island has 35 Class A and 4 Class B tobacco licenses. The proposed amendments include capping each class of license similar to the liquor code.

➤ **Class A**: (*general retail/incidental*): Limit **30**

➤ **Class B**: (*tobacco specialty shops*) Limit **2**

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4. **Fee Adjustments:** Based on research of tobacco license fees at other comparable cities, it is recommended that Class A and Class B license fees be increased as follows:
 - **Class A:** *From \$150 to \$200 annually*
 - **Class B:** *From \$250 to \$300 annually*

5. **Other Proposed Amendments:**
 - *Removal of outdated language from the 1990s (i.e. minor from 18 to 21)*
 - *Designates the City Council the authority to increase or decrease the number of tobacco licenses in each class.*

Next Steps, Comments & Questions

- **May 19, 2025** City Council Meeting – Consideration of the amendments to the tobacco ordinance.
- **June 9, 2025** City Council Meeting – Passage of the amendments to the tobacco ordinance.
- **June 10, 2025** The City Clerk's Office notifies all tobacco licensees of the changes and will work with PD for enforcement.
- **June 30, 2025** – Vape Moratorium set to expire.

Comments or Questions?



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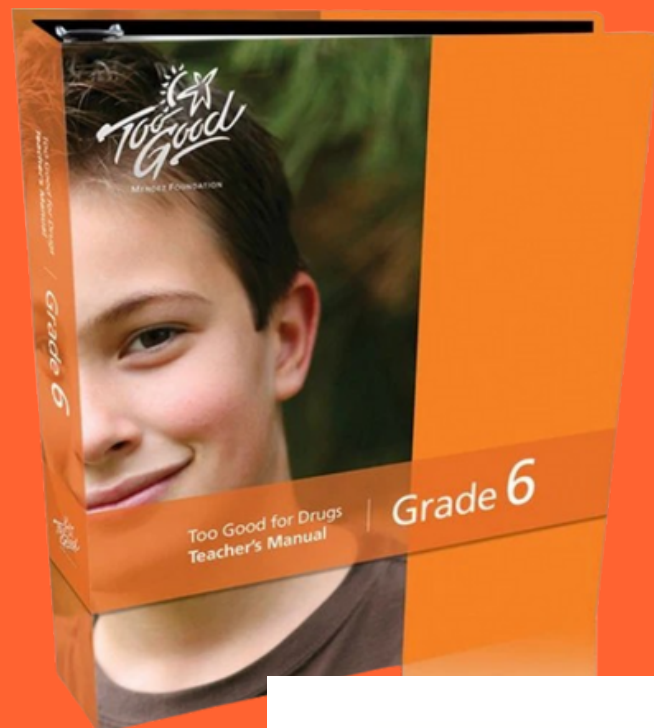
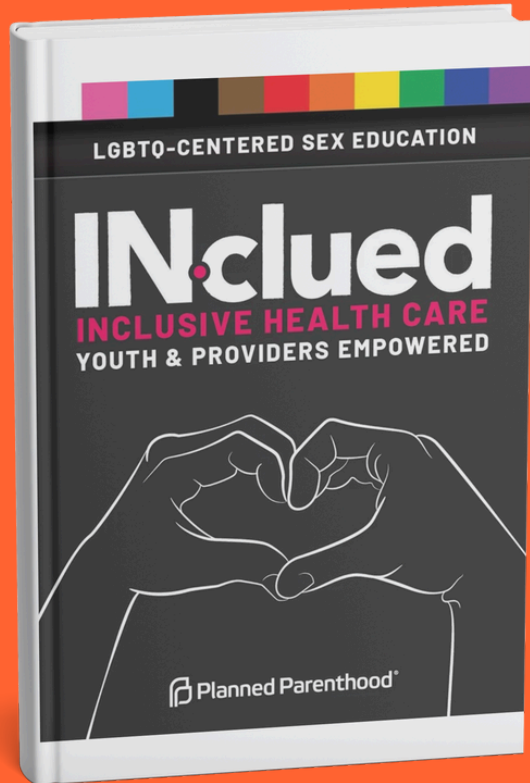
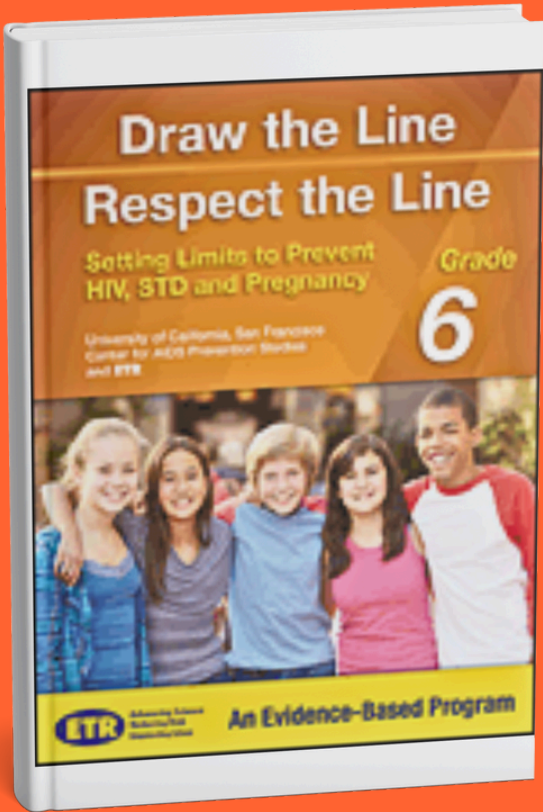


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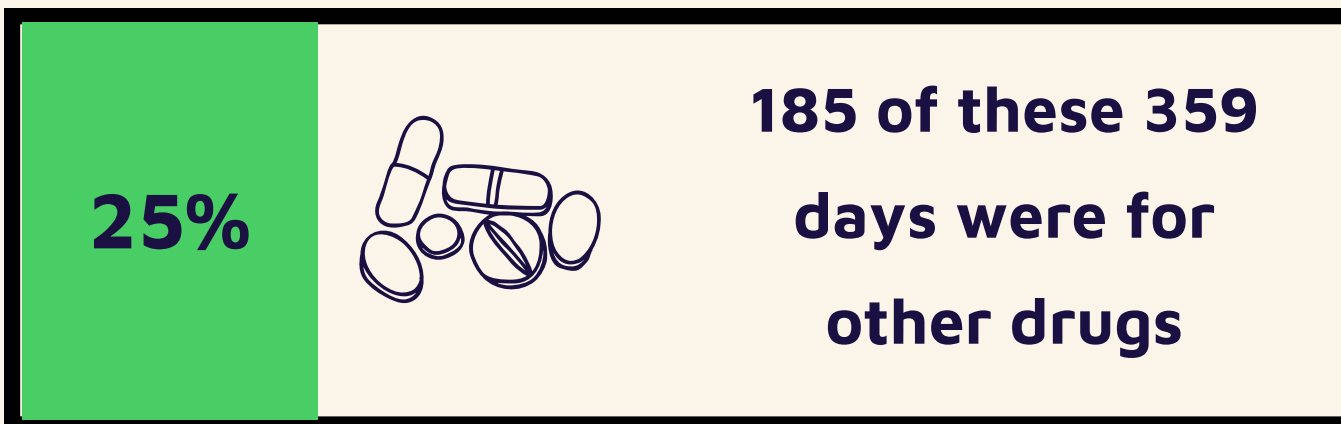
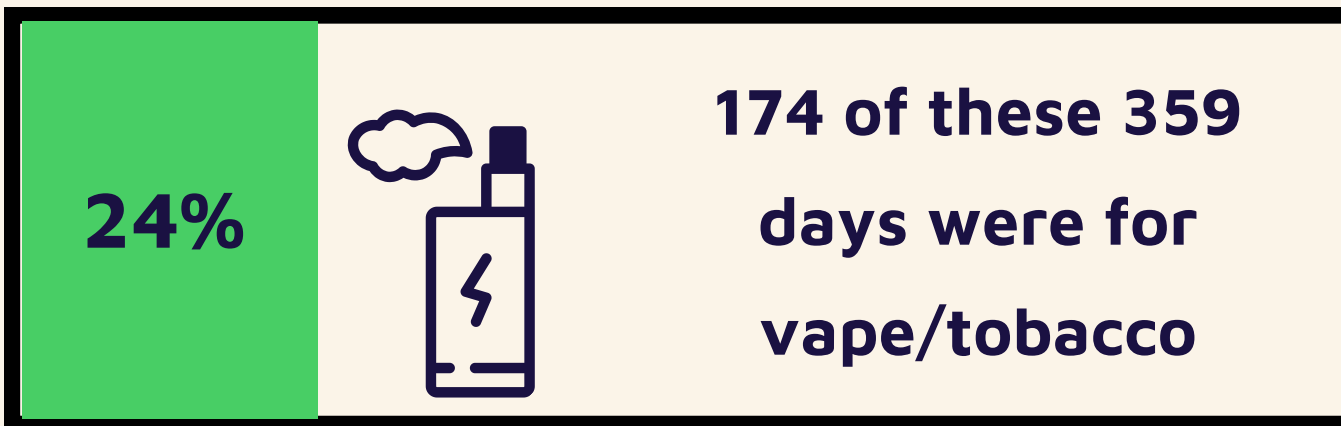
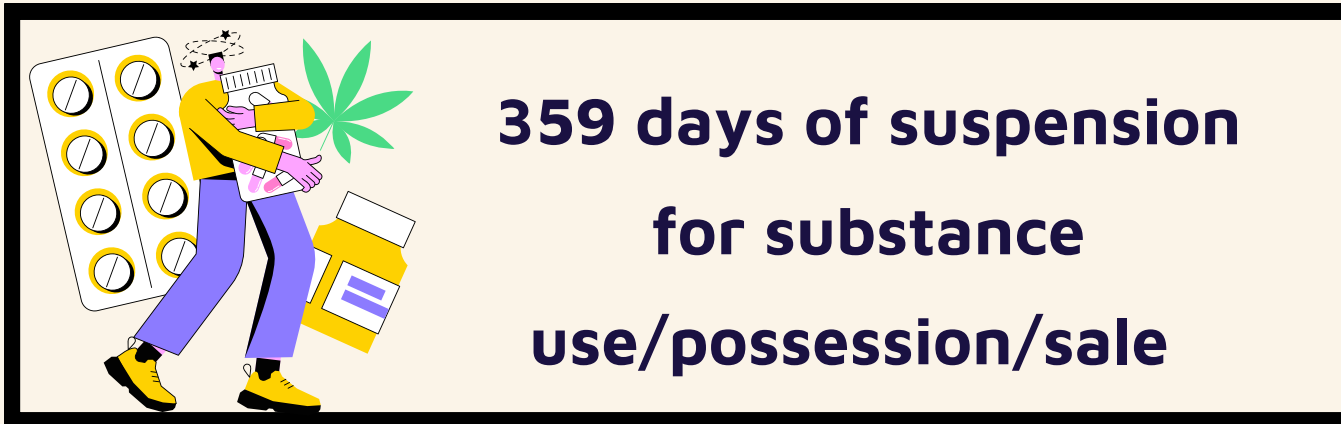


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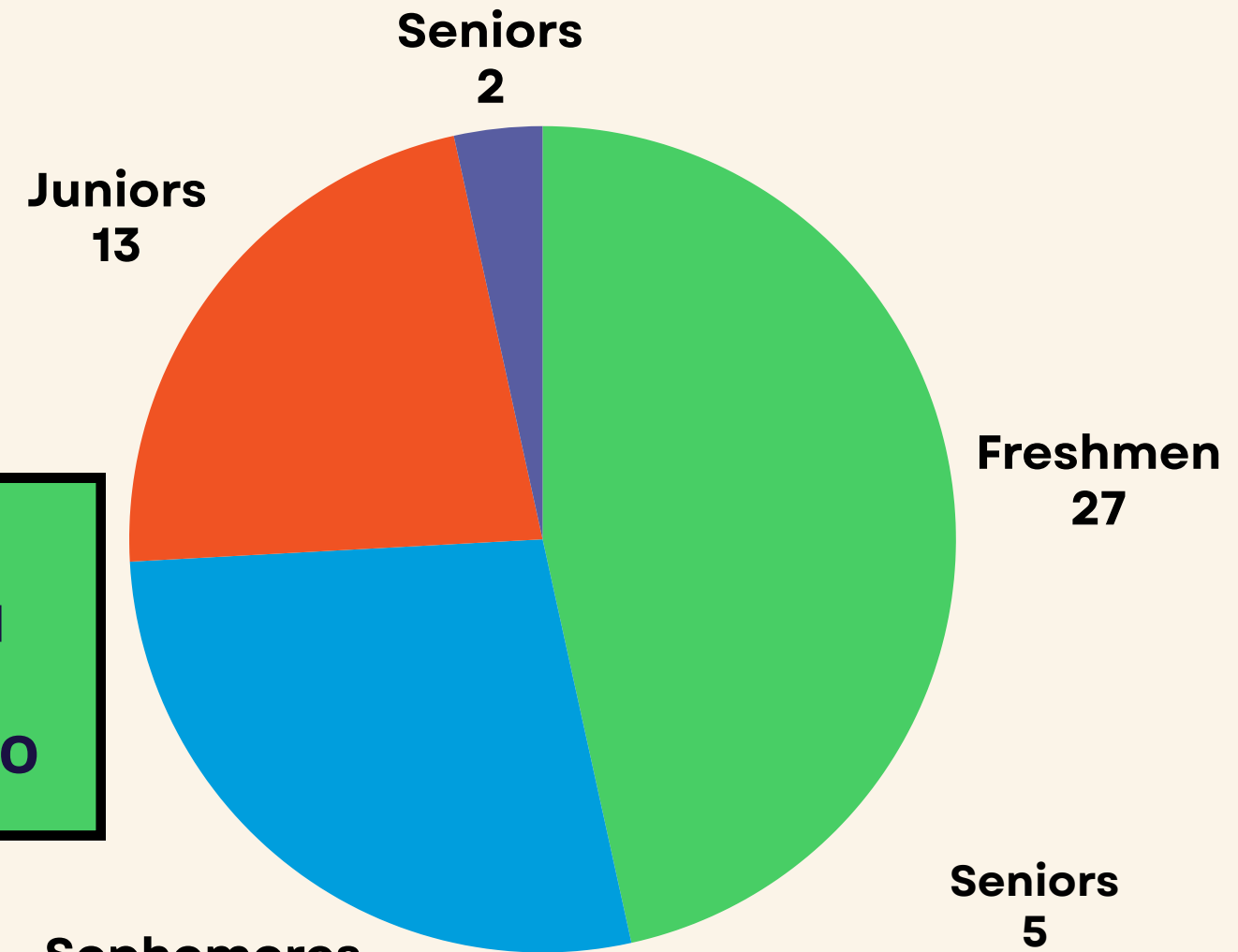


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RIHS SUSPENSION RATES & STUDENT USE 2023-2024

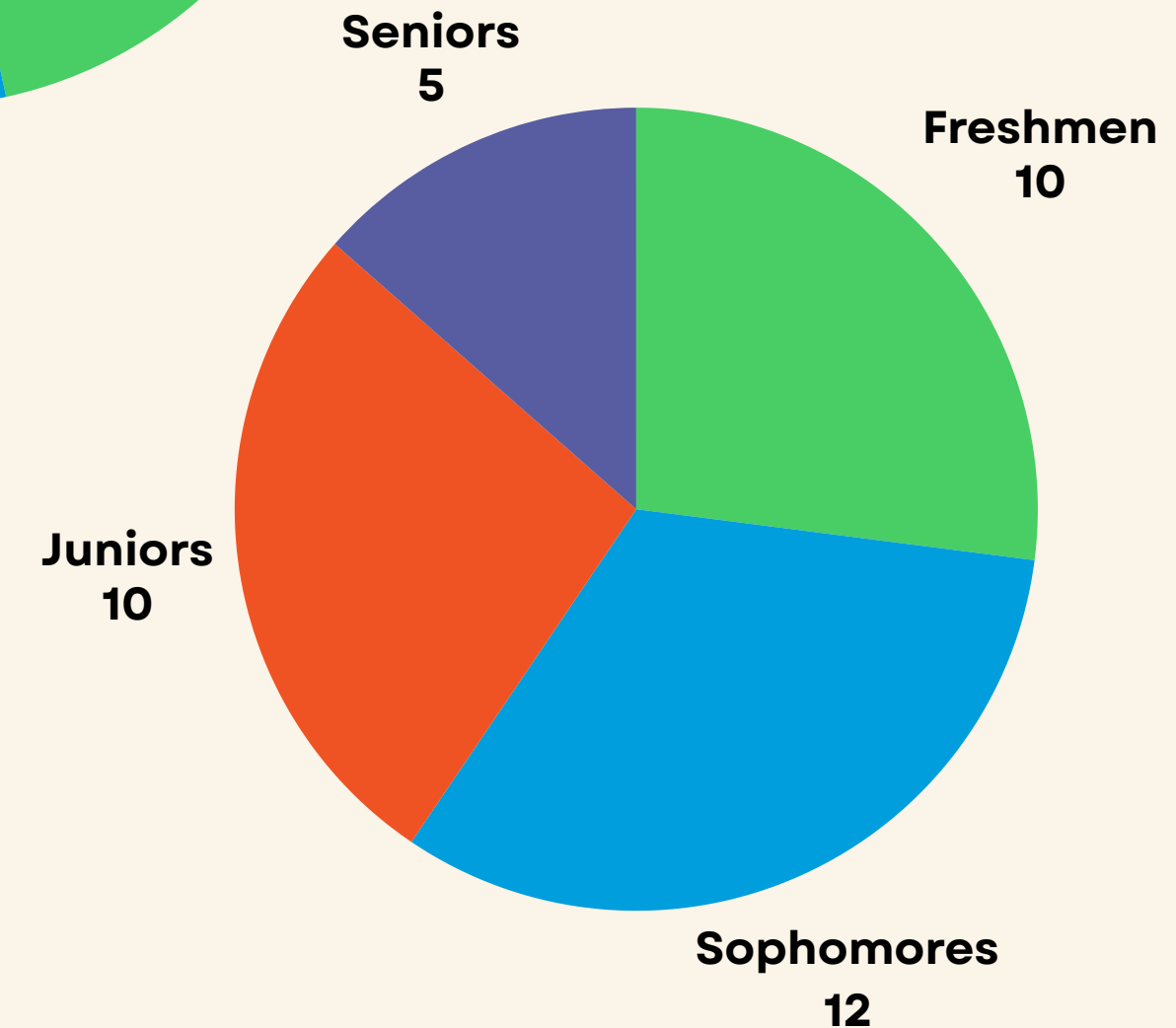


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WHO? YOUTH AND POSSESSION, USE OR SALE.



Prevention Success

01 100% Rating on yearly
TPP program Evaluation

02 100% Rating on yearly
SUPP Program Evaluation

03 Invited to national TPP
Conferences

04 Reached over 1,500
unduplicated students



Community Outreach

- RISMD Ready to Rock Event
- Drug Take Back Day
- Annual Community Bike Ride
- Soul of the City
- PADS – Product Donation Drive
- Tabling Various Events
- RIHS Open House
- Youth Wellness Coalition



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2025-2026

- Broaden Reach
- Increase numbers served
- Stay current on best practices
- Strengthen relationship with RIMSD

Thank you
for listening!

Q & A

