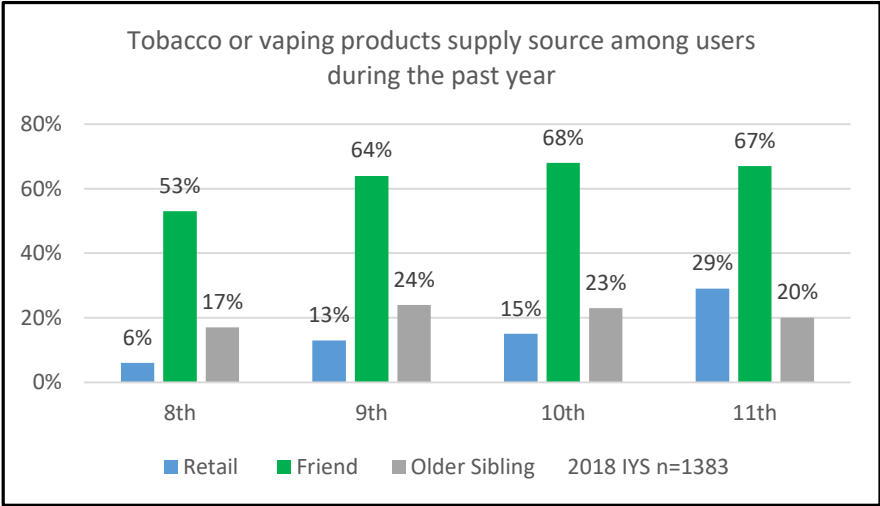
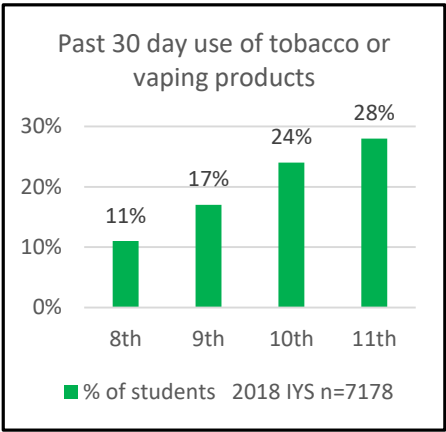
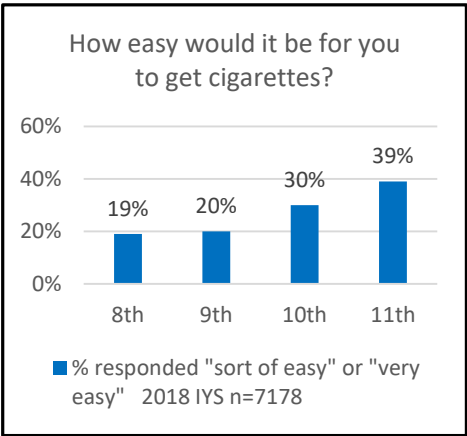


# Tobacco 21 Wheeling Township

- Tobacco 21 is preventing tobacco/vaping use among youth. It is critical to end this epidemic in the United States.
- Tobacco use is started and established primarily during adolescence.
  - Nearly 9 out of 10 cigarette smokers first tried smoking by age 18. \*
  - Each day in the United States, more than 3,200 youth aged 18 years or younger smoke their first cigarette, and an additional 2,100 youth and young adults become daily cigarette smokers. \*

\*CDC.gov

### Data from 2018 Illinois Youth Survey Combined Reports - Wheeling Township Schools



**As of December 2018, Illinois has 33 communities that have raised the tobacco purchase age to 21:**

Arlington Heights, Aurora, Barrington, Berwyn, Bolingbrook, Buffalo Grove, Chicago, Deerfield, Downers Grove, Elgin, Elk Grove, Evanston, Glen Ellyn, Gurnee, Highland Park, Hoffman Estates, Hopkins Park, Lake County (Unincorporated), Lake Zurich, Lincolnshire, Maywood, Mundelein, Naperville, Normal, Oak Park, Peoria, Riverwoods, Skokie, Vernon Hills, Washington, West Chicago, Wheaton and Wilmette

Tobacco 21 helps prevent youth from easy access and use of tobacco and vaping products.

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