

# New York State Youth Development Survey

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# General Overview

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- Promising News
- Moving Forward
  - Possible Solutions and Alternatives
    - Prevention and Risk Reduction
    - Students and Parents
- Questions

# Opening Statements

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- Just a presentation of results
- No singling out
- Not condemning nor condoning activities mentioned in next 20 minutes
- A general interest was shown by student body to view results
  - Intriguing and enlightening results

# The Use and Abuse of Alcohol (Past Year)

## Alcohol

	(past year) 2008-09 November
■ 7th grade	4.4
■ 8th grade	7.8
■ 9th grade	41.3
■ 10th grade	65.1
■ 11th grade	79.2
■ 12th grade	89.4

- National average for seniors is 70 %
- Seniors are 20 % above
- Juniors are above the senior national average
- Sophomores you are almost there
- 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade jump
  - Pressure, stereotypes, stress, older kids
- Why low use and abuse in middle school?
  - Teachers, Adolescent mind and perception of risk

# Binge Drinking: Increased Significantly

## ■ Binge Drinking

	2004-05	2008-9
■ 7th grade	1.2	0
■ 8th grade	4.1	0
■ 9th grade	10.5	17.4
■ 10th grade	13.6	36.6
■ 11th grade	30	37.5
■ 12th grade	51.3	67.8

- “Think back over the past two weeks. How many times have you had five or more drinks of alcohol in a row?”
- This is drinking to get drunk
- Why the increase?
  - As usage increases the desire to experiment does also
  - Little to No consequences
- 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade jump
  - Teachers
  - Adolescent brain
  - Stereotypes

# Where Alcohol is Consumed

## Where consumed 2008-09 only

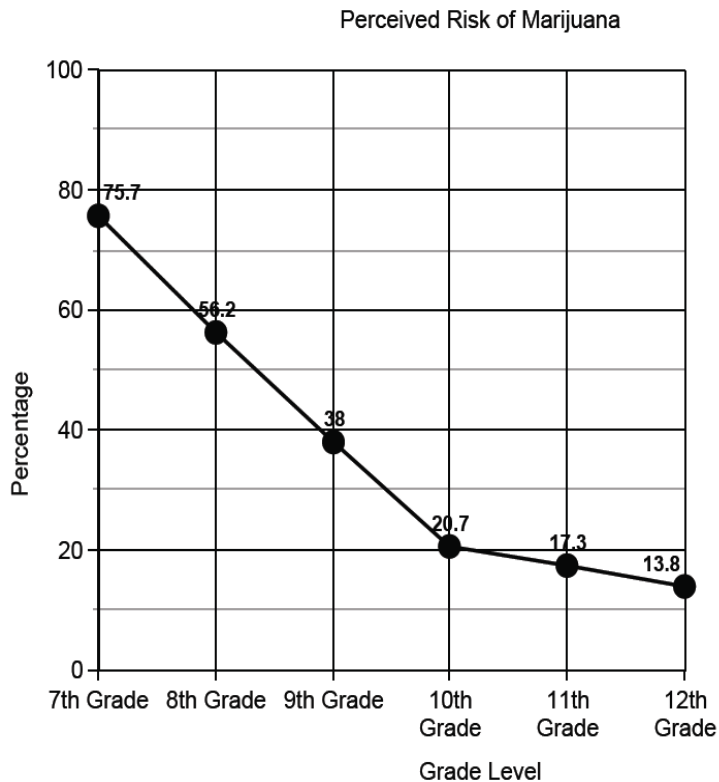
	<i>Someone else's home</i>	my home	restaurant, bar/nightclub	at school
■ 7th	.9	.9	.9	0
■ 8th	1.9	3.8	1.0	0
■ 9th	26.7	8.9	2.2	0
■ 10th	51.8	8.2	1.2	0
■ 11th	69.6	6.3	1.3	0
■ 12th	78.8	7.1	2.4	0

# The Use and Abuse of Marijuana (Past Year)

## ■ Marijuana

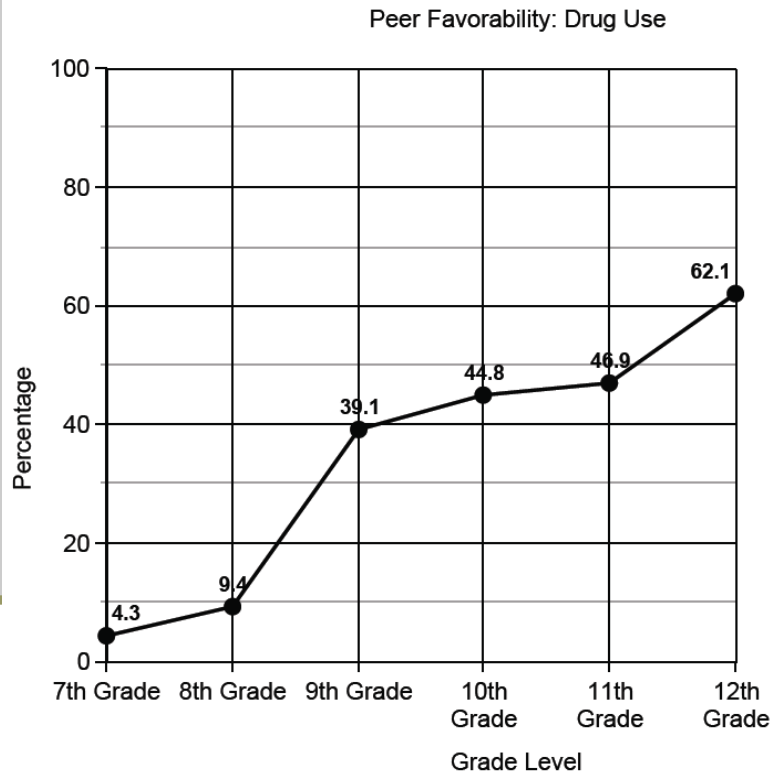
	2004-05	2008-09	
	past year	lifetime	30 days
■ 7 <sup>th</sup>	0	0	0
■ 8 <sup>th</sup>	5.2	0	0
■ 9 <sup>th</sup>	15.7	18.7	14.3
■ 10 <sup>th</sup>	43.2	23.0	15.1
■ 11 <sup>th</sup>	54.2	41.8	32.5
■ 12 <sup>th</sup>	62.5	58.6	38.4

# Perception of Marijuana Risk Opposed to Risk of Other Drugs



- Marijuana is looked at as a very risky drug at a young age
- Progressively gets to be less risky in the minds on student
- Why?
  - Other drugs become more risky as marijuana becomes less risky

# Peer Favorability: Drug Use



- Dramatically increasing trend
- “What are the chances that you will be seen as cool if you: smoked weed, drink alcohol at least once or twice a month?”
- The jump from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Factors?
    - Want to fit in

# Promising News

## ■ School Protection

Students who perceive:  
School Opportunities for  
Pro-social involvement

■ 7th	88.6
■ 8th	94.3
■ 9th	89.9
■ 10th	93.1
■ 11th	87.7
■ 12th	95.4

- School is a strong protective factor
- Pro social involvement is any extra circular activity
- Research shows that certain perceptions/circumstances/choices actually “protect” students from harmful choices.
- The School does a very good job in being socially involved with kids
- Kids view the school attempt to inform them as productive

# More Promising News

- School Reward Pro-social Involvement

■ 7th	32.1
■ 8th	56.3
■ 9th	48.9
■ 10th	64.4
■ 11 <sup>th</sup>	55
■ 12 <sup>th</sup>	58.1

- “Are you rewarded in school when you are doing well?”

- Over half of the student believe that they are sufficiently rewarded by the school when doing well

- Similar perception throughout both middle and high school

- About 55 or 56 percent
- Except 7<sup>th</sup> grade

# Driving While High

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- Teens do not consider as dangerous as driving while under the influence of alcohol
  - Just as dangerous as driving under the influence of alcohol
- Why?
  - While high one becomes more relaxed and is in an “impaired” state
    - This state causes the driver to lose focus more easily
    - not be as aware of the other people on the road

# Fake Identification

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- Always a misdemeanor
- Federal Offense in some states
  - Penalties
    - Minimum: 250 dollar fine and 23-34 hours of community service
    - Maximum: 1000 dollar fine or 6 months in jail and a years suspension of your drivers license
- Consequences
  - Difficulty finding a job or getting into school
  - May not be allowed to vote or own a firearm

# Moving Forward

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## ■ Possible Solution

- Adolescences crave risk – provide opportunities for “risk” with a safety net –
  - Boys typically like to drive fast
  - Girl are more apt to take chances with members of the opposite sex
    - Both are not true in every instance
- Provide outlets for kids
  - Kids that have outlets (sports, acting, art, ect.) are less likely to make risky choices
    - In fear of losing the outlet
    - The outlet provides the risk they crave (paint balling)

# Any Questions???

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- After all questions are answered the meeting will be turned back over to Max.