

New York State Youth Development Survey

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General Overview

- Opening Statement
- Results
 - Areas of concern
- Promising News
- Moving Forward
 - Possible Solutions and Alternatives
 - Prevention and Risk Reduction
 - Students and Parents
- Questions

Opening Statements

- 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
- 8th to 9th 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

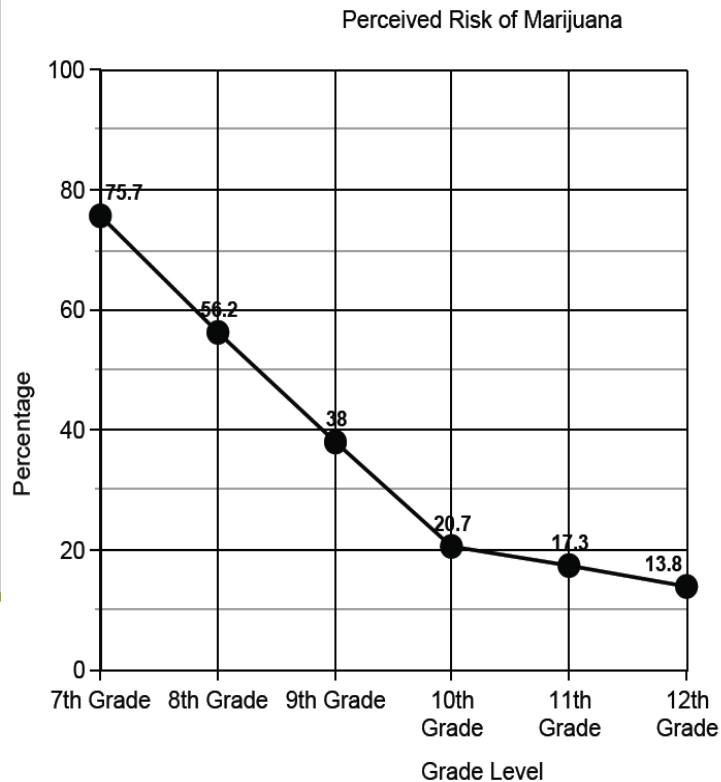
	2004-05	2008-9
■ 7th grade	1.2	0
■ 8th grade	4.1	0
■ 9th grade	10.5	17.4
■ 10th grade	13.6	36.6
■ 11th grade	30	37.5
■ 12th grade	51.3	67.8

- “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
- 8th to 9th grade jump
 - Teachers
 - Adolescent brain
 - Stereotypes

The Use and Abuse of Marijuana (Past Year)

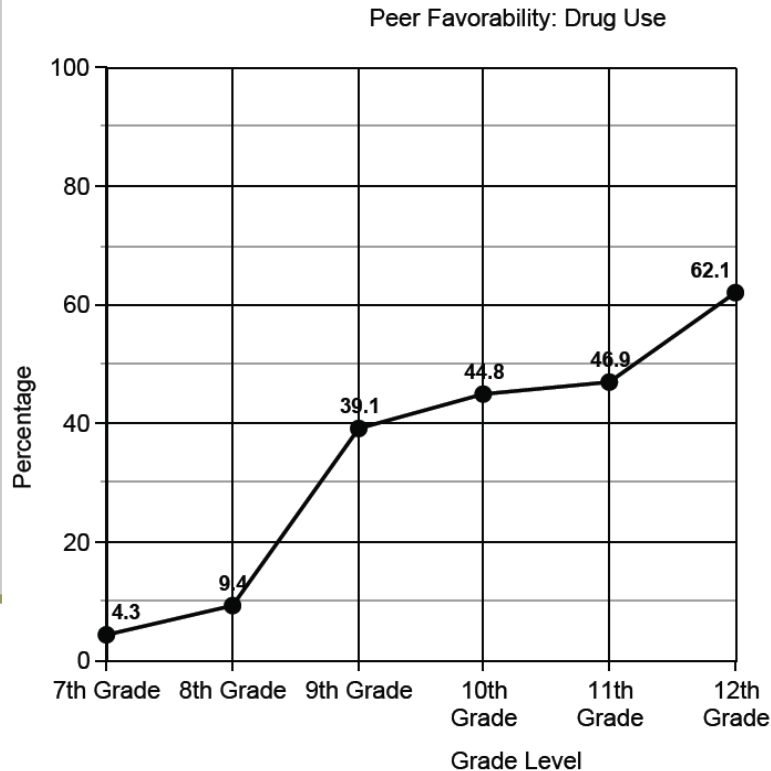
■ Marijuana	2004-05		2008-09	
	past year	lifetime	30 days	
■ 7 th	0	0	0	
■ 8 th	5.2	0	0	
■ 9 th	15.7	18.7	14.3	
■ 10 th	43.2	23.0	15.1	
■ 11 th	54.2	41.8	32.5	
■ 12 th	62.5	58.6	38.4	

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 8th to 9th 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 th	55
■ 12 th	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 7th grade

Driving While High

- 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

- 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

■ Possible Solution

- Adolescents crave risk – provide opportunities for “risk” with a safety net –
 - Boys typically like to drive fast
 - Girls 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???

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