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New York State Youth Development Survey

Blind Brook UFSD in Comparison to other New York School

Unfortunately Blind Brook UFSD faired quite poorly in comparison to NY State in terms of similar districts, the county and the state as a whole. Although Blind Brook UFSD fairs much better in protective domains (i.e. community domain, school domain and family domain), Blind Brook faired much worse in terms of use and abuse, favorable attitudes toward drug use and risks for peer domain.

Use and Abuse

Use/Abuse – past 30 days

Grade	Alcohol	Marijuana
9th		
BB	31.1	13.3
Similar district	24.9	9.3
County	25.5	6.0
State	24.9	7.6
10th		
BB	57.0	15.1
Similar district	36.5	17.6
County	38.9	12.8
State	31.9	12.9
11th		
BB	64.6	32.5
Similar district	44.4	22.9
County	46.4	24.0
State	39.6	18.4

12th

BB	83.1	36.9
Similar district	50.1	23.2
County	56.6	28.8
State	48.8	21.9

Binge Drinking (having 5 or more drinks in a row within the past 2 weeks)**9th and 10th**

BB	25.8
Similar district	18.6
County	20.2
State	17.8

11th and 12th

BB	52.7
Similar District	31.2
County	32.4
State	28.2

Did not drink alcohol in the past year

9th and 10th

BB	47.5
Similar District	51.7
County	51.6
State	51.7

11th and 12th

BB	<i>15.6</i>
Similar District	<i>34.0</i>
County	32.2
State	34.0

Risks for Peer Domain

Peer rewards for antisocial behavior

9th and 10th

BB	<i>74.0</i>
Similar District	<i>48.6</i>
County	<i>52.7</i>
State	<i>45.1</i>

11th and 12th

BB	<i>88.5</i>
Similar District	<i>62.9</i>
County	<i>67.3</i>
State	<i>55.2</i>

Favorable attitudes to drug use

9th and 10th

BB	41.6
Similar district	37.1
County	34.3
State	32.8

11th and 12th

BB	45.2
Similar district	30.0
County	29.1
State	25.4

These results in spite of better than average protective factors:

Community Domain

	Low neighborhood attachment	High community disorganization
9 th and 10 th		
BB	27.6	31.0
Similar district	35.8	50.0
County	37.1	49.3
State	42.4	55.3

11th and 12th

BB	47.6	30.5
Similar district	44.8	56.6
County	47.1	48.7
State	46.7	58.2

School Domain

	Academic Failure	Low commitment to school
9 th and 10 th		
BB	31.5	39.0
Similar District	45.7	44.3
County	39.4	38.9
State	48.3	40.5

11th and 12th

BB	30.1	38.0
Similar District	42.7	46.3
County	36.2	38.0
State	44.4	43.9

Family Domain

Poor family Management Family contact

9th and 10th

BB	36.6	41.8
Similar District	43.0	46.5
County	44.5	46.8
State	46.6	49.2

11th and 12th

BB	32.7	44.8
Similar District	38.9	38.6
County	34.6	42.3
State	39.5	40.7

As the Commissioner Karen M. Carpenter-Palumbo said on the report – this report should help “better plan for prevention services to address our common goals of improving academic achievement and reducing the problem behaviors that can impede academic success, such as substance abuse...”

More than 100,000 students were surveyed in over 400 schools, making this one of the largest student surveys New York State has ever conducted.