

Middle School Survey Results At-A-Glance

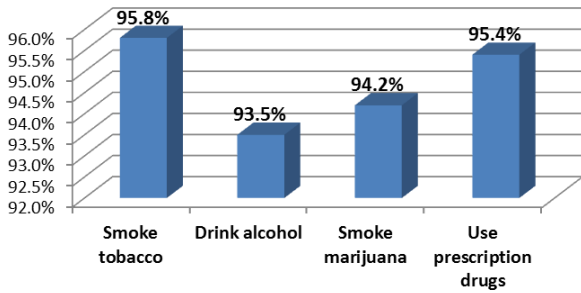
Taken from Youth Risk Behavior Survey 2015

The Middle School "YRBS" was administered in Spring 2015 to 1363 students attending Elm Street, Fairgrounds and Pennichuck Middle Schools, reflecting 81.9% of total enrollment.



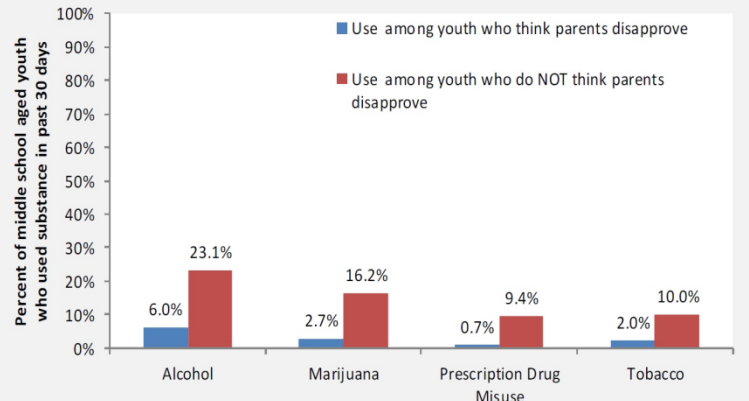
Parent influence is strong during the Middle School years:

Percentage of students who think their parents feel it is wrong or very wrong if they...



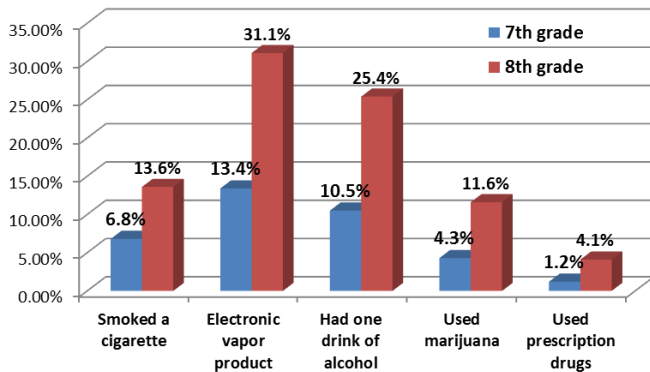
83.4% of students agree or strongly agree their parents or other adults in their family have clear rules and standards for their behavior.

Prevalence of behavior based on parental disapproval: level of use is much lower when parents disapprove.

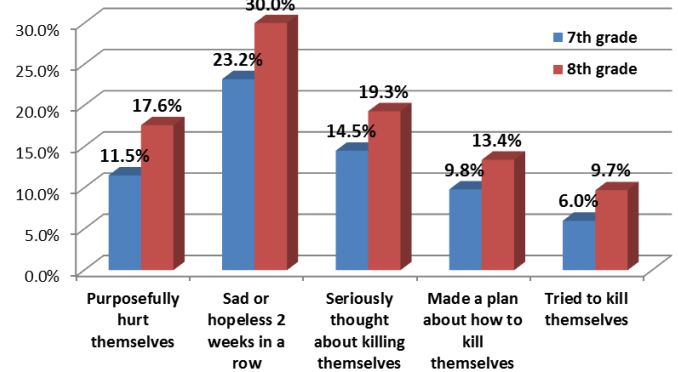


Risky behaviors increase between 7th & 8th grade. Worries increase as well:

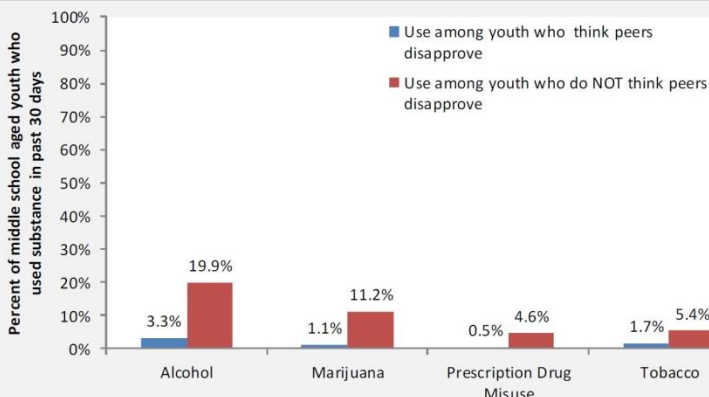
Percent of students who have ever...



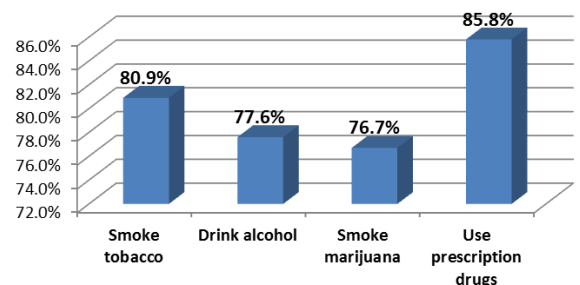
Signs of Depression



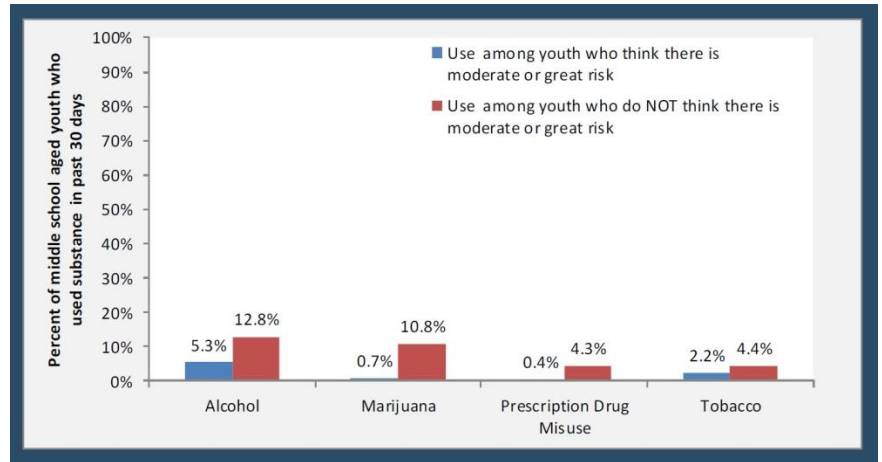
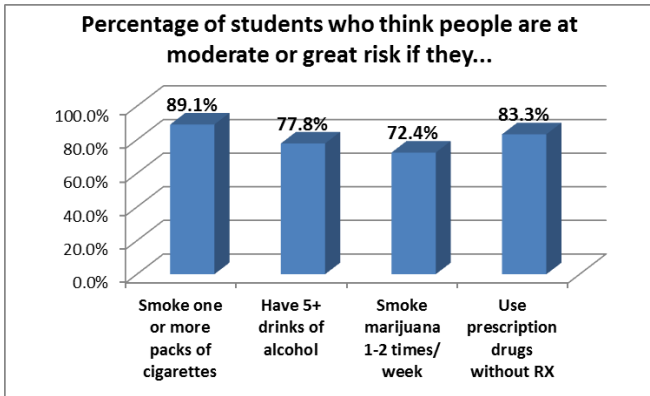
Peer influence is powerful among 7th & 8th graders.



Percentage of students who think their friends feel it is wrong or very wrong if they...

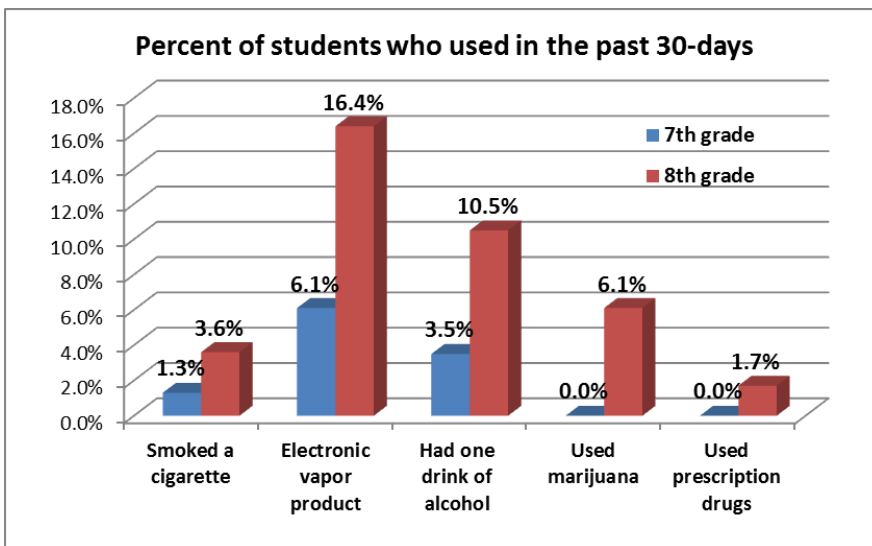


Risky behaviors increase when students don't think they are harming themselves:



Baseline data will enable us to identify trends.

Baseline 30-day Use rates among 7th & 8th graders raise concerns:



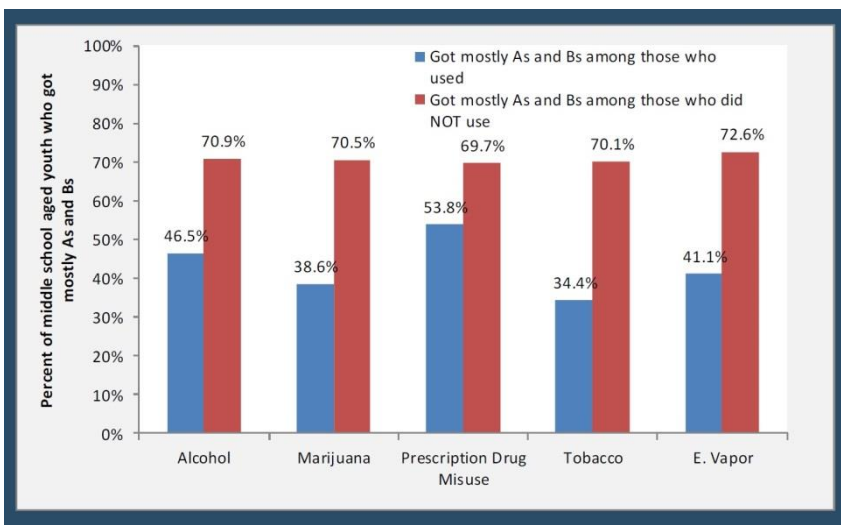
Student Numbers

	7th grade	8th grade
Smoked a cigarette	9	23
Electronic vapor product	41	103
Had one drink of alcohol	23	67
Used marijuana	n≤5	38
Used prescription drugs	n≤5	11

Actual 30-Day Use

Additional data points can assist with planning future strategies:

Academic Performance and Substance Use



Additional Considerations

10.3% of students indicated they had their first drink of alcohol before age 13.

4.4% tried marijuana before age 13.

4.2% have ever used inhalants such as glue, spray cans, etc.

3.4% have taken over the counter medication to get high.

7.8% of 8th graders had 5 or more drinks in a row.

47.5% of girls and 37.6% of boys reported ever being bullied on school property, and

26% of students indicate they have been electronically bullied.

44.8% of students reported talking with at least one parent about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol or drug use during the past 12 months.