# **SEARCH SURVEY RESULTS 2023**



### What are the Four Core Measures?

- **30 Day Use Rates:** Percentage of youth who report using alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, or prescription drugs at least once during the 30 days immediately preceding the survey date.
- *Perception of Risk:* Percentage of youth who think there is moderate or great risk in binge drinking, smoking one or more packs of cigarettes per day, smoking marijuana once or twice a week, or using prescription drugs not prescribed to them.
- **Perception of Parental Disapproval:** Percentage of youth who report that their parents feel regular use of alcohol is wrong or very wrong, and report that their parents feel any use of cigarettes, marijuana, or unprescribed Rx drugs is wrong.
- *Perception of Peer Disapproval:* Percentage of youth who report that their friends feel regular use of alcohol is wrong or very wrong, and report their friends feel any use of cigarettes, marijuana, or unprescribed Rx drug is wrong.

### Four-Core Measure Trends (7-12)

		2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2021	2023
Number of student surveys analyzed (7 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade)		1,542	1,558	1,467	1438	1674	1312	1196
30-Day Use Rates	Alcohol	27.7%	24.9%	24.1%	18%	18%	15%	18%
	Cigarettes	8.3%	8.0%	5.5%	2%	2%	2%	3%
	Marijuana	17.4%	16.2%	16.1%	9%	11%	8%	12%
	Rx Drugs		6.2%	5.7%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Perception of Risk (youth reporting "some" or "a lot of risk")	Alcohol	67.4%	79.8%	81.6%	82%	84%	84%	83%
	Cigarettes	95.0%	91.4%	90.9%	91%	93%	93%	92%
	Marijuana	77.8%	65.5%	63.8%	68%	66%	60%	63%
	Rx Drugs		90.5%	90.9%	91%	94%	94%	93%
Perception of parental disapproval (students reporting "Wrong" or "very wrong")	Alcohol	86.5%	92.8%	94.9%	96%	96%	95%	95%
	Cigarettes	95.2%	93.9%	96.3%	97%	98%	97%	97%
	Marijuana	91.7%	90.1%	90.3%	92%	92%	90%	89%
	Rx Drugs		96.8%	97.1%	98%	98%	98%	97%
Perception of peer disapproval (students reporting "Wrong" or "very wrong")	Alcohol		78.0%	79.0%	80%	80%	81%	78%
	Cigarettes		80.2%	82.9%	87%	86%	86%	79%
	Marijuana		65.5%	66.8%	69%	69%	70%	64%
	Rx Drugs		88.6%	88.9%	91%	91%	91%	87%

#### 2021 VS. 2023 Grades 7-12

30-Day Use Rates of Alcohol up 3%, Cigarettes up 1% and Marijuana up 4%



Perception of Risk of Marijuana 3% increase



marijuana (6%) and Rx drugs (4%)









# **2021 VS. 2023** Grades 7-12

- Table 15: Percent of Youth Reporting 10 High-Risk Behavior Patterns
  - Depression/Suicide down from 27 to 23
  - Anti-social behavior up from 5 to 9 1
  - Violence up from 12 to 16 1



### Adams Middle School Students - Vaping

Survey Item 105: How many times during the last 30 days, if any, have you vaped tobacco, nicotine, or marijuana? Never or no use in past 30 days



Year 2023 Percentage 97%



### Guilford High School Students - Vaping

Survey Item 105: How many times during the last 30 days, if any, have you vaped tobacco, nicotine, or marijuana? Never or no use in past 30 days



Year Percentage 2016 94%

2018 82% 2023 79%

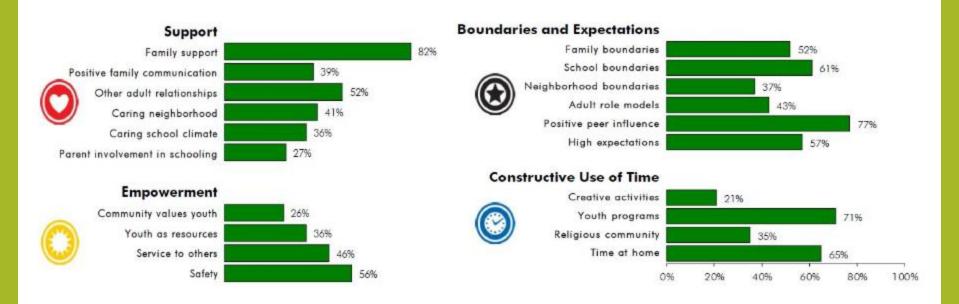


Among the people you consider to be your closest friends, how many would you say have used drugs such as marijuana and cocaine? (**NONE**)

**Percentages:** 

Grade	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12th
2023	99	84	69	53	36	28

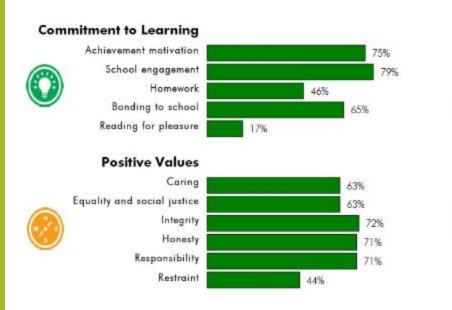
#### Figure 6: Percent of Youth Reporting Each of 20 External Assets

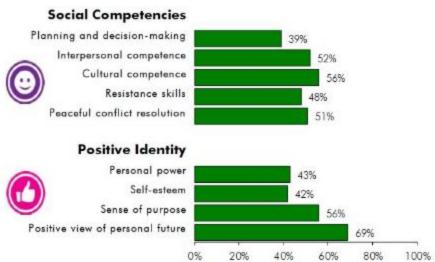


## **External Assets – Significant Findings**

- Boundaries and Expectations → Positive Peer Influence down since 2021
  - 。 85% <del>→</del> 77%
- Constructive Use of Time → Youth Programs <u>up</u> since 2021

#### Figure 7: Percent of Youth Reporting Each of 20 Internal Assets





## Internal Assets – Significant Findings

- Commitment to Learning ->
  - School Engagement up since 2021 (40%  $\rightarrow$  79%)
  - Homework <u>down</u> from (67% → 46%)
  - Bonding to School down (73%  $\rightarrow$  65%)
- Positive Values →
  - Equality and Social Justice down (75%  $\rightarrow$  63%)
- Social Competencies →
  - Cultural Competence down (63% → 56%)
  - Resistance Skills down (54% → 48%)

# THANKYOU!

### **Any Questions?**

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