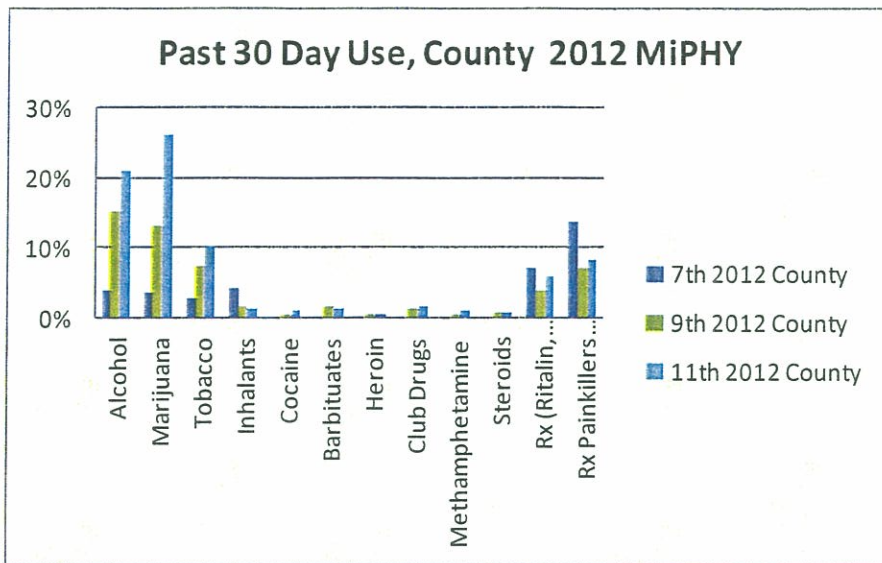


County Public Schools: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Marijuana Use



Data from the Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth Survey, 2010 & 2012

CONSUMPTION

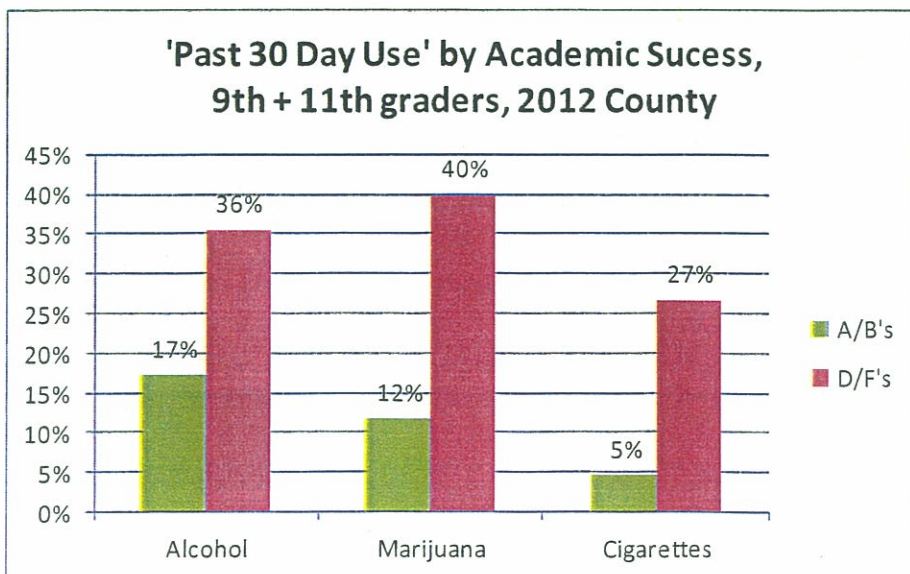
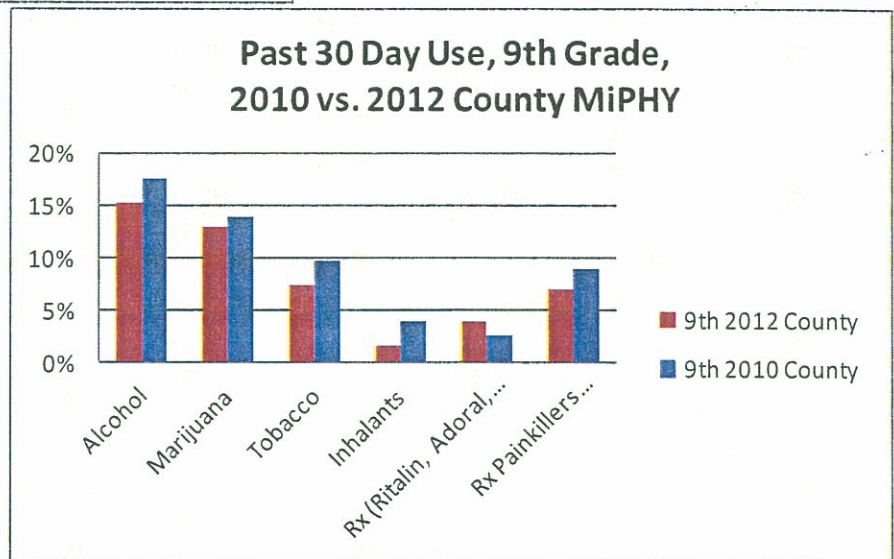


The main substances used by county students are **alcohol, marijuana, and tobacco**. Prescription drug abuse is also a significant concern. Regular use of most substances increases as youth get older, however, 7th graders are more likely to use **inhalants** than older students.

County 9th graders are **MORE** likely to report recent **alcohol and marijuana** use.

County 9th graders are **LESS** likely to report recent use of **tobacco**.

County 9th graders report about the same rate of use of inhalants, abuse of prescription drugs like Ritalin and Adoral, but **higher rates of prescription painkillers** like OxyContin and Vicodin.

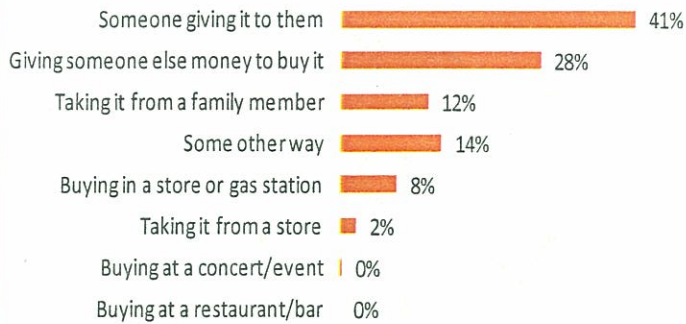


The disparity between those who get “good” grades — A’s and B’s, and those who get “bad” grades — D’s and F’s, is striking. **Student success and drug and alcohol abuse are intricately linked.**

Students with poor grades are **2 times more likely** to have recently used alcohol, **3 times as likely** to have recently used marijuana, and **5 times more likely** to have recently used cigarettes.

RISK & PROTECTION

Of those who consumed alcohol in the past month,
"Where did you get it?" 9th & 11th graders

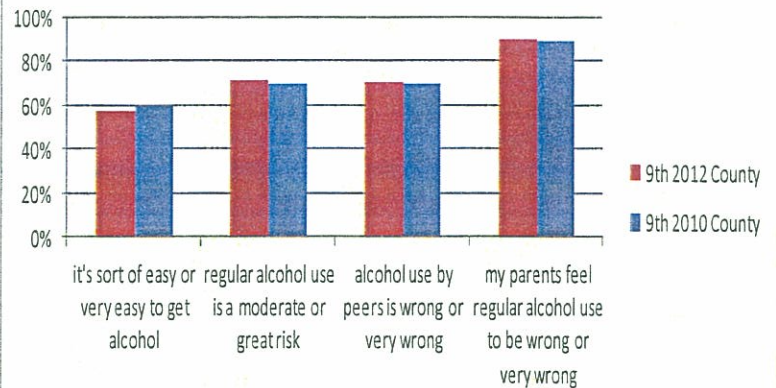


County 9th graders have 'higher' rates on perceptions of riskiness, wrongness, and parental disapproval. Perception of alcohol availability is a bit lower.

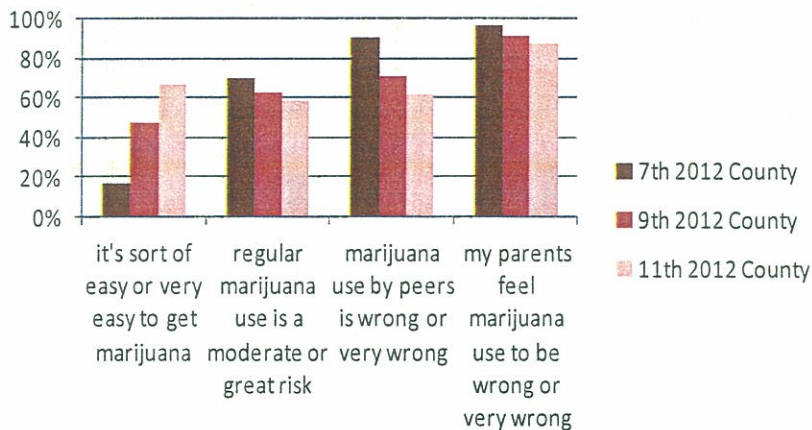
Youth can get alcohol from a variety of sources — peers, family members, or in the community.

County youth report that **social access to alcohol**, and **taking alcohol from a family member**, are the most common ways to get alcohol.

Perceptions about Alcohol Use, 9th Grade
2010 vs. 2012 County



Perceptions about Marijuana Use, 2012 County



The less students perceive that marijuana is easy to get, the **BETTER**. The more students perceive that use is risky, that it's wrong, or that their parents disapprove, the **BETTER**.

While perception of availability of marijuana increases significantly from 7th to 11th grades (bad), parental disapproval stays very high (good).

What do we do to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use?

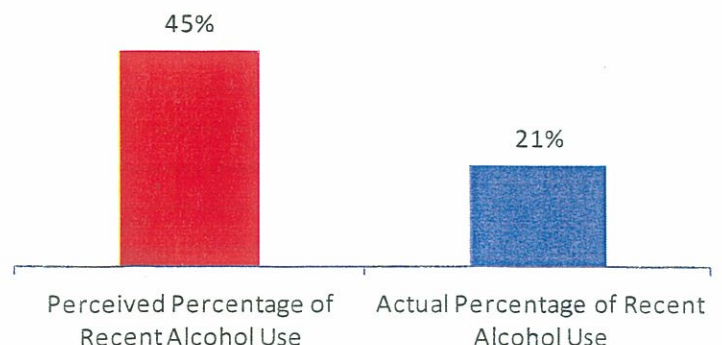
There is a large gap between what the students PERCEPTION of use is, and what the ACTUAL use is. Research has shown that when you correct this misperception of use, consumption goes down overall.

"Most students DON'T use alcohol!"

should be the message sent to students and families.

PERCEPTIONS

Social Norms: Perceived Percentage of Alcohol Use, 9th + 11th grades average, County



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