

2024-25 PRIDE SURVEY RESULTS

988 STUDENTS SURVEYED IN GRADES 6-12 IN LAWRENCE COUNTY



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DFC GOAL #1 - REDUCE YOUTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DECREASE THE PERCEPTION OF AVAILABILITY OF ALCOHOL AND MARIJUANA

Table 19: Pride Surveys Core Measure of Students' Perception of Availability by Grade

Grade	Cigarettes		Alcohol		Marijuana		Presc Drugs	
	pct	n	pct	n	pct	n	pct	n
Grade 6	5.4	167	4.8	167	3.6	167	0.6	167
Grade 7	6.2	161	7.5	160	1.2	162	3.7	162
Grade 8	10.3	146	16.4	146	9.7	145	7.6	144
Grade 9	15.3	131	16.8	131	9.2	131	9.2	131
Grade 10	15.0	107	20.6	107	14.0	107	7.5	106
Grade 11	10.0	110	16.4	110	12.6	111	7.2	111
Grade 12	17.3	110	30.9	110	17.3	110	6.4	109
Combined	10.7	932	15.0	931	8.8	933	5.7	930

	2023-2024	2022-2023
Tobacco	11.0	3.0
Alcohol	15.6	10.0
Marijuana	11.3	6.5
Presc drugs	6.8	1.5

INCREASE THE PERCEPTION OF HARM OF ALCOHOL & MARIJUANA USE

Table 3: DFC Core Measure of Perception of Risk by Grade

Grade	Cigarettes		Alcohol		Marijuana		Presc Drugs	
	pct	n	pct	n	pct	n	pct	n
Grade 6	78.9	175	66.7	174	71.9	171	75.9	174
Grade 7	85.7	168	78.0	168	75.6	168	84.5	168
Grade 8	91.0	155	75.3	154	72.3	155	92.2	154
Grade 9	87.1	139	74.8	139	70.5	139	92.8	139
Grade 10	87.5	112	65.8	111	56.8	111	90.2	112
Grade 11	90.7	118	78.0	118	63.6	118	93.2	118
Grade 12	84.3	115	67.5	114	58.3	115	84.3	115
Combined	86.2	982	72.5	978	68.1	977	87.0	980

	2023-2024	2022-2023
Tobacco	89.1	86.9
Alcohol	73.5	66.2
Marijuana	68.3	59.7
Presc drugs	89.2	87.7

PERCEPTION OF PARENT DISAPPROVAL

Table 5: DFC Core Measure of Parental Disapproval by Grade

Grade	Cigarettes		Alcohol		Marijuana		Presc Drugs	
	pct	n	pct	n	pct	n	pct	n
Grade 6	94.7	170	94.1	170	94.7	170	94.7	170
Grade 7	89.8	167	89.9	168	90.5	168	93.5	168
Grade 8	94.7	152	91.4	152	92.1	152	98.0	152
Grade 9	88.2	136	89.7	136	88.2	136	94.9	136
Grade 10	88.2	110	87.3	110	85.5	110	95.5	110
Grade 11	85.2	115	82.5	114	77.4	115	90.4	115
Grade 12	85.7	112	83.9	112	83.0	112	93.8	112
Combined	90.0	962	89.0	962	88.2	963	94.5	963

	2022-23	2023-24
Tobacco	89.1	89.5
Alcohol	86.1	87.3
Marijuana	82.6	87.4
Presc drugs	93.4	94.1

	2022-23	2023-24
Tobacco	78.6	82.5
Alcohol	77.7	82.2
Marijuana	74.5	81.5
Presc drugs	87.1	89.6

Table 7: DFC Core Measure of Friends Disapproval by Grade

Grade	Cigarettes		Alcohol		Marijuana		Presc Drugs	
	pct	n	pct	n	pct	n	pct	n
Grade 6	92.9	168	94.6	168	94.6	168	95.8	168
Grade 7	92.2	167	92.8	167	92.2	166	94.0	167
Grade 8	88.1	151	87.4	151	89.4	151	92.7	151
Grade 9	83.1	136	84.4	135	82.4	136	89.0	136
Grade 10	69.1	110	73.6	110	71.8	110	87.4	111
Grade 11	80.0	115	79.1	115	74.8	115	88.7	115
Grade 12	78.6	112	81.2	112	78.6	112	90.1	111
Combined	84.7	959	85.9	958	84.8	958	91.6	959

PERCEPTION OF FRIENDS DISAPPROVAL

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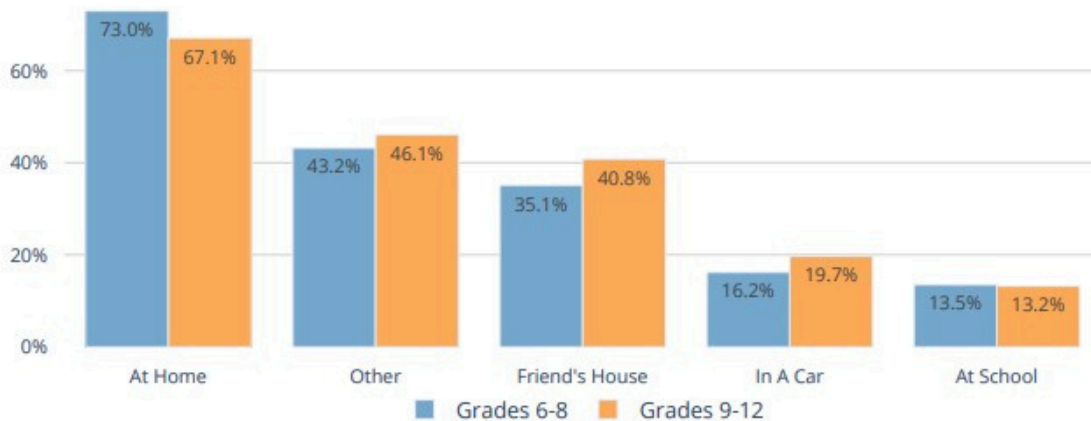
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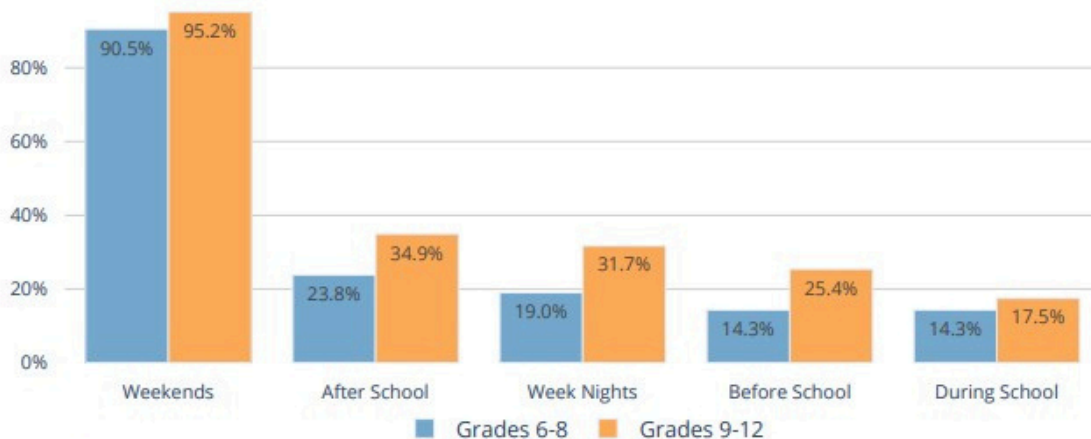
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Figure 8: Where Students Use Drugs



* Only students who indicated they used drugs are included in this chart.

Figure 9: When Students Use Drugs



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Knowing drug use patterns of drug-using students can help administrators, teachers and parents design programming to address the times and places of use. Figures 8 and 9 illustrate the breakdown for where and when your students report using any of the six drugs reported: tobacco, alcohol marijuana, prescription drugs, prescription opioid pain killers, and e-cigarettes. Information about when and where students use drugs can be helpful for school administrators who have to answer difficult questions about possible student drug use at school. In almost all cases, student drug use is higher when students are not at school.

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A growing body of research shows that a positive school climate - the quality and character of school life - can enhance student well-being and academic achievement. Factors on the Pride Survey Plus for Grades 6-12 associated with school climate include: safety and violence indicators, student engagement, and student achievement. Research has shown that schools organized as communities promote greater student engagement in school work, resulting in improved student achievement. All forms of student engagement are seen as a means to increase student motivation and achievement and decrease alienation.

3.9.3 Make Good Grades

Students could respond to this question by marking Never, Seldom, Sometimes, Often or A Lot. The following table shows what percent of all students responded Never, what percent responded Sometimes, etc.

Table 3.3: Make Good Grades

RESPONSE	PCT
Never	0.7
Seldom	2.6
Sometimes	16.0
Often	38.0
A Lot	42.7

Table 3.4: Take Part in Sports Teams

RESPONSE	PCT
Never	28.0
Seldom	10.5
Sometimes	14.5
Often	19.1
A Lot	27.9

Table 3.5: Take Part in School Activities

RESPONSE	PCT
Never	36.4
Seldom	11.8
Sometimes	14.4
Often	14.3
A Lot	23.0

Table 3.7: Teachers Talk About Dangers of Drugs

RESPONSE	PCT
Never	19.6
Seldom	25.8
Sometimes	33.7
Often	13.3
A Lot	7.7

Table 3.8: Parents Talk About Dangers of Drugs

RESPONSE	PCT
Never	17.6
Seldom	19.9
Sometimes	35.0
Often	18.1
A Lot	9.4

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The table contains percentage data by grade level. The N of Valid column contains the number of students who responded to the question and the N of Missing column contains the number of students who did not respond to the question. The remaining columns contain the percentages of students responding to the particular response categories.

4.18 While At School Have You...(Past Year)

Table 4.135: In the past year, while at school have you used the Internet or a cell phone to threaten or embarrass someone else by posting mean messages or photos of them?

RESPONSE	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	6-8th	9-12th	TOTAL
Never	98.2	93.9	94.6	94.7	91.7	96.4	98.2	95.6	95.2	95.4
One time	1.2	4.9	2.7	3.8	1.9	1.8	0.9	2.9	2.2	2.6
2-5 times	0.6	1.2	1.4	0.8	5.6	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	1.3
6 or more times	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.8	0.9	1.8	0.9	0.4	1.1	0.7
N of Valid	168	164	147	132	108	111	110	479	461	940
N of Miss	7	5	8	7	6	10	5	20	28	48

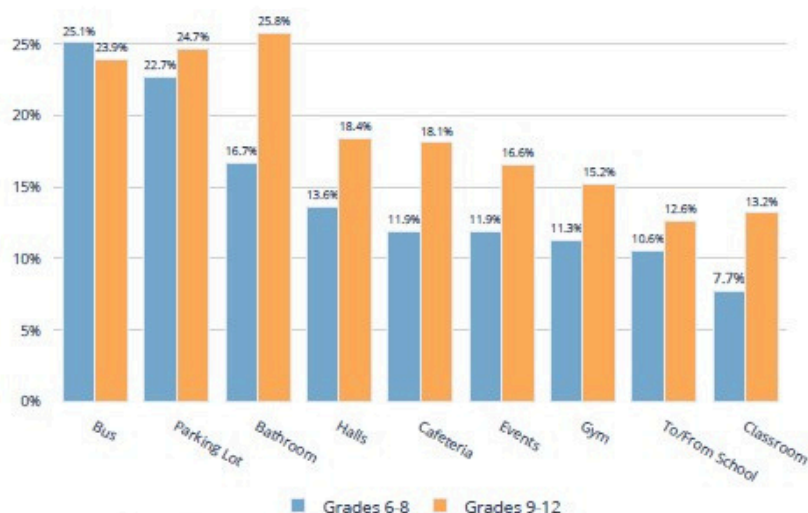
Table 4.136: In the past year, while at school have you been threatened or embarrassed by someone using the Internet or a cell phone to post mean messages or photos of you?

RESPONSE	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	6-8th	9-12th	TOTAL
Never	91.6	87.1	86.4	88.6	83.3	93.7	92.7	88.5	89.6	89.0
One time	5.4	6.7	4.8	5.3	9.3	3.6	1.8	5.7	5.0	5.3
2-5 times	1.2	4.3	4.8	3.8	2.8	0.9	5.5	3.4	3.3	3.3
6 or more times	1.8	1.8	4.1	2.3	4.6	1.8	0.0	2.5	2.2	2.3
N of Valid	167	163	147	132	108	111	110	477	461	938
N of Miss	8	6	8	7	6	10	5	22	28	50

Table 4.137: In the past year, while at school have you carried a handgun?

RESPONSE	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	6-8th	9-12th	TOTAL
Never	98.8	99.4	95.2	97.7	99.1	99.1	100.0	97.9	98.9	98.4
One time	0.0	0.6	2.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.7	0.9
2-5 times	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.3
6 or more times	0.6	0.0	1.4	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.2	0.4
N of Valid	168	164	146	132	108	110	110	478	460	938
N of Miss	7	5	9	7	6	11	5	21	29	50

Figure 28: Where Do Students Feel Least Safe at School



* Percentage responding "never" and "seldom".

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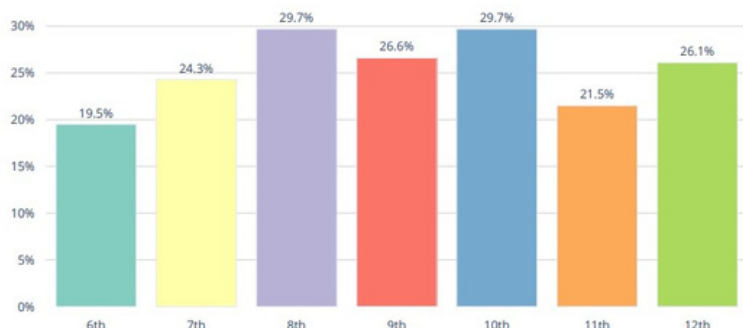
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THOUGHTS OF SUICIDE

Figure 15: Students Reporting Thoughts of Suicide



Nationally students have reported seriously considering suicide (16%); creating a plan to commit suicide (13%) and trying to take their own lives (8%).

The pride survey plus questionnaire asks students if they have thought of committing suicide. Students can select from responses never, seldom, sometimes, often, a lot. This graph shows students who selected a response other than "never."

4.14 Attempted Suicide Injury

Table 4.115: If you attempted suicide in the past 12 months, did any attempt result in injury, poisoning, or overdose that had to be treated by a doctor or nurse?

RESPONSE	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	6-8th	9-12th	TOTAL
I did not attempt suicide during the past 12 months	78.7	79.1	75.3	82.4	86.4	80.7	89.3	77.8	84.5	81.1
Yes	2.4	0.6	1.3	3.7	3.6	1.8	0.0	1.5	2.3	1.9
No	18.9	20.2	23.3	14.0	10.0	17.5	10.7	20.7	13.1	17.0
N of Valid	169	163	150	136	110	114	112	482	472	954
N of Miss	6	6	5	3	4	7	3	17	17	34

SUICIDE ATTEMPTS

Only students who answered that they had tried to commit suicide are included on this chart.

3.13 Thinking About Suicide

Total number of students surveyed = 988

Total number who responded to this question = 979

51 student(s) reported thinking about suicide. (5.2% of total responding)

Of the 51 student(s) who reported thinking about suicide,

9 report(s) using alcohol (18.4%),

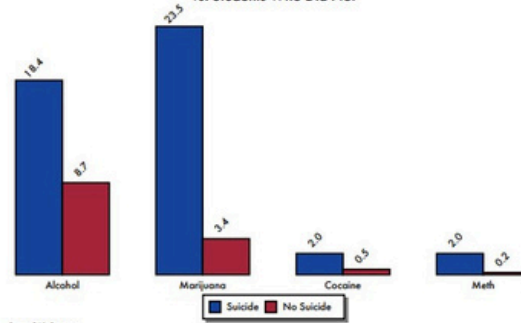
12 report(s) using marijuana (23.5%),

1 report(s) using cocaine (2.0%),

1 report(s) using Meth (2.0%).

NOTE: Results based on students who reported thinking Often or A Lot about committing suicide

Drug Use of Students Who Reported Thinking About Suicide vs. Students Who Did Not



Drug	Suicide	No Suicide	Ratio
Alcohol	18.4%	8.7%	2.1
Marijuana	23.5%	3.4%	6.9
Cocaine	2.0%	0.5%	4.0
Meth	2.0%	0.2%	10.0
N of Students	51	928	

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3.14 Being Overweight

Total number of students surveyed = 988

Total number who responded to this question = 985

231 student(s) reported being overweight. (23.5% of total responding)

Of the 231 student(s) who reported being overweight,

30 report(s) using alcohol (13.1%),

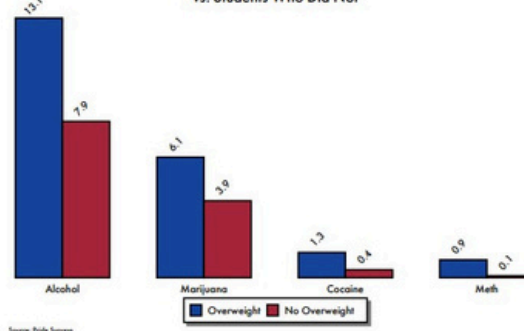
14 report(s) using marijuana (6.1%),

3 report(s) using cocaine (1.3%),

2 report(s) using Meth (0.9%).

NOTE: Results based on students who reported thinking that they were overweight

Drug Use of Students Who Reported Being Overweight
vs. Students Who Did Not

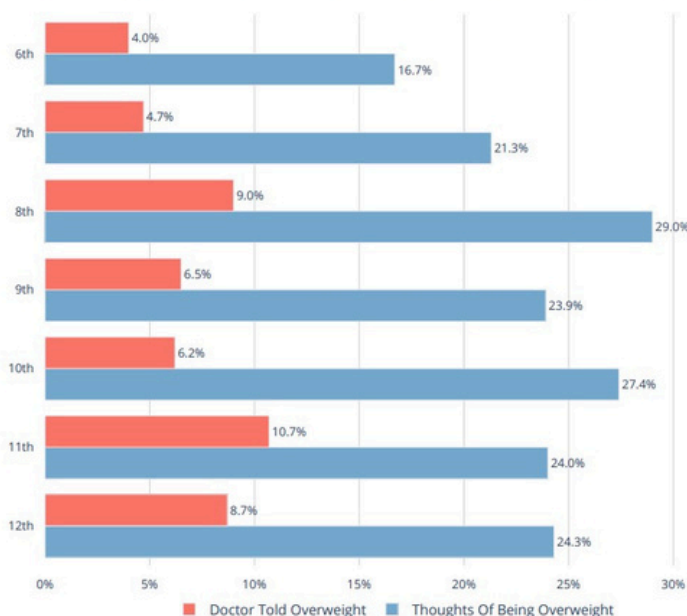


Drug	Overweight	No Overweight	Ratio
Alcohol	13.1%	7.9%	1.7
Marijuana	6.1%	3.9%	1.6
Cocaine	1.3%	0.4%	3.3
Meth	0.9%	0.1%	9.0
N of Students	231	754	

The survey's questions on being overweight (self-perceived and medically reported, Figure 17) seek to assess a student's risk for substance use and other troubling behaviors since research has found that physical appearance can affect adolescent decisions to engage in unwanted behaviors.

Obesity has been associated with substance use among adolescent girls and violent behaviors among overweight and obese boys who were also found to be more vulnerable to bullying and weapon carrying than normal-weight boys (Farhat T, 2010). Physical appearance also impacts self-esteem, and much research has shown that low self-esteem plays an important role in substance use and other behavioral disorders among youth

Figure 17: Percentage of Students who Thought Or Were Told They Were Overweight



BEING OVERWEIGHT
SELF PERCEIVED & MEDICALLY REPORTED