

V. Substance Abuse

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California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS) Key Findings- 5 th Grade Spring 2006, Ravenswood City Elementary	California Healthy Kids Survey	Spring 2006	Call your CHKS Service Center for further information.

Major Findings

- Alcohol is by far the most widely used substance across grades.
- Inhalants (glue, paint fumes, etc.) are the most widely used illicit drug among youth because of their ready availability.
- Marijuana use is much less common

Percent of Students Who Have Ever Used:

Alcohol 32%
Inhalants 9%
Marijuana 4%

Percent of Students Who Feel Frequent Use of Alcohol and Other Drugs is Harmful

Alcohol 73%
Marijuana 75%

Why is this Topic Important?

Special attention should be paid to the proportion of students who use alcohol or other drugs at school. This not only indicates a high degree of early drug involvement but also of estrangement from school. This behavior threatens the students' education and positive development.

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Major Findings

Description of Participating Students	Grade 7	
	Fall 2003	Fall 2005
Number of Students Surveyed	220	327
Percent of Students Participating	66%	69%
<u>Gender (%)</u>		
Males	52	48
Females	48	52
<u>Race/Ethnicity* (%)</u>		
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	4
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	12	15

Asian	0	1
Black or African American	19	14
Hispanic or Latino/Latina	65	64
White or Caucasian (non-Hispanic)	1	2
Other	6	6
Selected more than one category	3	4

*Students that selected more than one category were counted in each category. Therefore, these columns may add up to more than 100%.

Percent of Students Who Used Alcohol and Other Drugs at Least Once in Their Life

Alcohol	36%
Inhalants	13%
Marijuana	23%

Percent of Students Who Used Alcohol or Other Drugs During the Past 30 Days (Current Use)

Alcohol	23%
Inhalants	11%
Marijuana	14%

Percent of Students Who Participated in High Risk Behaviors Associated with Alcohol, Tobacco, or Other Drugs

Smoked marijuana on school property in the past month	7%
Ever been drunk or high on school property	12%
Ever been very drunk or sick after drinking	16%
Ever been high from using drugs	17%
Binge drank in the past 30 days	11%

Percent of Students Who Feel Frequent Use of Alcohol and Other Drugs is Harmful

Alcohol	84%
Marijuana	86%