

#### IV. Tobacco Use

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

#### Major Findings

- Cigarette smoking is normally experimented with in preadolescent years. In the U.S., tobacco use is considered the main preventable cause of death.

#### **Use of Substances in 5<sup>th</sup> graders in East Palo Alto**

Cigarettes 10%

#### 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

<b>Description of Participating Students</b>	<b>Grade 7</b>	
	<b>Fall 2003</b>	<b>Fall 2005</b>
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%.

**Tobacco Use, Lifetime and Current Use, Percent of Students Who Participated in Various Levels of Tobacco Use**

Smoked daily during the past 30 days	30%
Smoked during the past 30 days	18%
Tried a whole cigarette during their life	15%
Tried a puff or two during their life	0%

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

Cigarettes 87%