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RESULTS OF THE 2008 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY SURVEY

BAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Description of Survey

The federal Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities grant requires annual needs assessment and evaluation of substance use and safety issues. Consequently, each year, a self-report student survey of substance use and school safety is administered to a random, representative sample of AISD students. The survey is used to track student knowledge, attitudes, and self-reported behavior over time. In the Spring of 2008 a sample of 8,436 students in grades 6-12 submitted valid responses to the district's annual survey of substance use and safety issues, yielding a response rate of 73%. Selected item results are attached. These results should be shared with your Positive Behavior Support (PBS) team, the Campus Advisory Council, and your administrator. If you are not sure if you have a substance use or safety problem on your campus. Applying the confidence interval (i.e., adding and subtracting 5%) to the 24% yields a range of 19% to 29%. Therefore, you can be 95% confident that somewhere between 19% and 29% of all students at your campus would indicate that student fighting and physical aggression is the most serious problem on your campus.

When making comparisons between item results from year to year, please remember that small changes may have occurred by chance alone. The confidence interval for 2007 is 4%. Therefore, only differences of 9% or greater (4%+5%) should be considered statistically significant when comparing the results from two different years.

¹⁶ A total of 8,947 surveys were returned to the Department of Program Evaluation but 511 surveys were removed from analysis due to invalid responses.

RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ITEMS THAT ADDRESS BOTH SUBSTANCE USE
 AND SAFETY

Demographics

	Gender		Grade			Total
	Male	Female	6th	7th	8th	
Bailey 2007	188 49%	196 51%	134 35%	124 32%	127 33%	387
Bailey 2008	153 46%	181 54%	123 37%	103 31%	110 33%	338
All middle schools 2008	2,491 49%	2,550 51%	1,711 34%	1,671 33%	1,972 33%	5,095

Q47: Do one or both of your parents usually

Q51: Of the following, which do you consider to be the most serious problem on your campus?

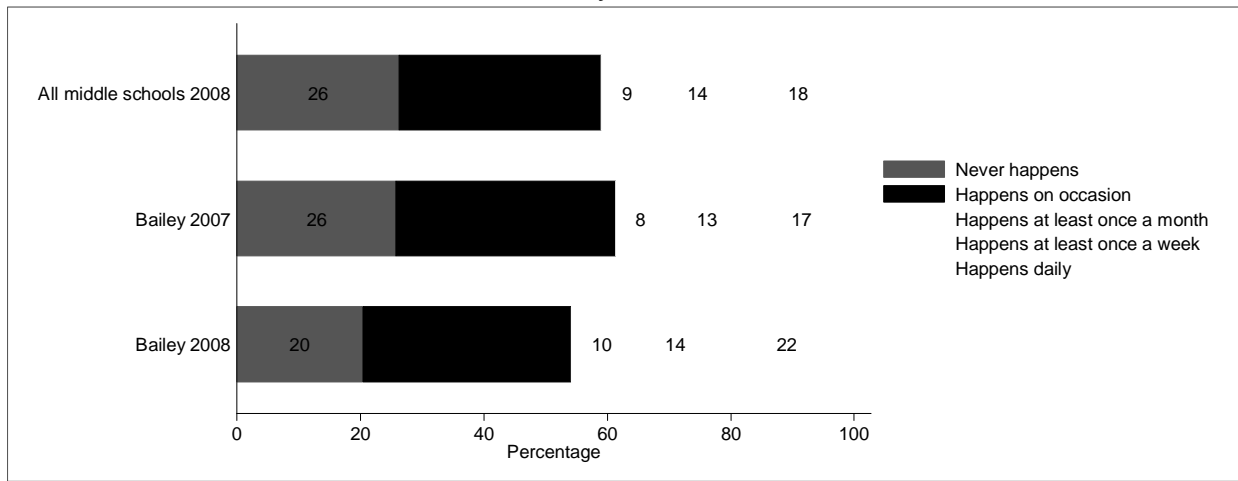
	Bailey 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Student harassment, threats, and intimidation	28%	6%	13%
Student fighting and physical aggression	24%	-10%	31%
Marijuana use	5%	-2%	13%
Student vandalism, criminal mischief	4%	-2%	3%
Student weapon possession	4%	2%	7%

Q48: During this school year, have you brought any of the following items to school?

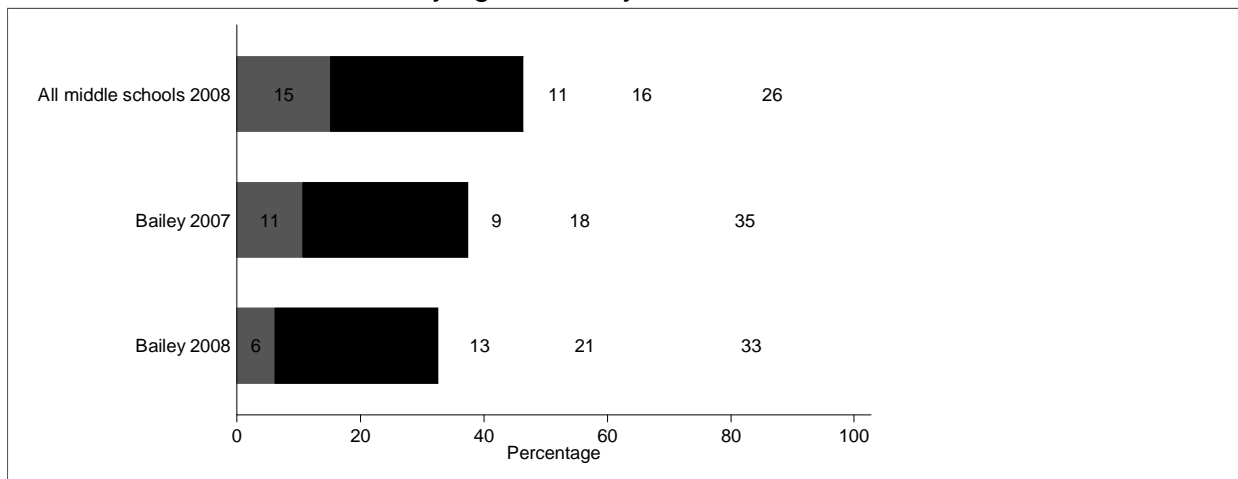
	Bailey 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Knives	4%	0	5%
Illegal drugs	3%	1	5%
Prescription drugs	3%	0	3%

SCHOOL SAFETY ITEMS

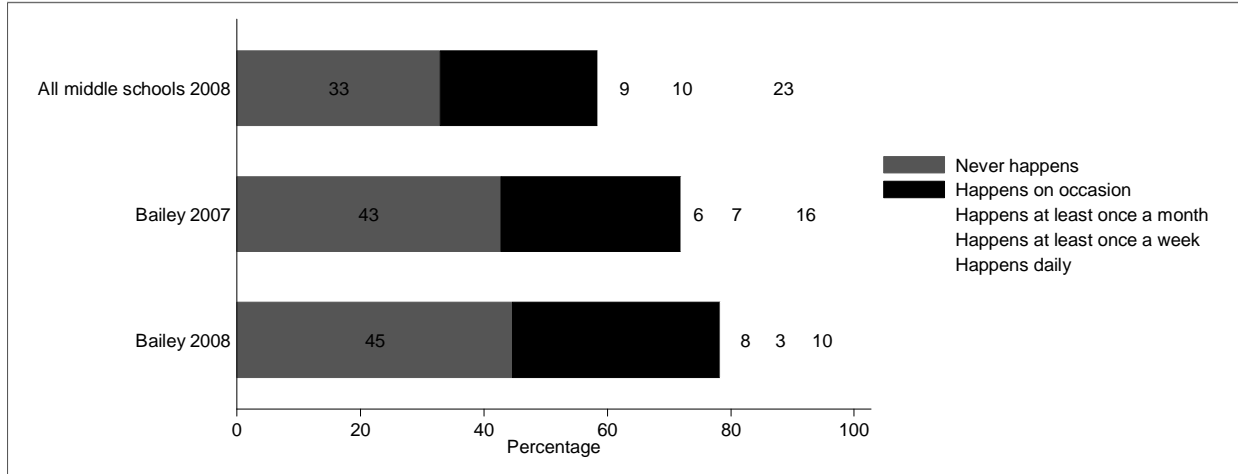
Q14: How often does racism occur at your school?



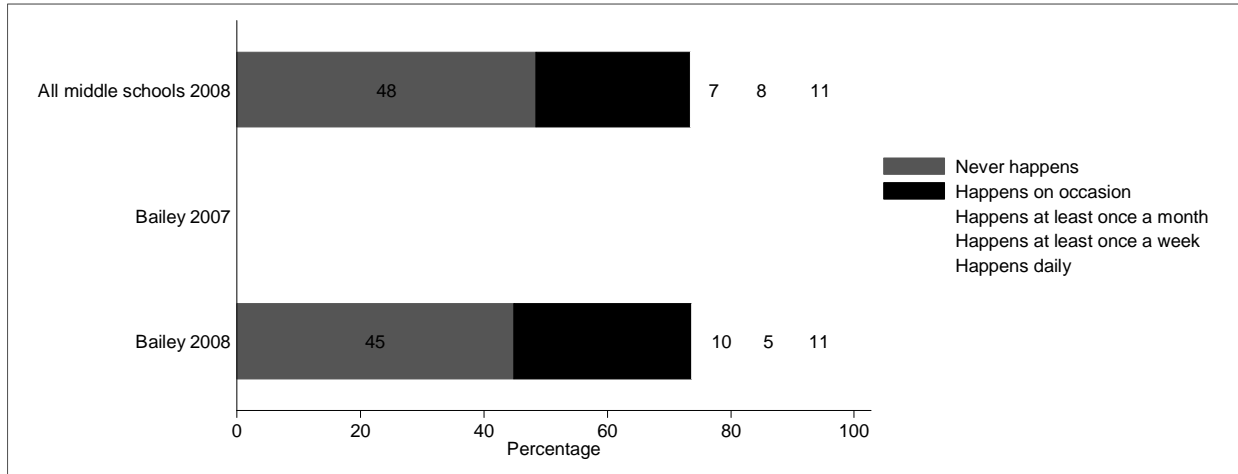
Q15: How often does student bullying occur at your school?



Q17: How often do gang activities occur at your school?

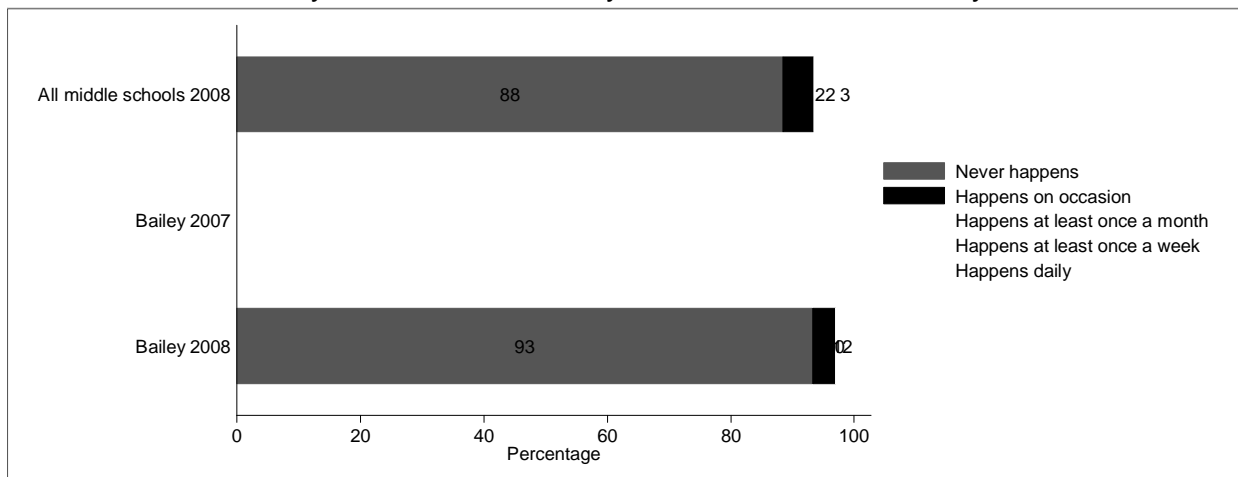


Q18: How often have you experienced any type of bullying at your school?



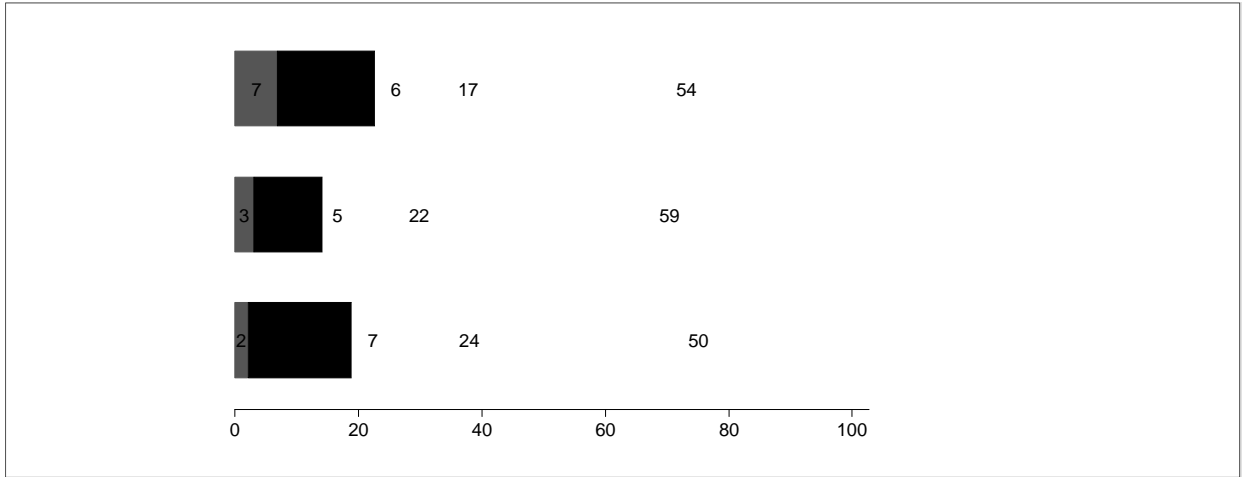
Note: This question was not asked in the 2007 survey .

Q19: How often were you absent because you did not feel safe on the way to/from school?



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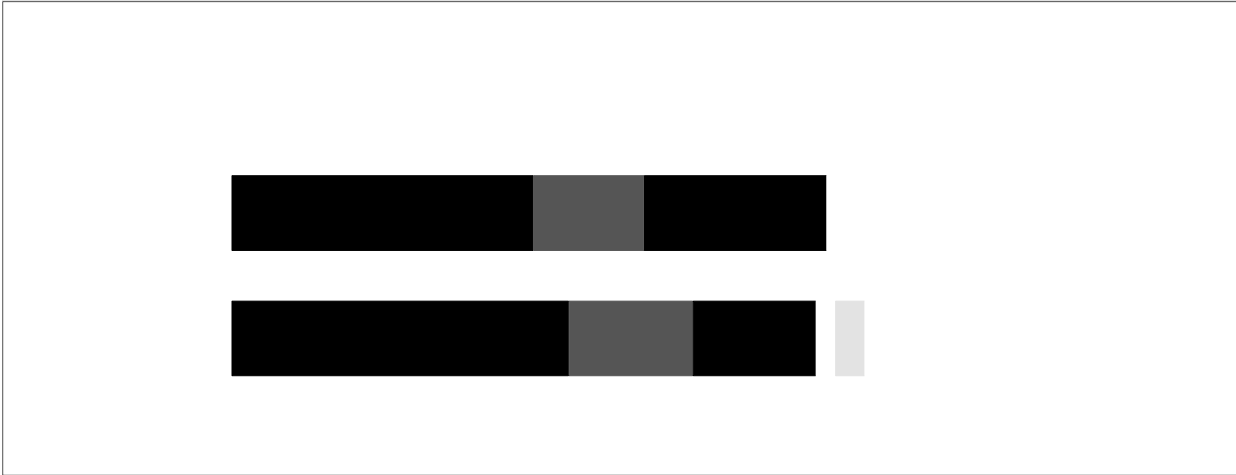
Q20: How often does your teacher have to interrupt class to deal with student misbehavior?



Q10: During this school year, have you experienced any of the following types of bullying at school?

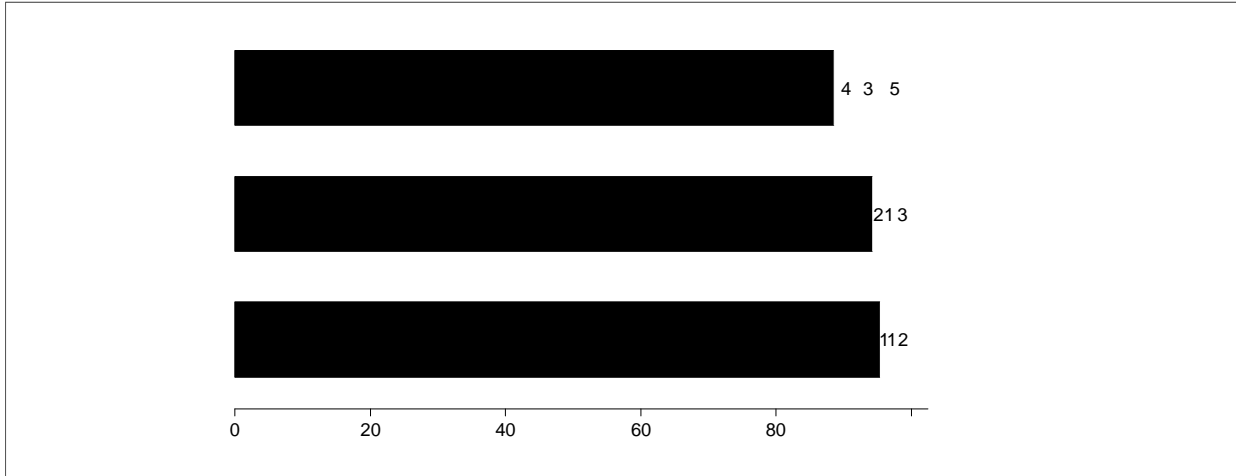
	Bailey 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Verbal	51%	5	41%

Q9: During this school year, how often have you or your close friends been physically harmed or threatened with physical harm by another student at your school?

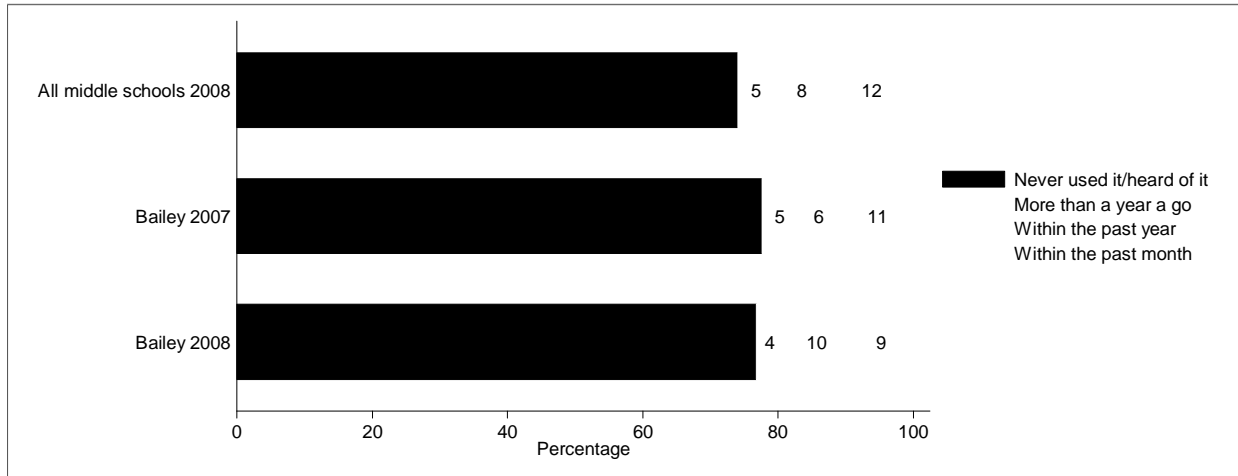


SUBSTANCE USE ITEMS

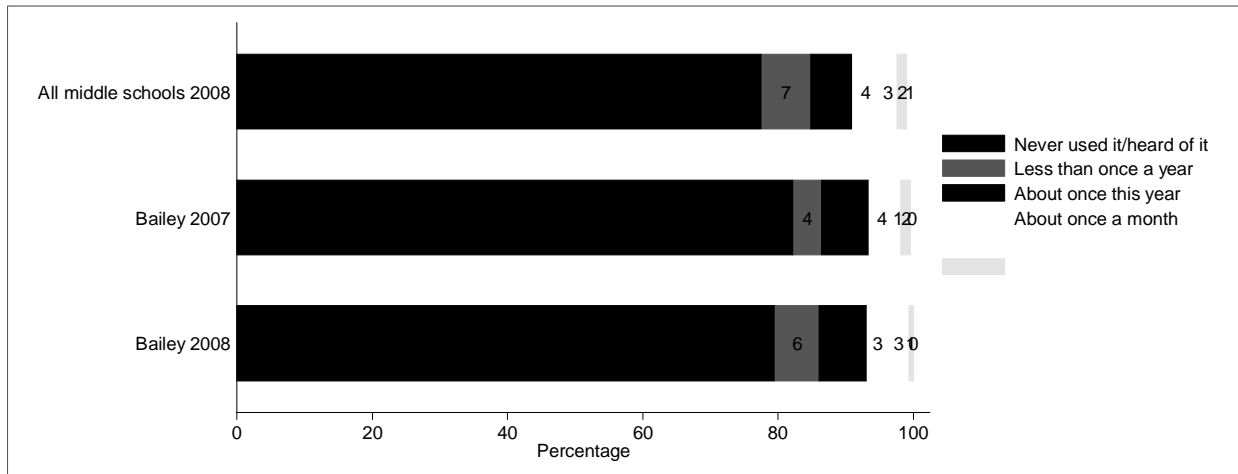
Q24: What is the most recent you have used tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



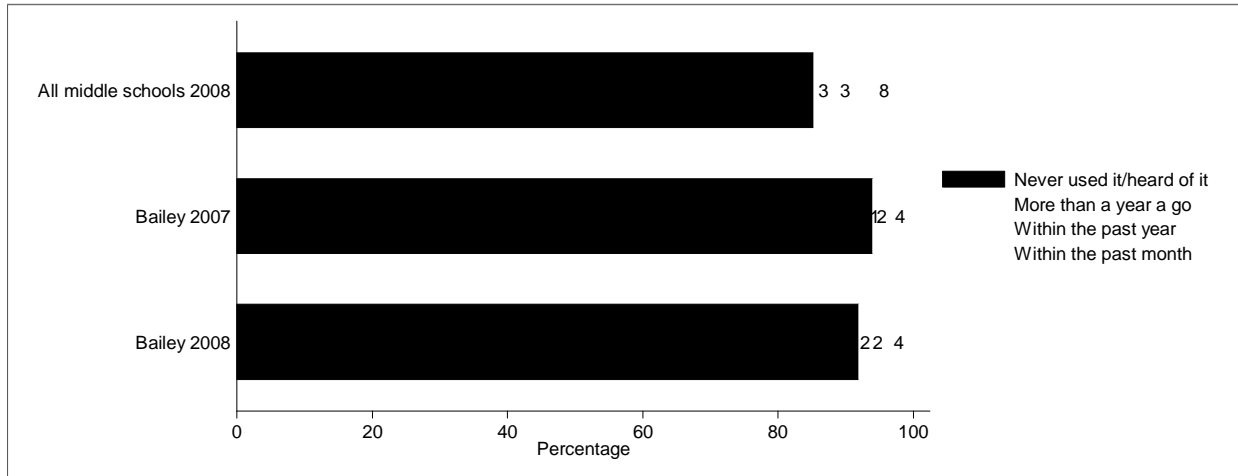
Q25: What is the most recent you have used Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



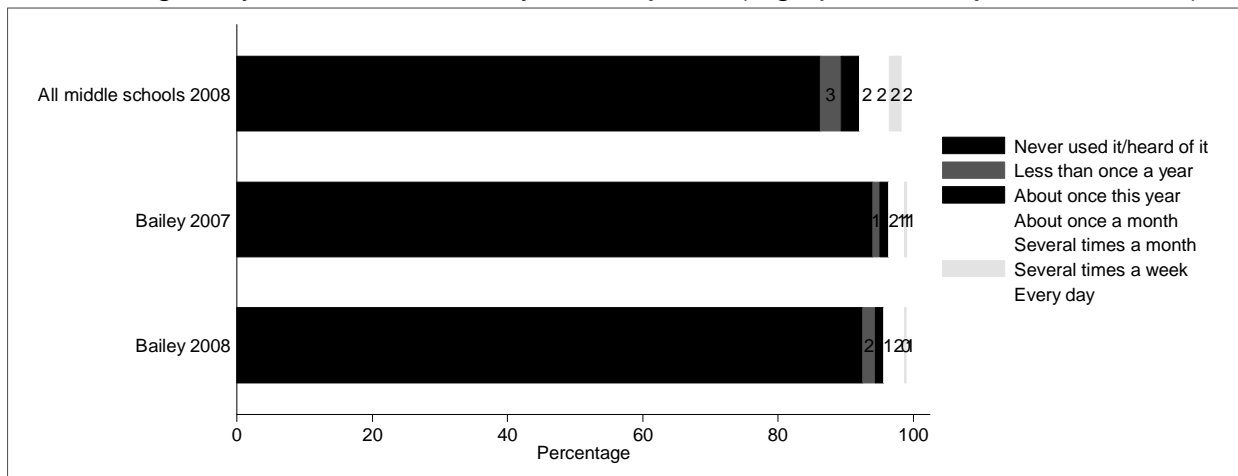
Q40: During this year, how often did you use Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



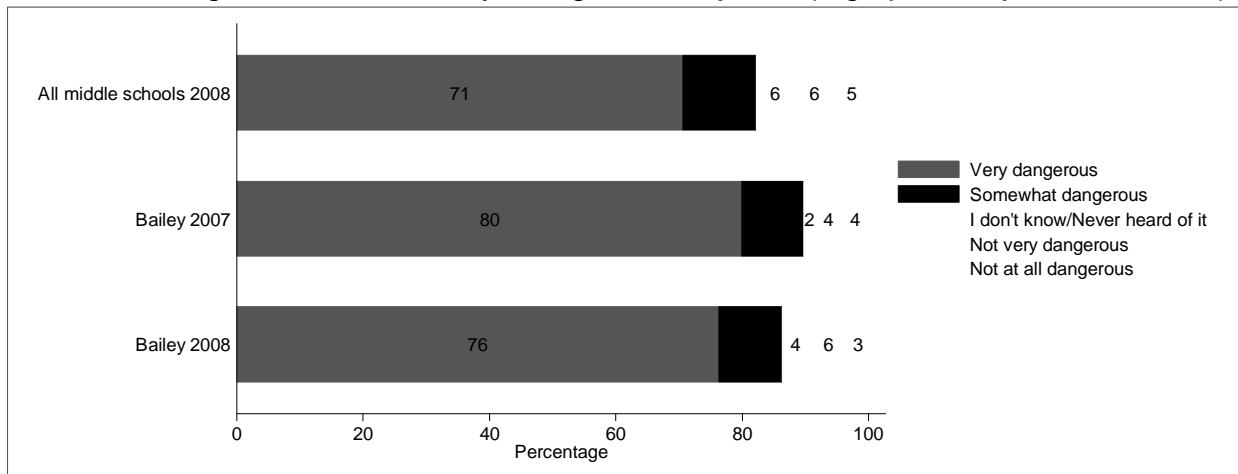
Q26: What is the most recent you have used Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



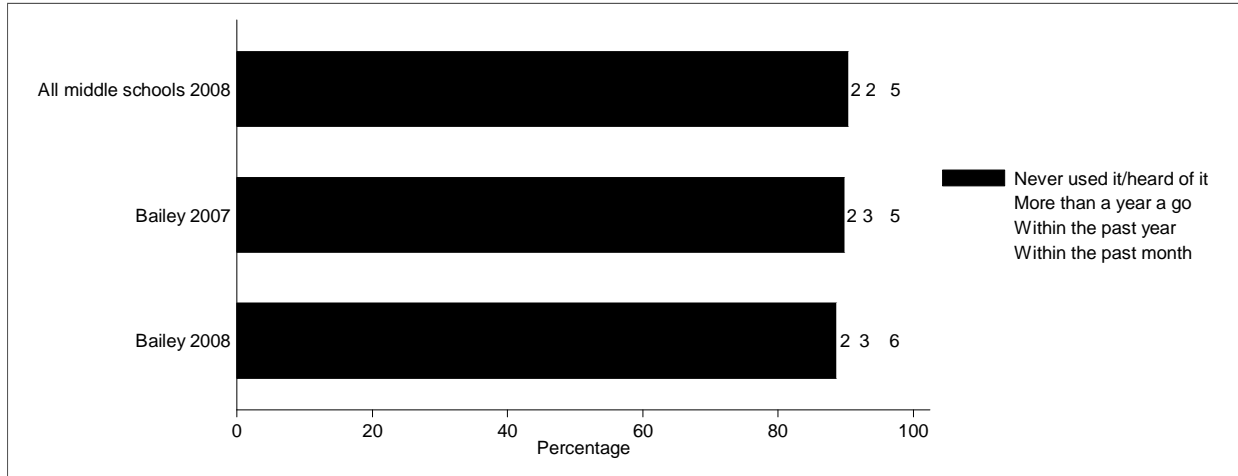
Q41: During this year, how often did you use Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



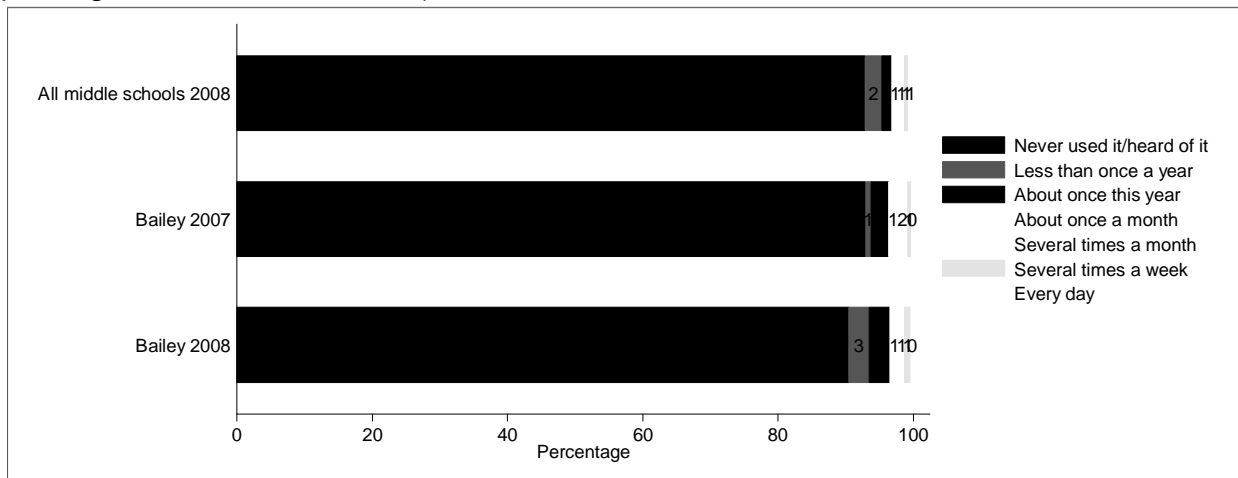
Q54: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



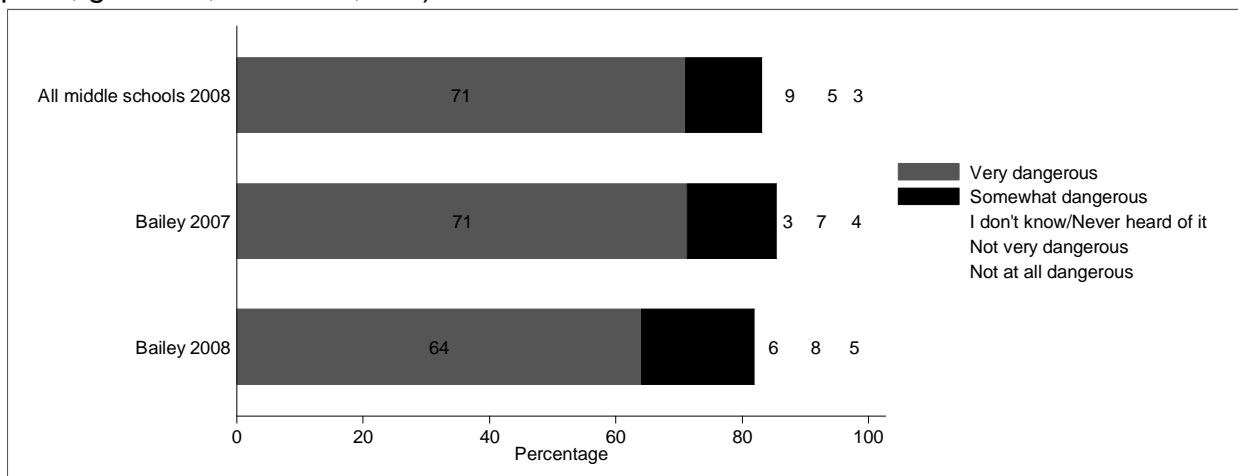
Q27: What is the most recent you have used inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



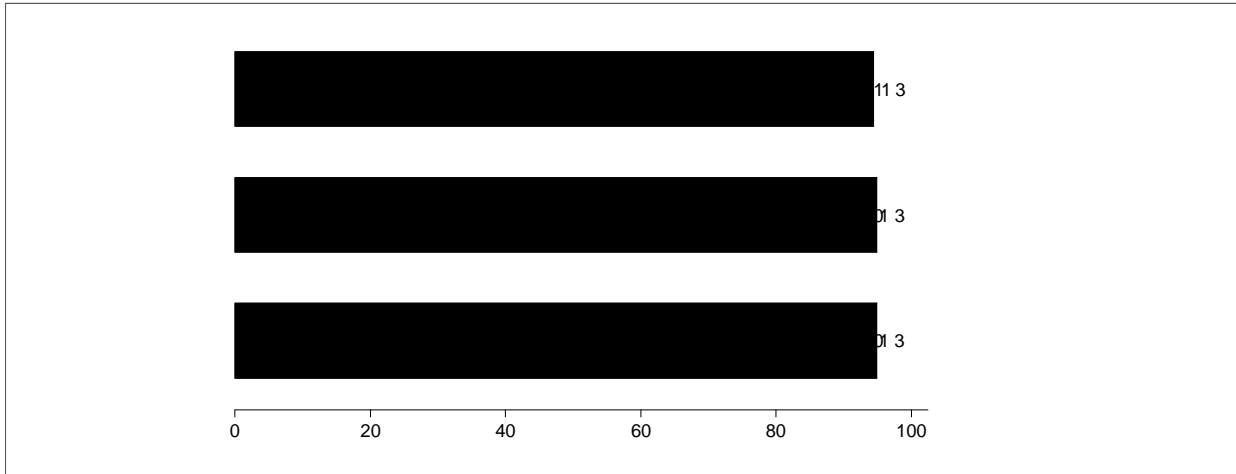
Q42: During this year, how often did you use inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



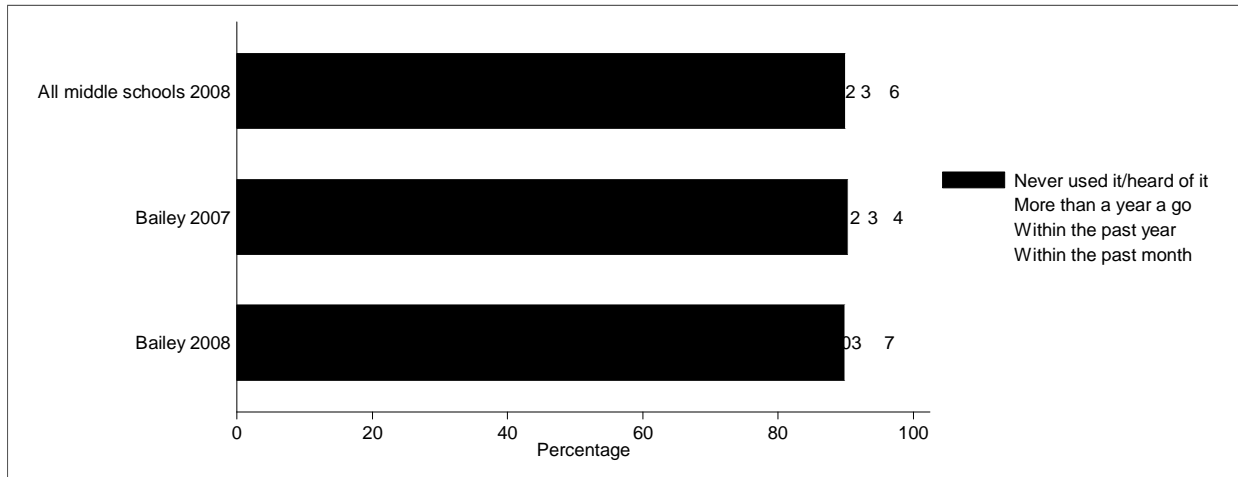
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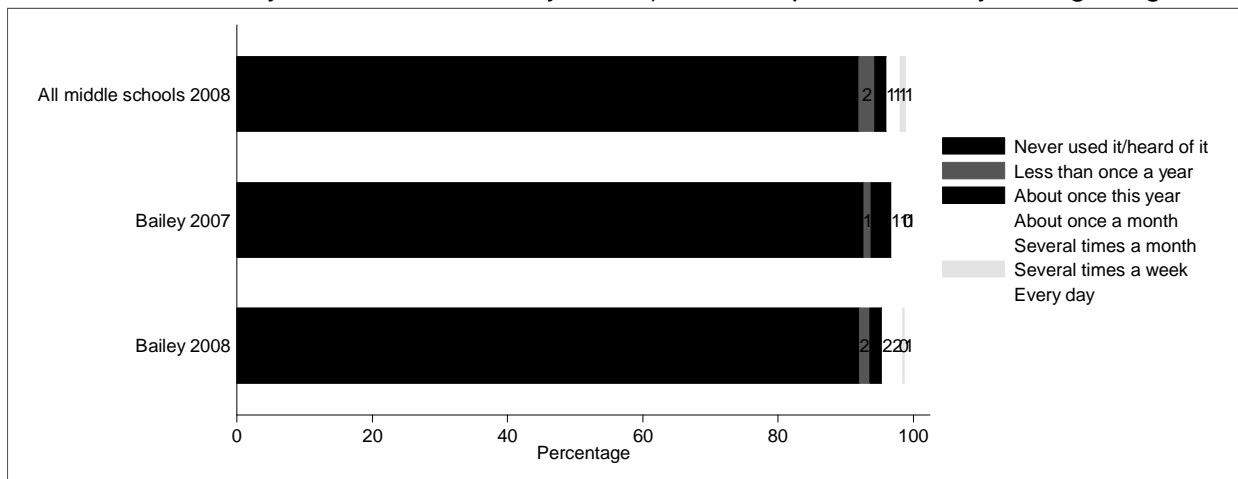
Q28: What is the most recent you have used Over Counter Medication (e.g., triple Cs, DXM, skittles, or Coricidin) to get high?



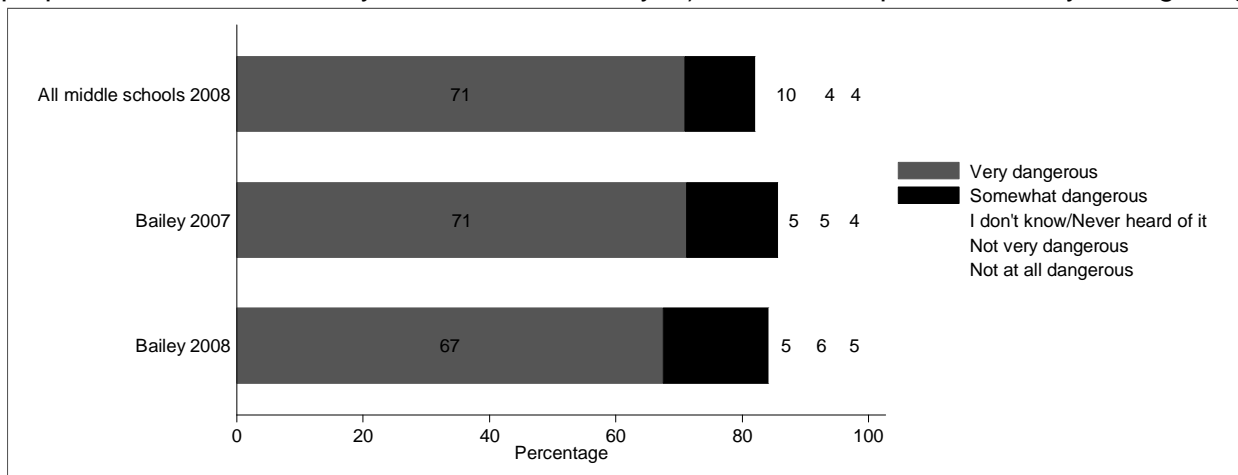
Q29: What is the most recent you have used Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) if it was not prescribed to you to get high?



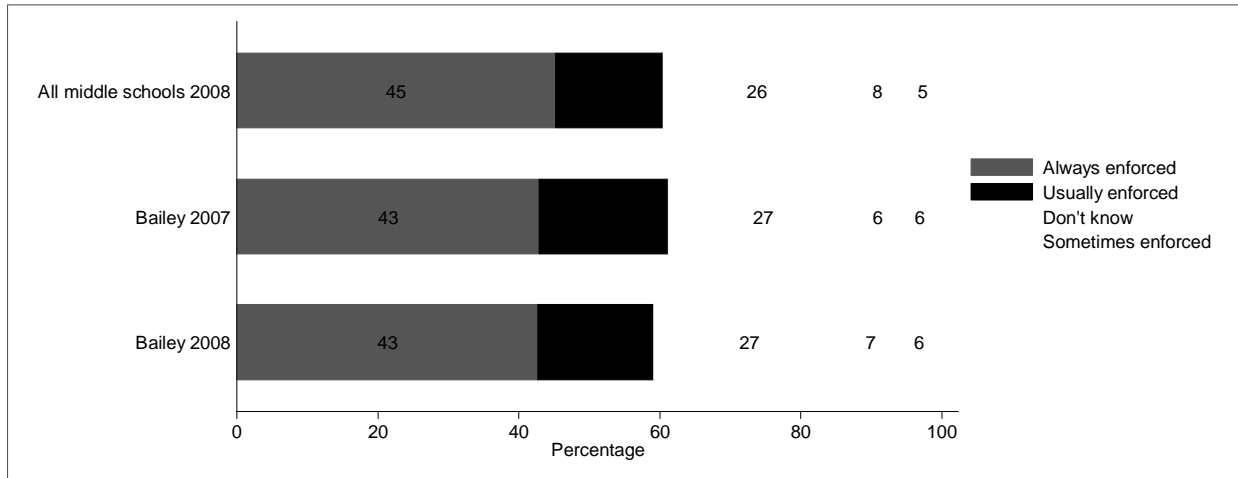
Q44: During this year, how often did you use Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) if it was not prescribed to you to get high?



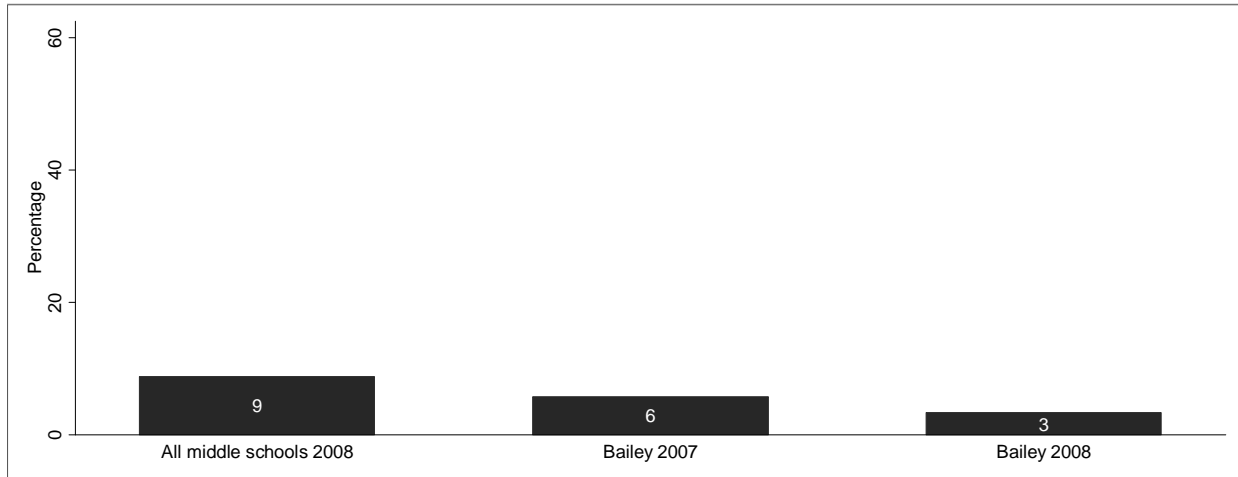
Q57: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) if it was not prescribed to you to get high?



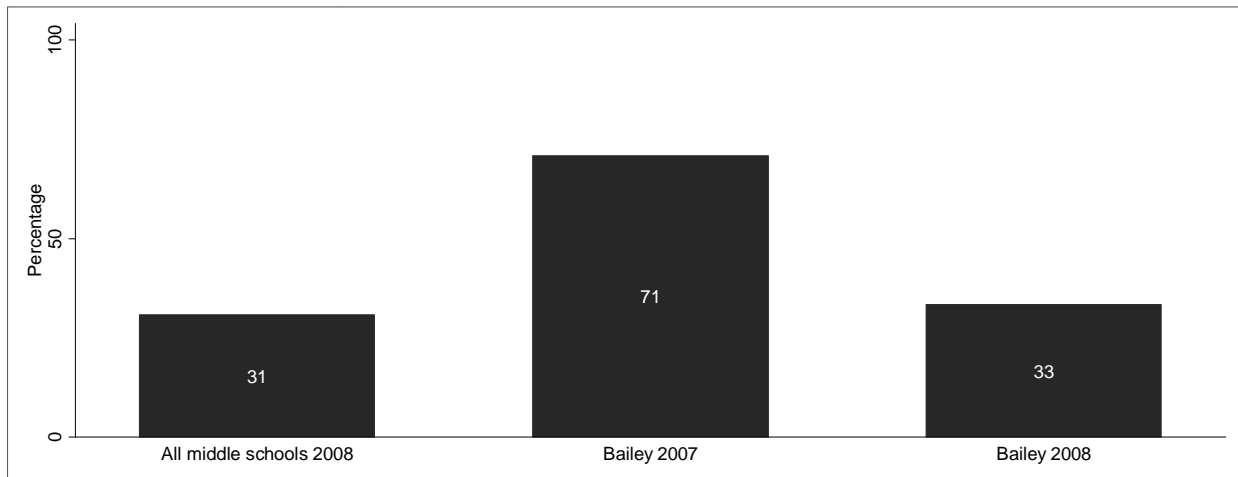
Q12: Are school rules about drug, alcohol or tobacco use enforced by school staff?



Q38: During this school year, have you attended any class while high, stoned, or drunk on any substance?



Q50: Within the past year, has your parent/guardian talked with you about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use?



Note. This question was worded differently on the 2008 survey than it was on the 2007 survey. Specifically, the question asked: "Have you talked with at least one of your parents/guardians about the dangers of tobacco, alcohol, or drug use within the past year?"

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