



Austin Independent School District

Department of Program Evaluation

Publication Number 07.87
February 2009

Marshall W. Garland, M.A.
Cinda Christian, Ph.D.
Reetu Naik, M.A.

RESULTS OF THE 2008 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY SURVEY

RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ITEMS THAT ADDRESS BOTH SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY

Demographics

	Gender		Grade				Total
	Male	Female	9th	10th	11th	12th	
Bowie 2007	146 48%	156 52%	69 23%	99 33%	73 24%	61 20%	304
Bowie 2008	173 48%	185 52%	107 30%	92 26%	91 25%	69 19%	361
All high schools 2008							

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

	Bowie 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All high schools 2008
Marijuana use	40%	7	29%
Alcohol use	17%	3	8%
Prescription drug use	6%	-1	4%
Student harassment, threats, and intimidation	4%	-3	7%
Student weapon possession	3%	0	4%
Student fighting and physical aggression	2%	-8	12%
Student vandalism, criminal mischief	2%	-8	12%

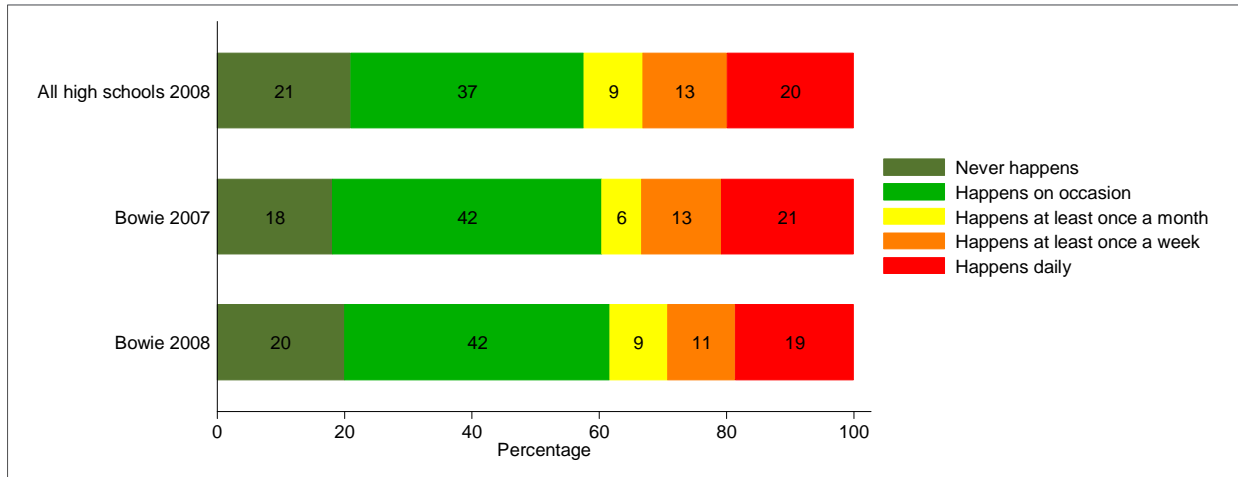
Q48: During this school year, have you brought any of the following items to school?

	Bowie 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All high schools 2008
Tobacco	13%	4	10%
Illegal drugs	12%	4	10%
Prescription drugs	8%	4	6%
Knives	8%	2	8%
Alcohol	6%	4	5%
Gun	2%	1	2%
Other weapons	3%	0	4%
None of the above	76%	1	77%

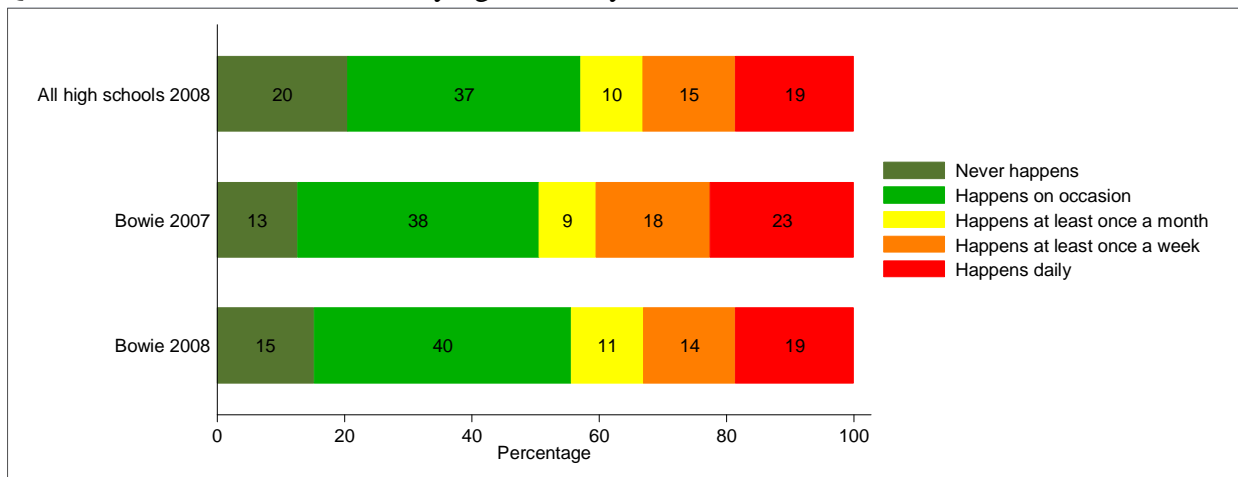
Note. Percentages may sum to more than 100% because respondents were allowed to choose multiple items. Differences between years should be interpreted with caution due to changes in the structure of the question between 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

SCHOOL SAFETY ITEMS

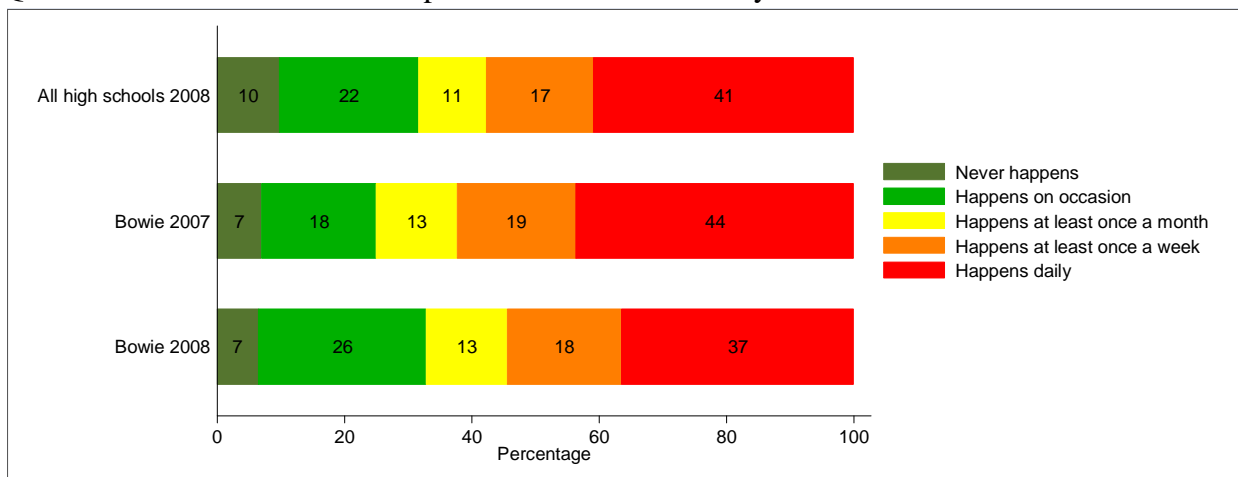
Q14: How often does racial tension occur at your school?



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



Q16: How often do acts of disrespect for teachers occur at your school?



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

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for data entry or a response to the question above.

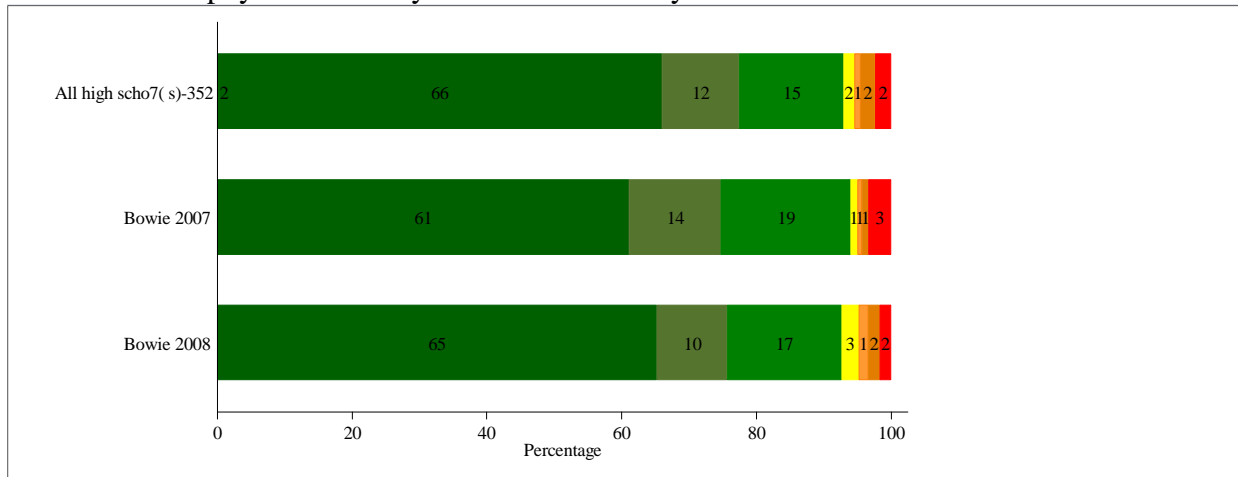
Q20: How often does your teacher have to interrupt class to deal with student misbehavior?



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

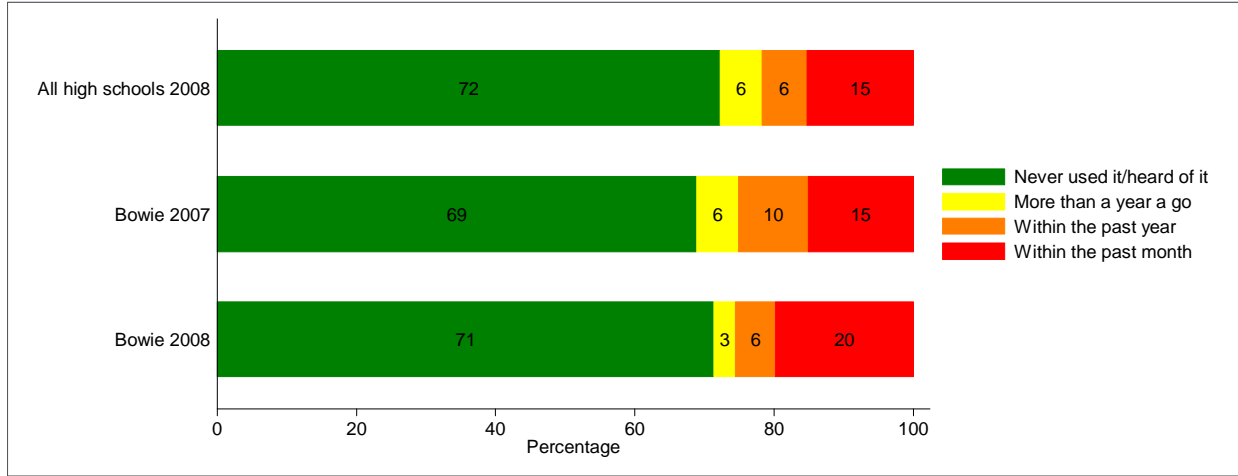


Q9: During this school year, how often have you or your close friends been physically harmed or threatened with physical harm by another student at your school?

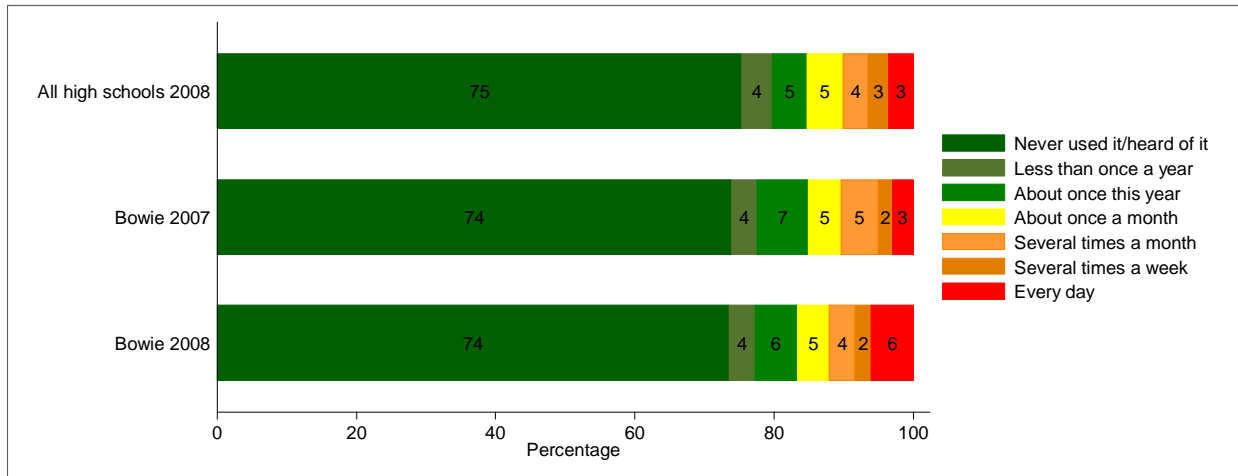


SUBSTANCE USE ITEMS

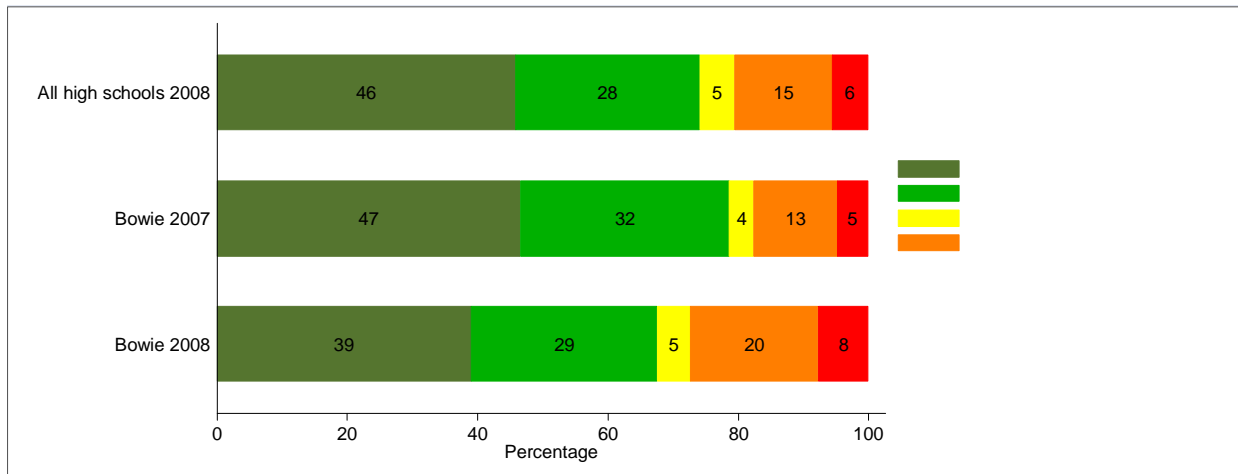
Q24: What is the most recent you have used Tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



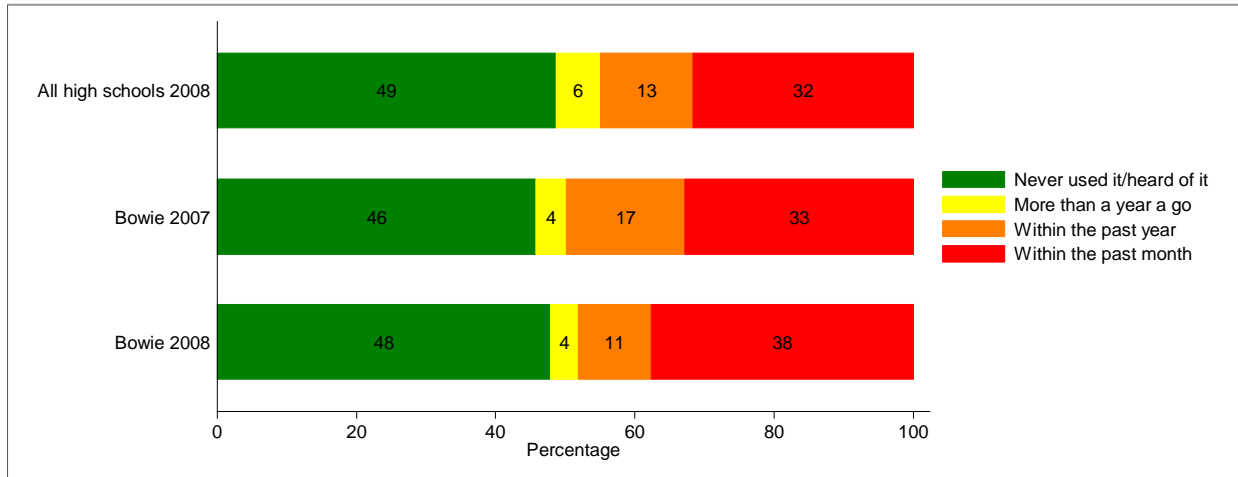
Q39: During this year, how often did you use Tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



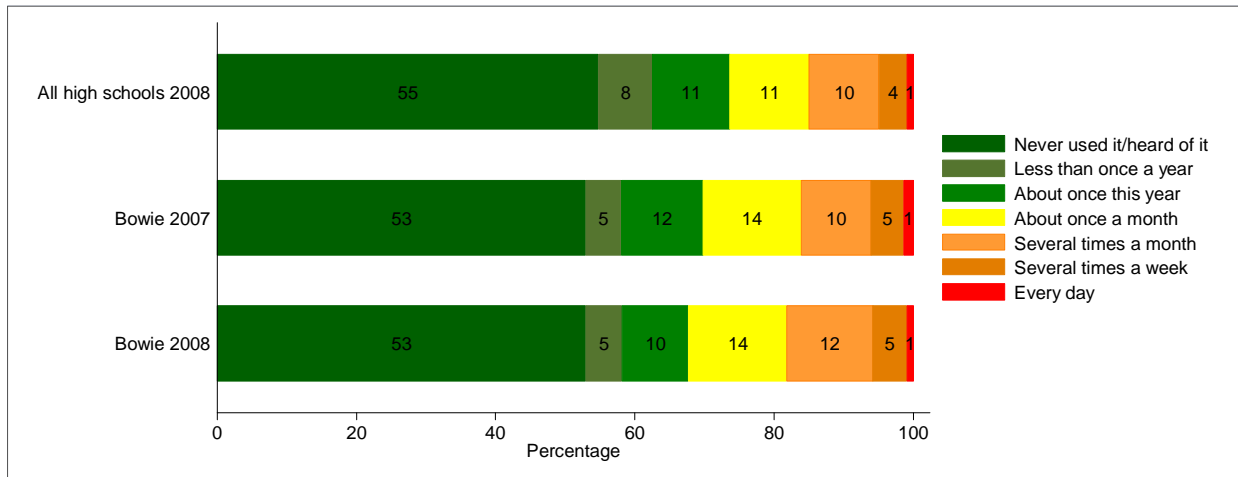
Q52: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



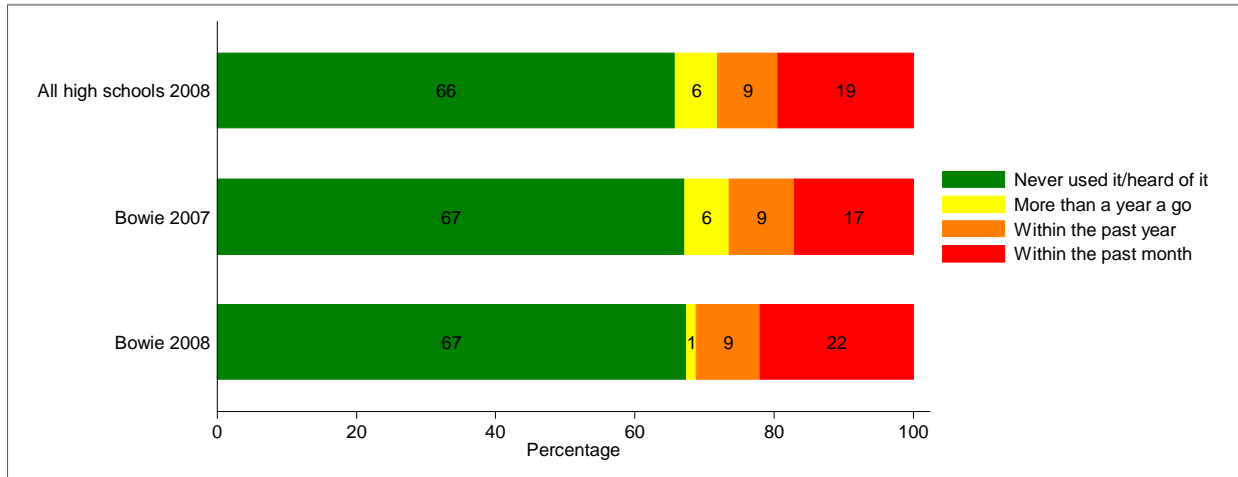
Q25: What is the most recent you have used Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



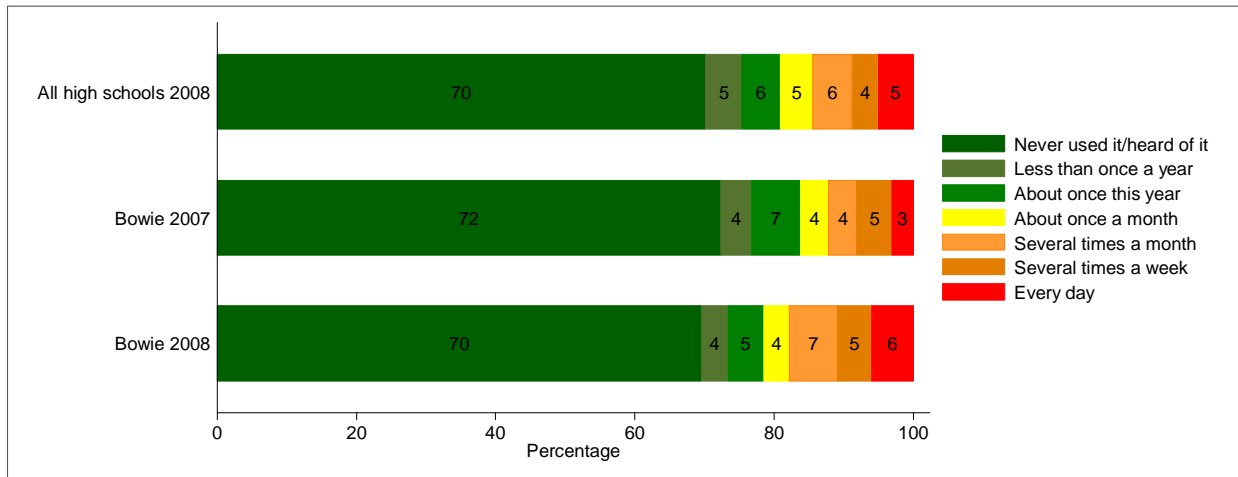
Q40: During this year, how often did you use Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



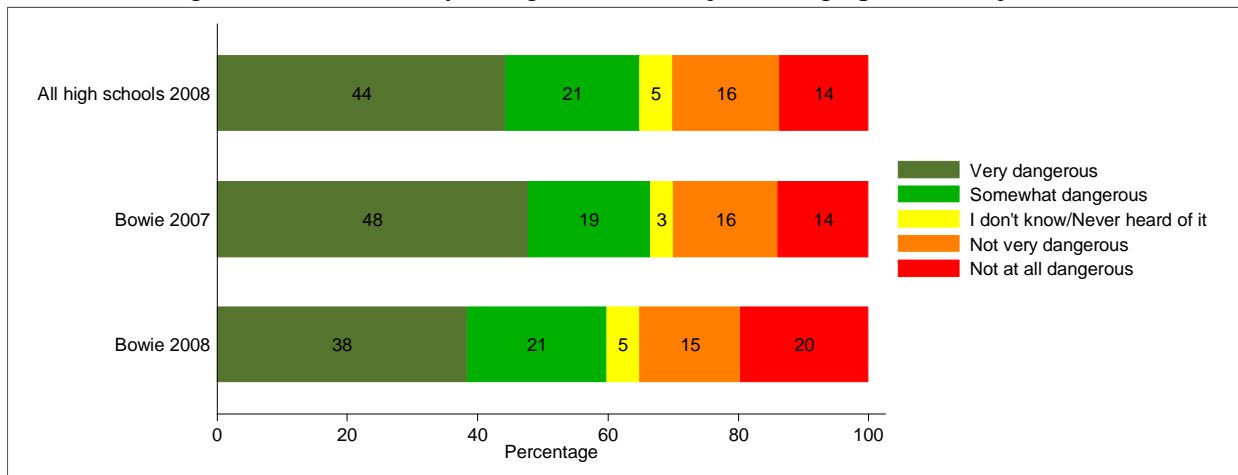
Q26: What is the most recent you have used Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



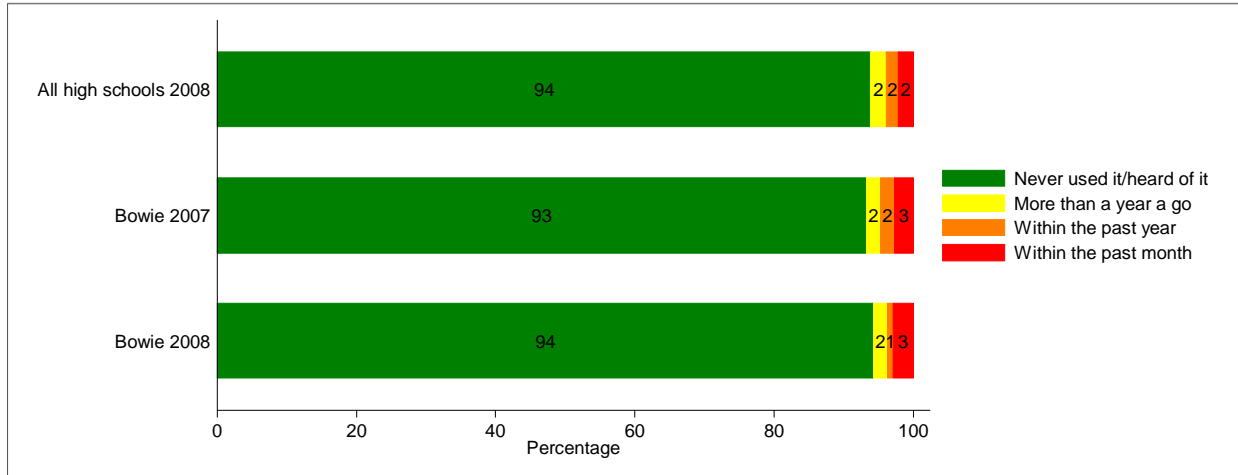
Q41: During this year, how often did you use Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



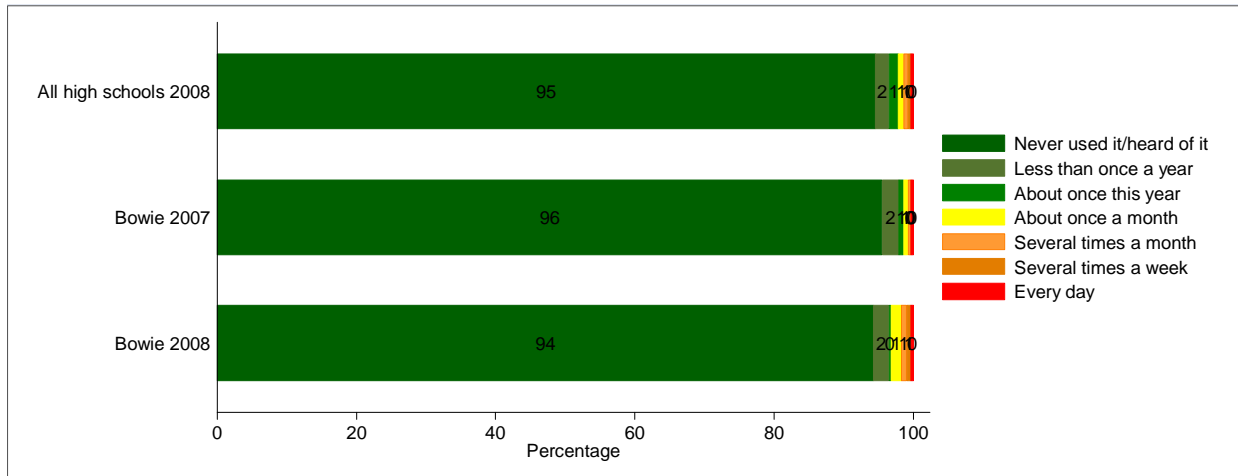
Q54: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



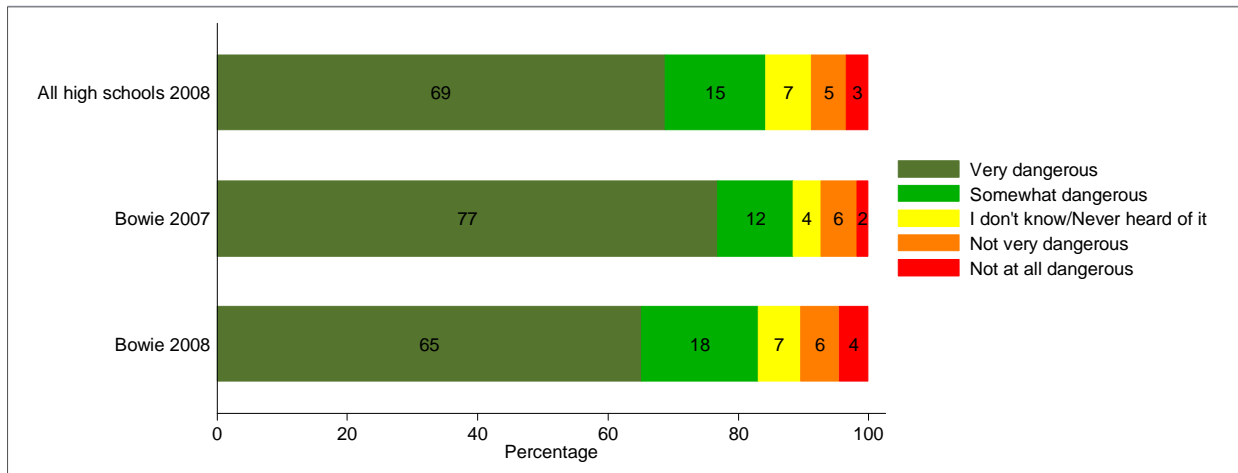
Q27: What is the most recent you have used Inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



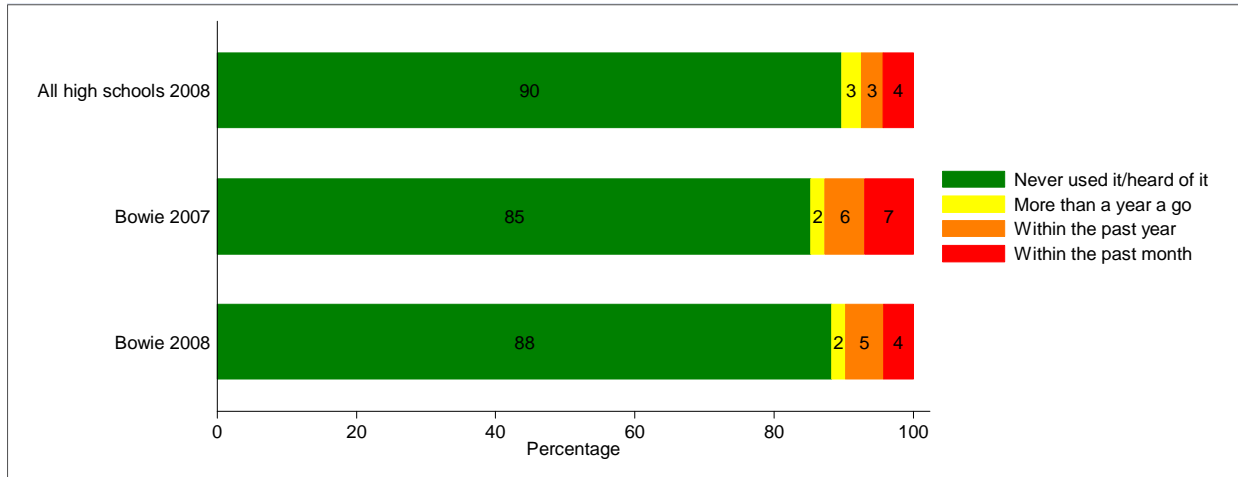
Q42: During this year, how often did you use Inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



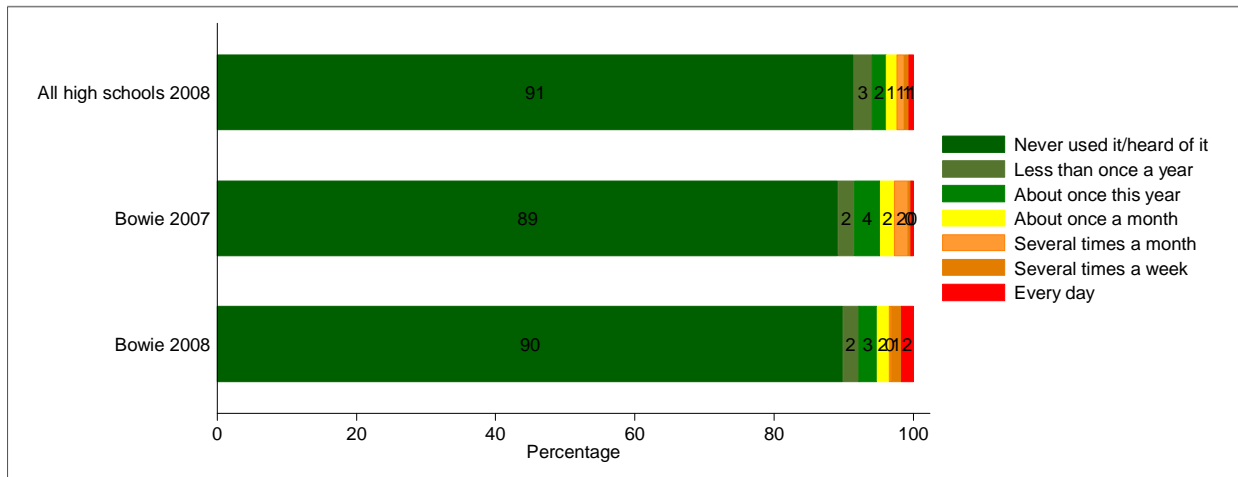
Q55: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



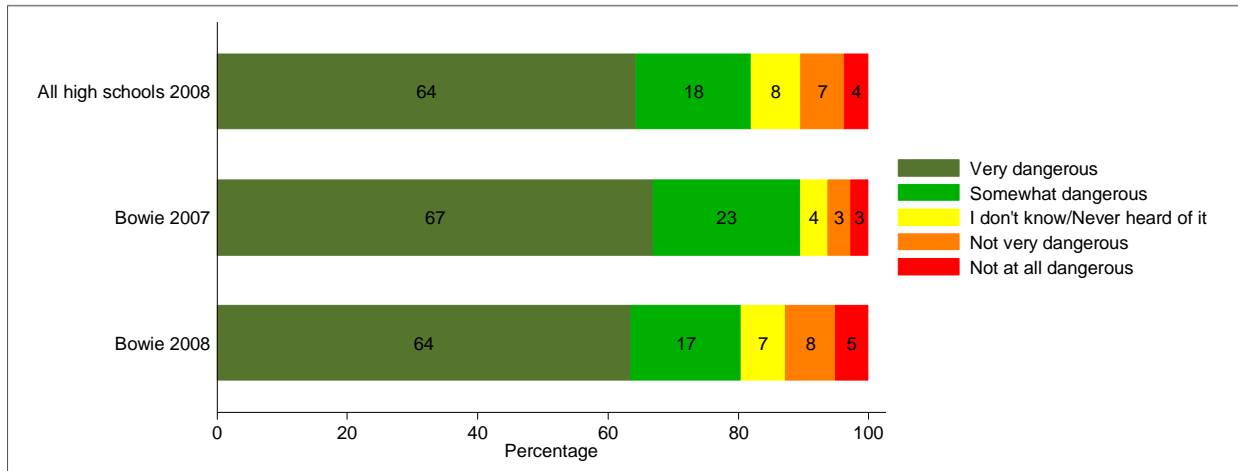
Q28: What is the most recent you have used Over the Counter Medication (e.g., triple Cs, DXM, skittles, or Coricidin) to get high?



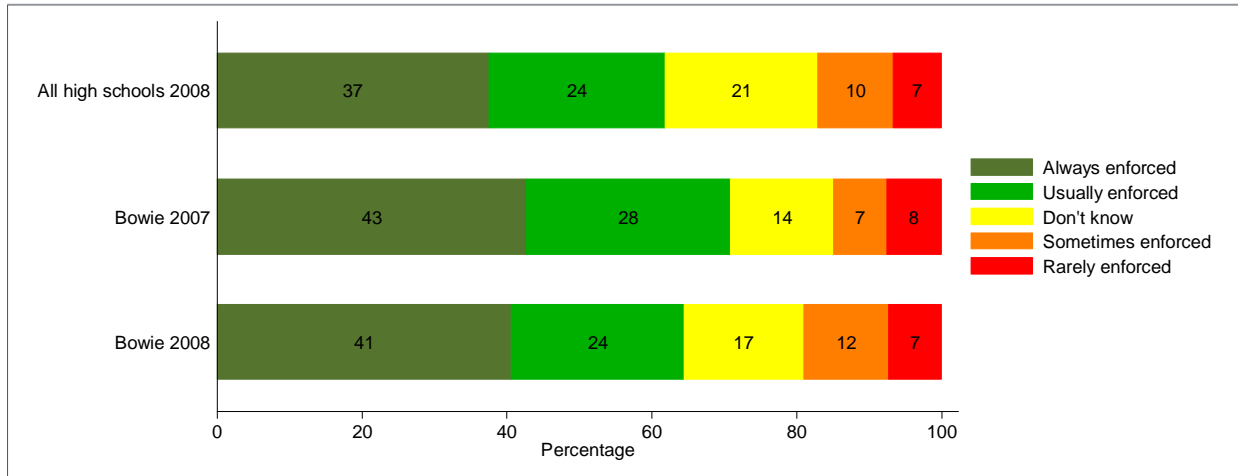
Q43: During this year, how often did you use Over the Counter Medication (e.g., triple Cs, DXM, skittles, or Coricidin) to get high?



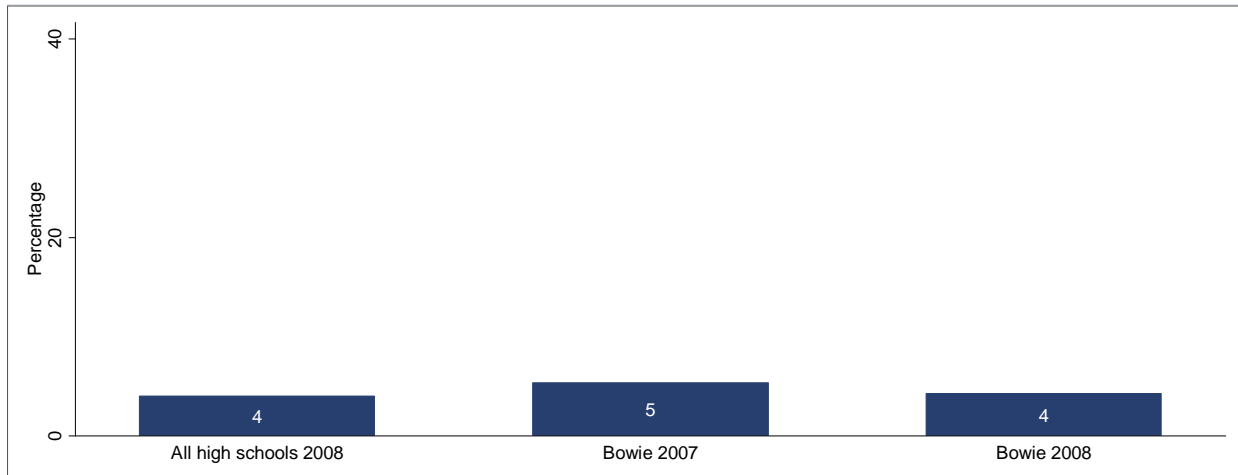
Q56: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Over the Counter Medication (e.g., triple Cs, DXM, skittles, or Coricidin) to get high?



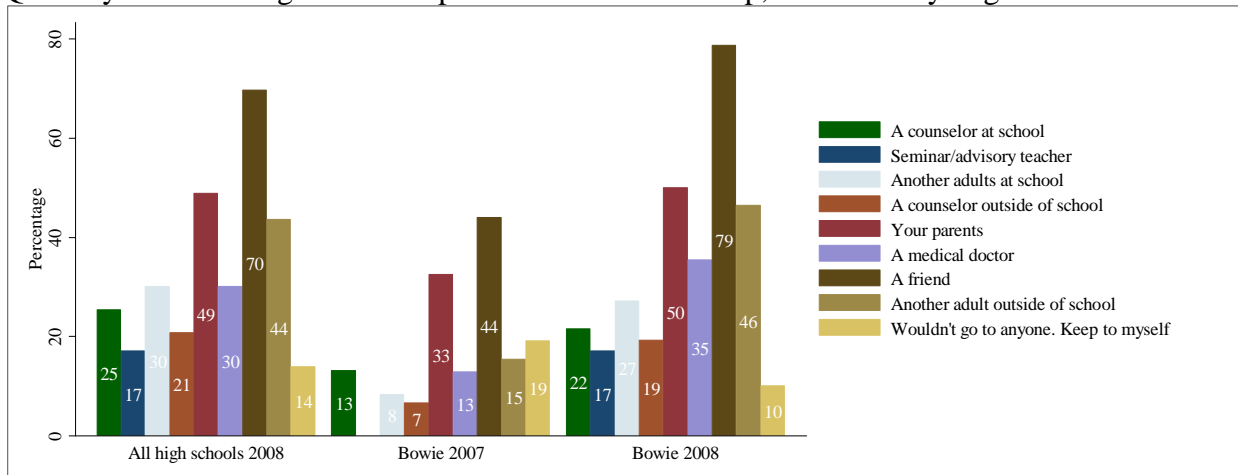
Q12: Are school rules about drug, alcohol, and tobacco use enforced by school staff?



Q37: During this school year, have you gotten into trouble with the police because of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol?



Q49: If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, who would you go to?



AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Pascal D. Forgione, Jr., Ph.D.

OFFICE OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Anne Ware, Ph.D.

DEPARTMENT OF PROGRAM EVALUATION

Holly Williams, Ph.D.

AUTHOR

Marshall Garland, M.A.

Cinda Christian, Ph.D.

Reetu Naik, M.A.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mark Williams, President

Vincent Torres, M.S., Vice President

Lori Moya, Secretary

Cheryl Bradley

Annette LoVoi, M.A.

Christine Brister

Robert Schneider

Karen Dulaney Smith

Sam Guzman

Publication Number 07.87

February 2009