

# Austin Independent School District

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## RESULTS OF THE 2008 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY SURVEY

### BURNET 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 others involved in campus safety planning efforts for your school.

#### How should sample data be interpreted?

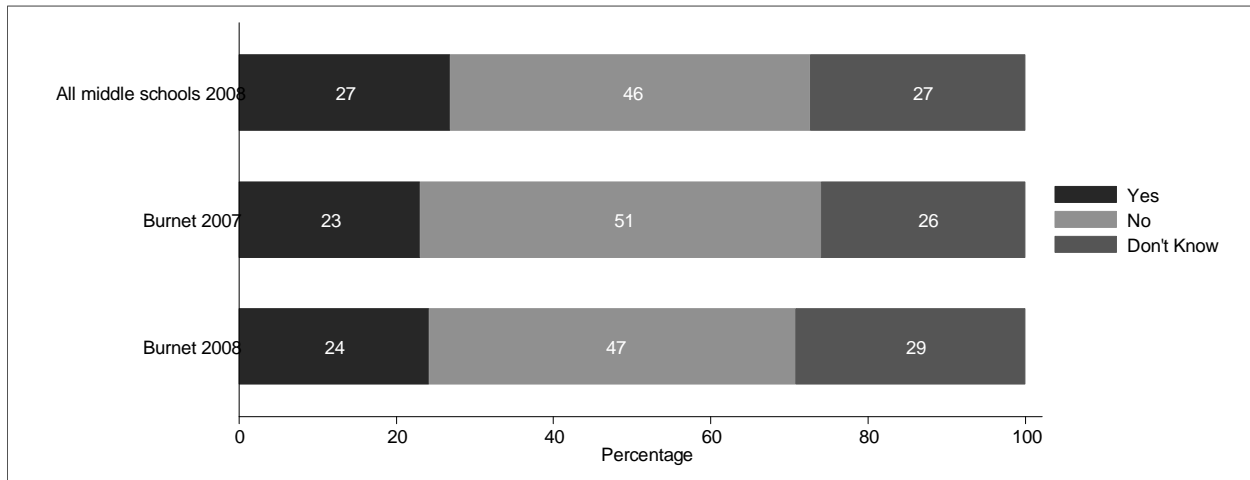
When it is not feasible to survey an entire population, samples are used instead. However, when a sample is used to make inferences about a population the results must be interpreted with caution. For example, although 87% of a sample may select a particular response, this does not necessarily mean 87% of

## RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ITEMS THAT ADDRESS BOTH SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY

### Demographics

	Gender		Grade			Total
	Male	Female	6th	7th	8th	
Burnet 2007	123 48%	135 52%	117 45%	88 34%	54 21%	260
Burnet 2008	164 52%	154 48%	95 30%	106 34%	114 36%	320
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 attend school sponsored open houses, PTA meetings or other school events?



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

	Burnet 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Student fighting and physical aggression	43%	14%	31%
Student weapon possession	12%	7%	7%
Marijuana use	8%	-8%	13%
Prescription drug use	5%	-2%	4%
Student harassment, threats, and intimidation	5%	-1%	13%
Student vandalism, criminal mischief	4%	-5%	3%
Violence or threats toward staff	3%	0%	2%
Alcohol use	1%	-2%	1%
Tobacco use	0%	-3%	1%
None of these are serious problems on my campus	18%	-2%	24%

Q6. During this school year, have you received information on drugs, alcohol, or violence from any of the following school sources?

	Burnet 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Science class	83%	23	52%
Special school event about tobacco, drugs, alcohol, or violence	54%	14	15%
Another class	51%	35	49%
Health class	41%	25	35%
Guidance counselor	22%	16	28%
Student support group meetings at school	17%	14	15%
Advisory/seminar class	11%	NA	28%
Other school source not mentioned above	18%	11	22%
None of the above	6%	-3	9%

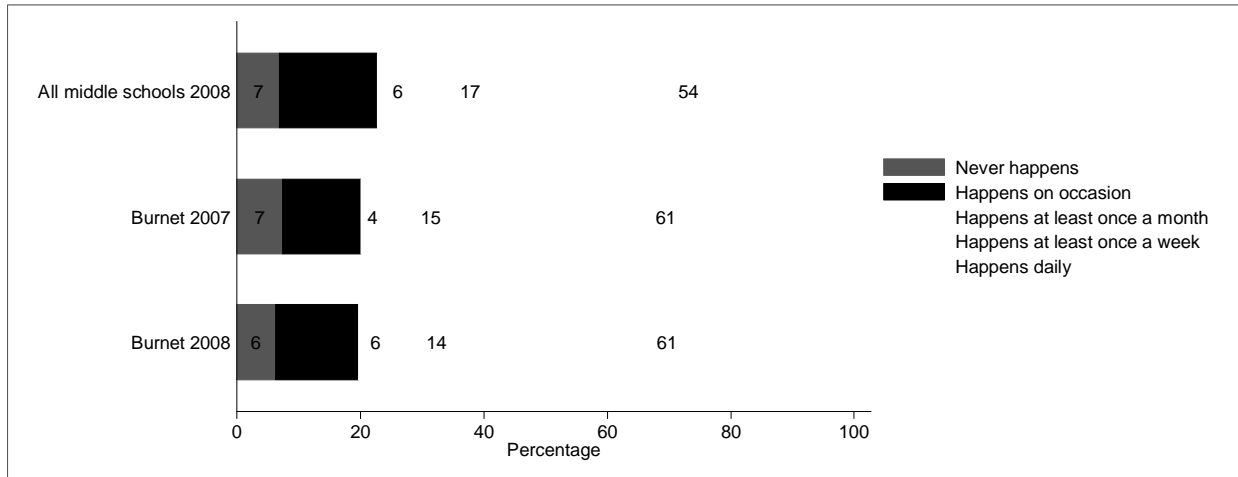
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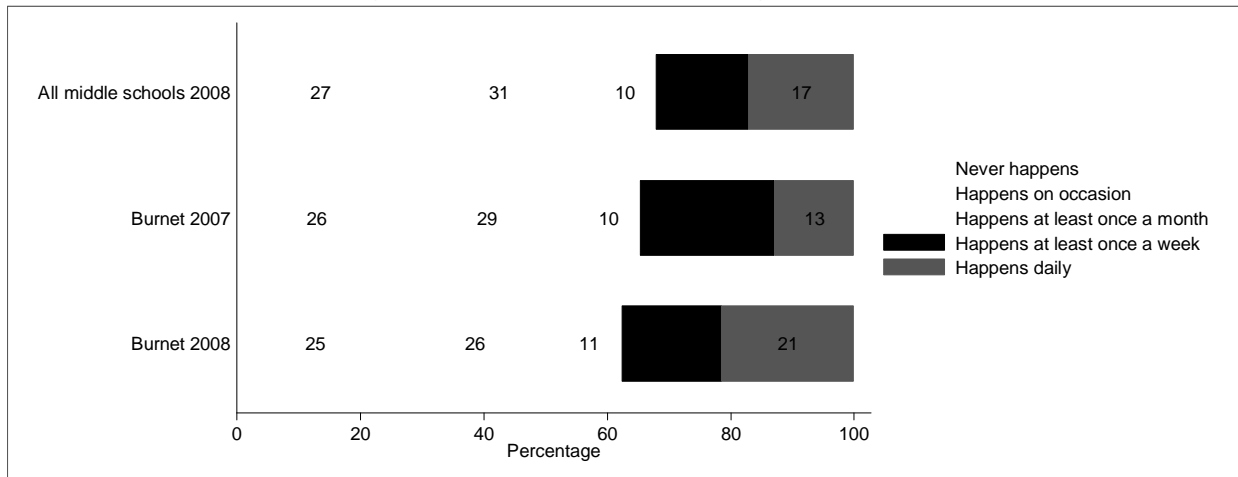




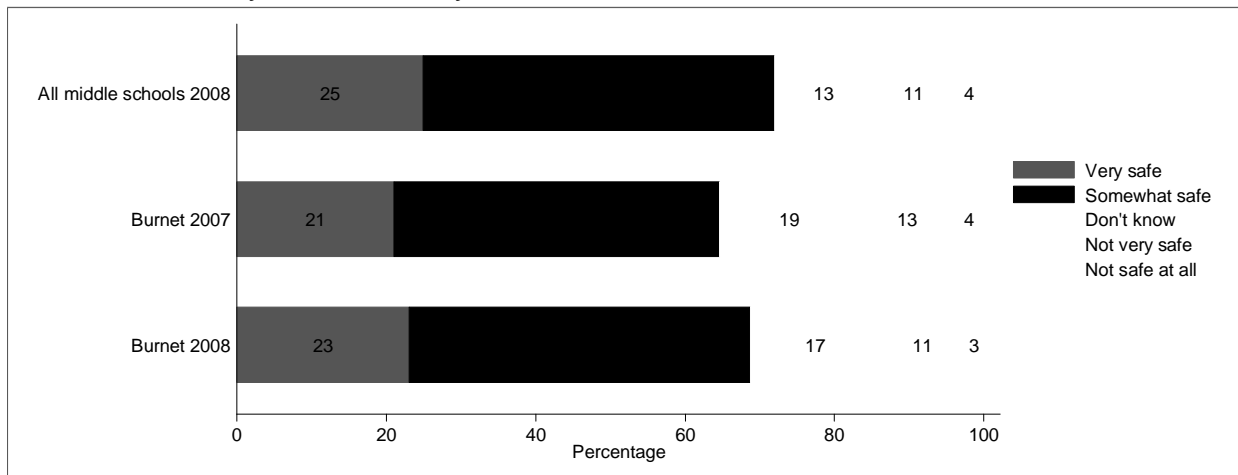
Q20: How often does your teacher have to interrupt class to deal with student misbehavior?



Q21: Do teachers or staff give you praise or rewards for good behavior?



Q7: How safe do you feel when you are at school?

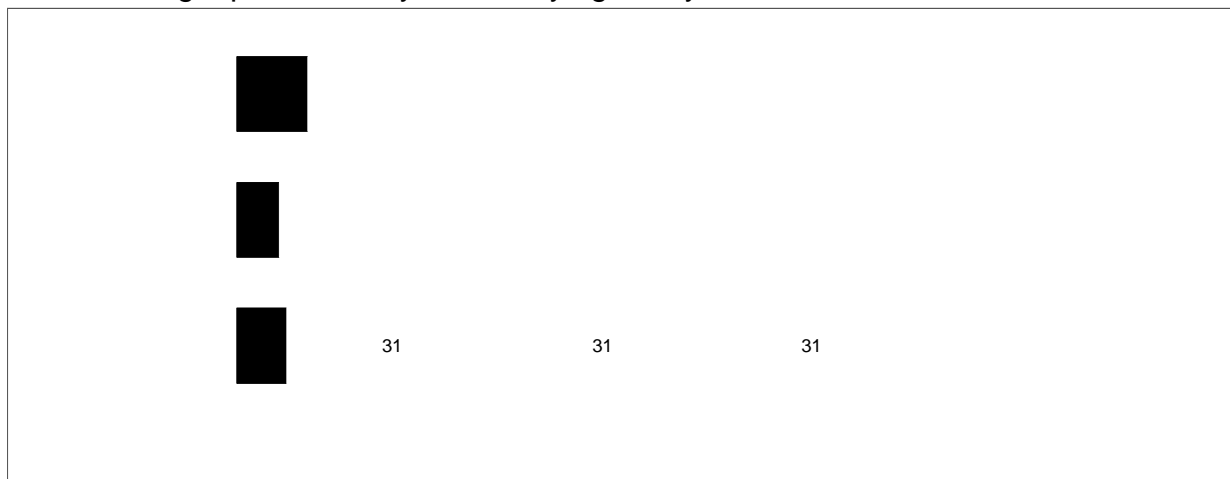


Q10: During this school year, have you experienced any of the following types of bullying at school?

	Burnet 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Verbal	37%	10	41%
Social	25%	5	33%
Racial or ethnic harassment	25%	9	14%
Physical	21%	3	26%
Intimidation	12%	5	12%
Written	12%	2	12%
Sexual harassment	12%	6	14%
None	44%	3	39%

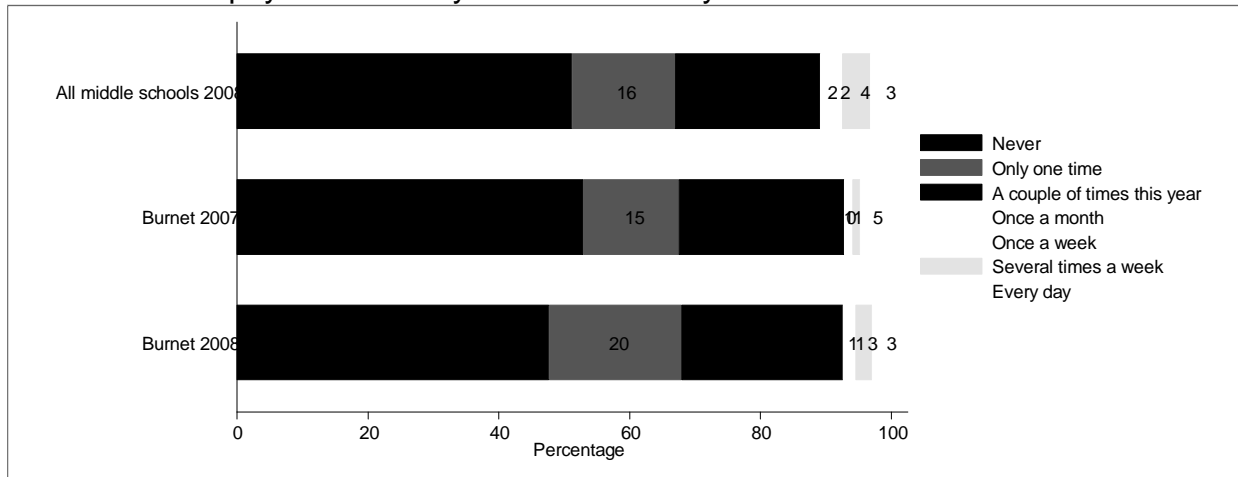
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Q11: How big a problem do you think bullying is at your school?

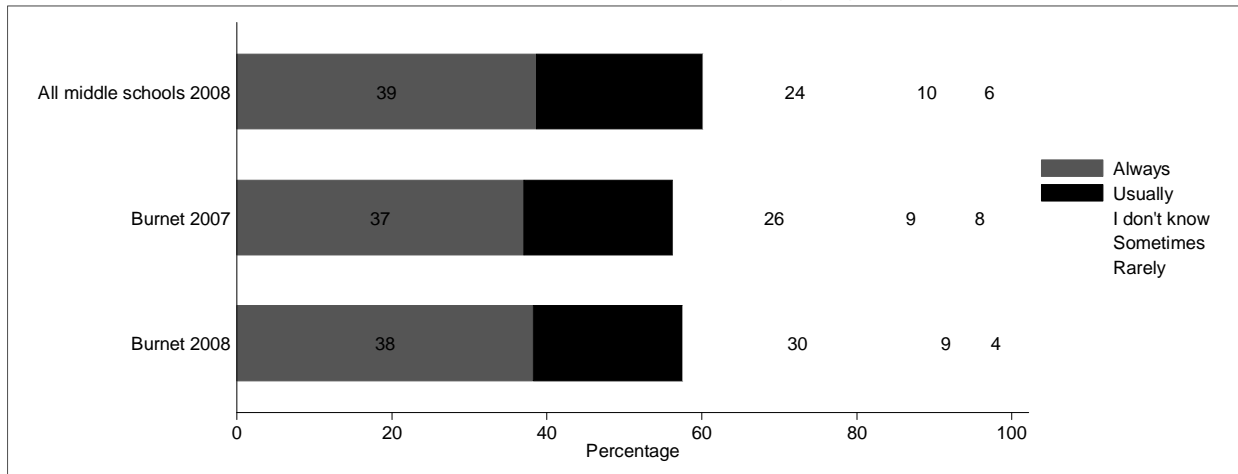




Q9: During this school year, how often have you or your close friends been physically harmed or threatened with physical harm by another student at your school?



Q13: Are school rules about verbal or physical assaults or fighting enforced by school staff?

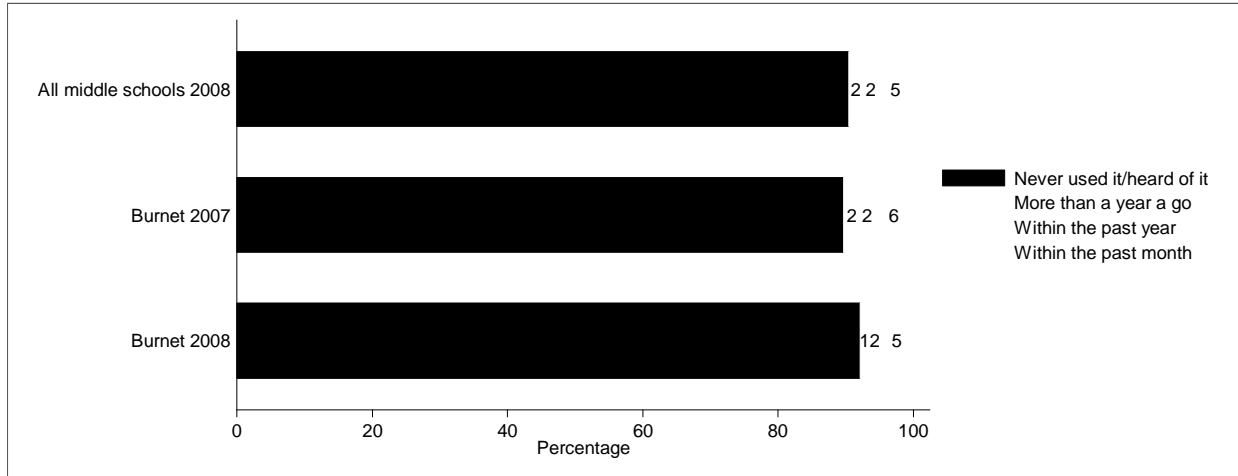




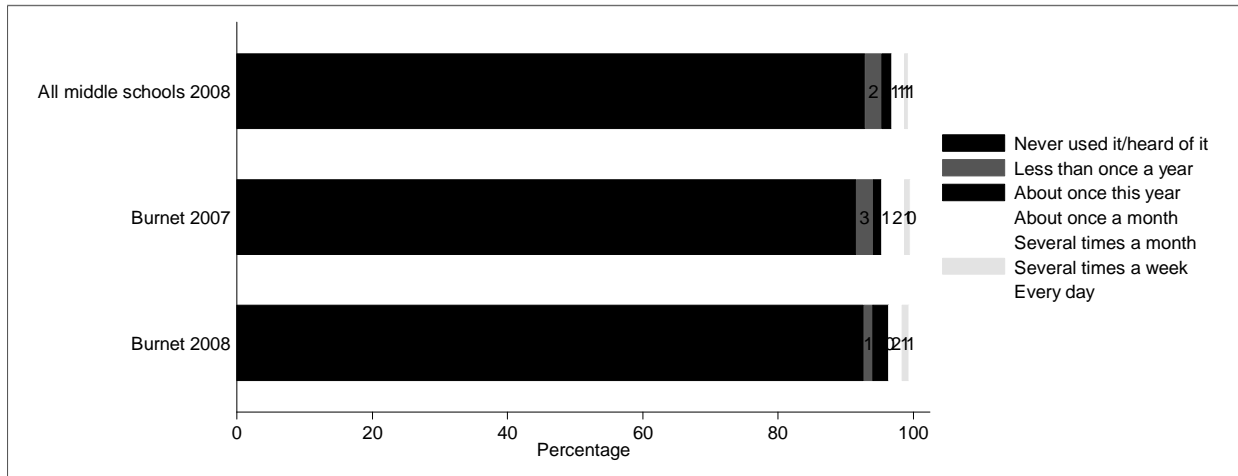
Q25:What is the most recent you have used



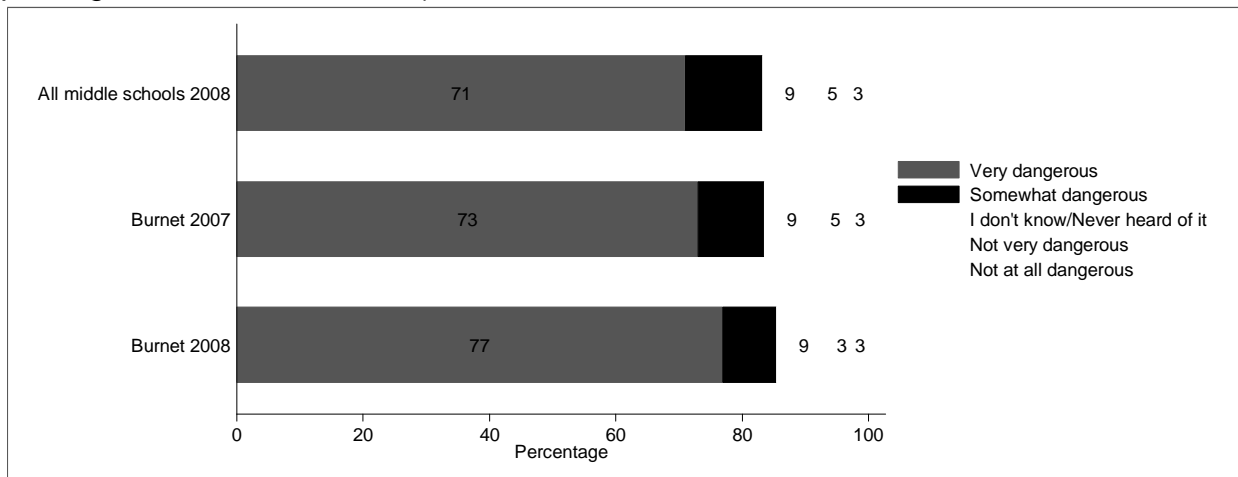
Q27: What is the most recent you have used inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



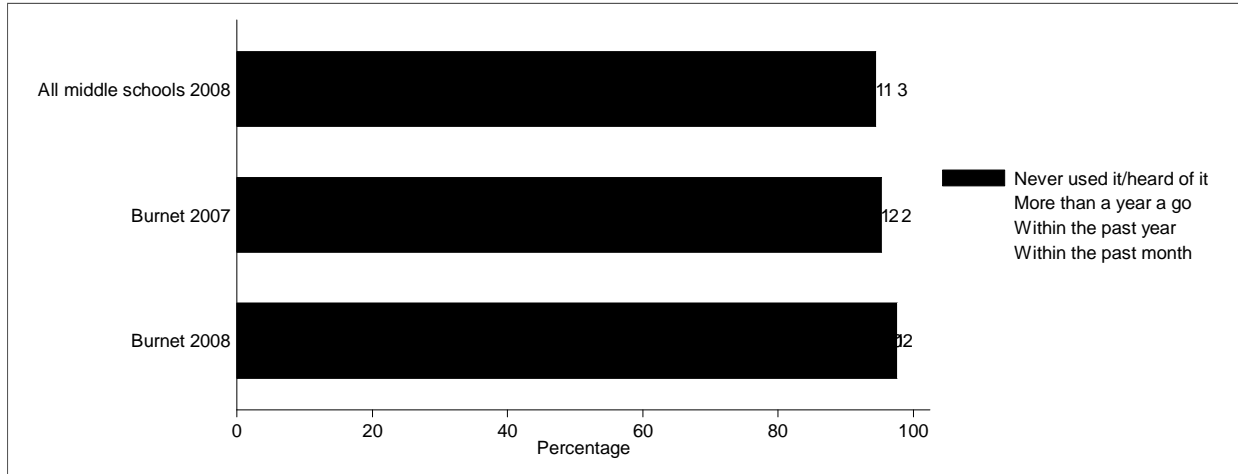
Q42: During this year, how often did you use inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



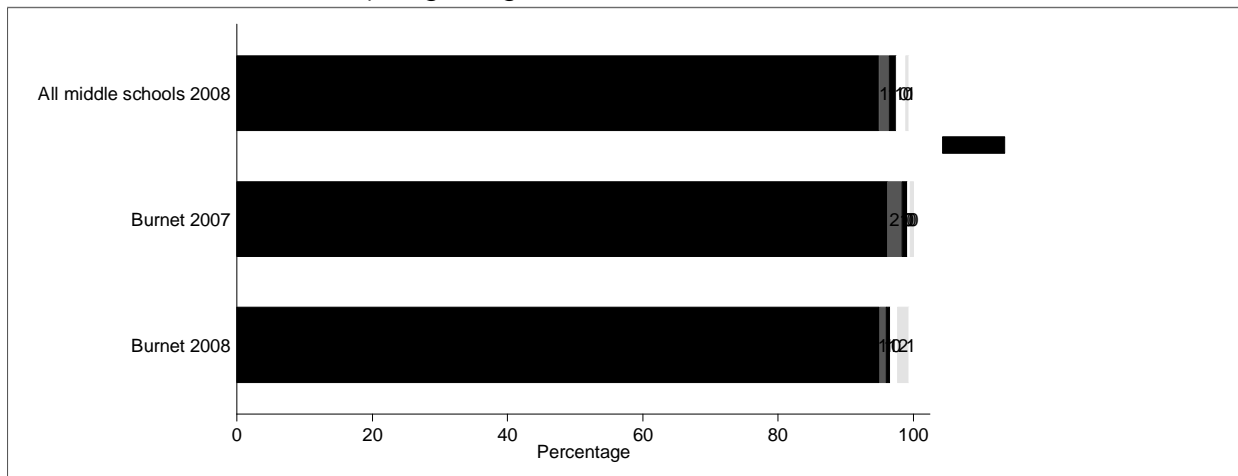
Q55: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



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



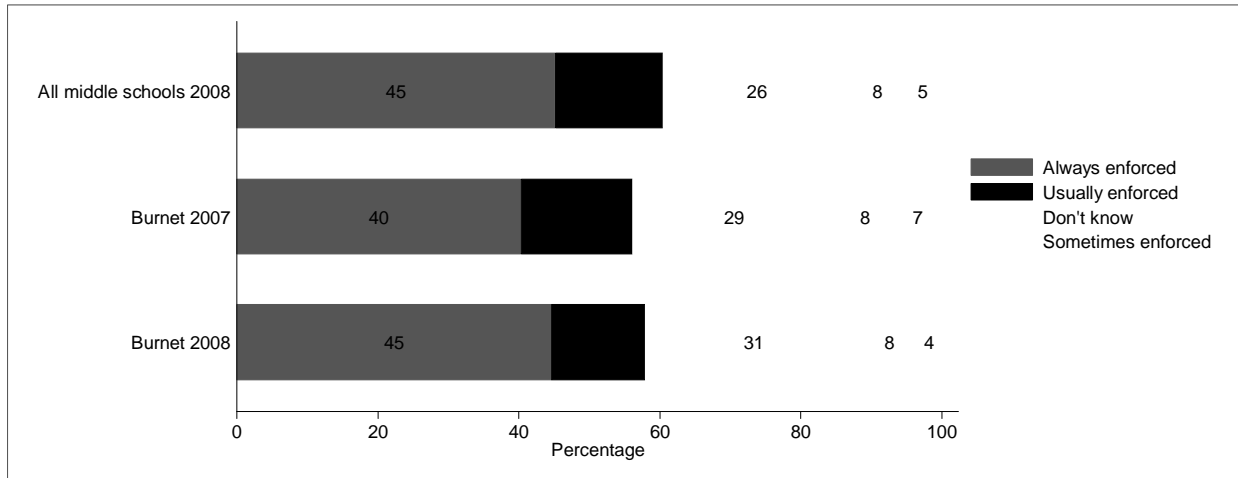
Q43: During this year, how often did you use Over the Counter Medication (e.g., triple Cs, DXM, skittles, or Coricidin) to get high?



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

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







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