

# Austin Independent School District

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

### LAMAR 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. 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 U

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

	Lamar 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Student fighting and physical aggression	28%	-2%	31%
Marijuana use	24%	7%	13%
Student harassment, threats, and intimidation	19%	3%	13%
Student vandalism, criminal mischief	4%	-2%	3%
Student weapon possession	4%	-1%	7%
Prescription drug use	3%	0%	4%
Tobacco use	2%	-2%	1%
Violence or threats toward staff	2%	0%	2%
Alcohol use	1%	-1%	1%
None of these are serious problems on my campus	13%	-1%	24%

Q6. During this school year, have you received information on drugs,

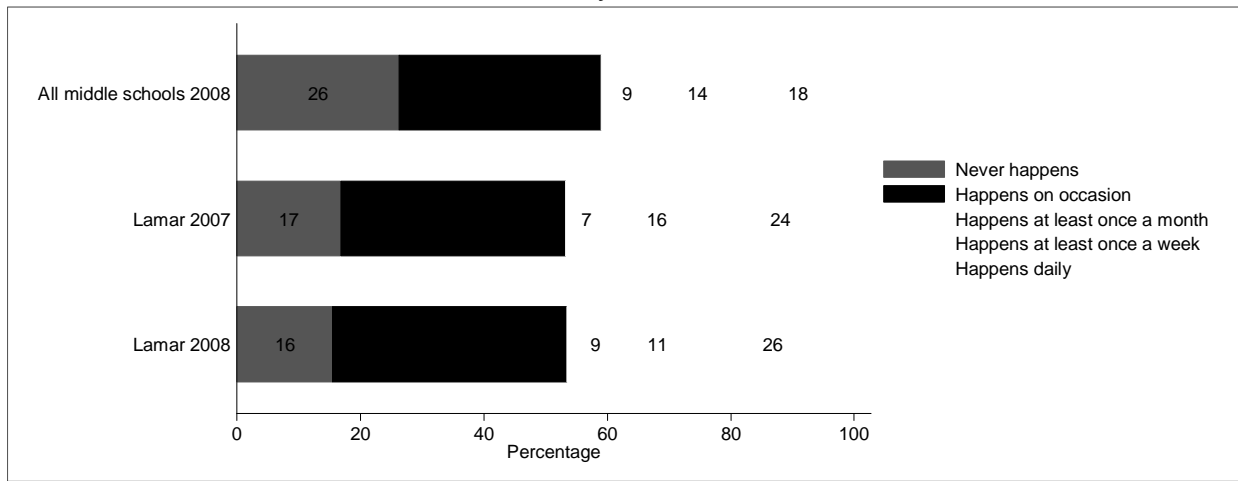
Q48: During this school year, have you brought any of the following items to school?

	Lamar 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Knives	6%	1	5%
Illegal drugs	4%	1	5%
Prescription drugs	4%	1	3%
Tobacco	2%	-2	3%
Alcohol	1%	-1	2%
Gun	1%	-1	2%
Other weapons	8%	2	5%
None of the above	85%	0	87%

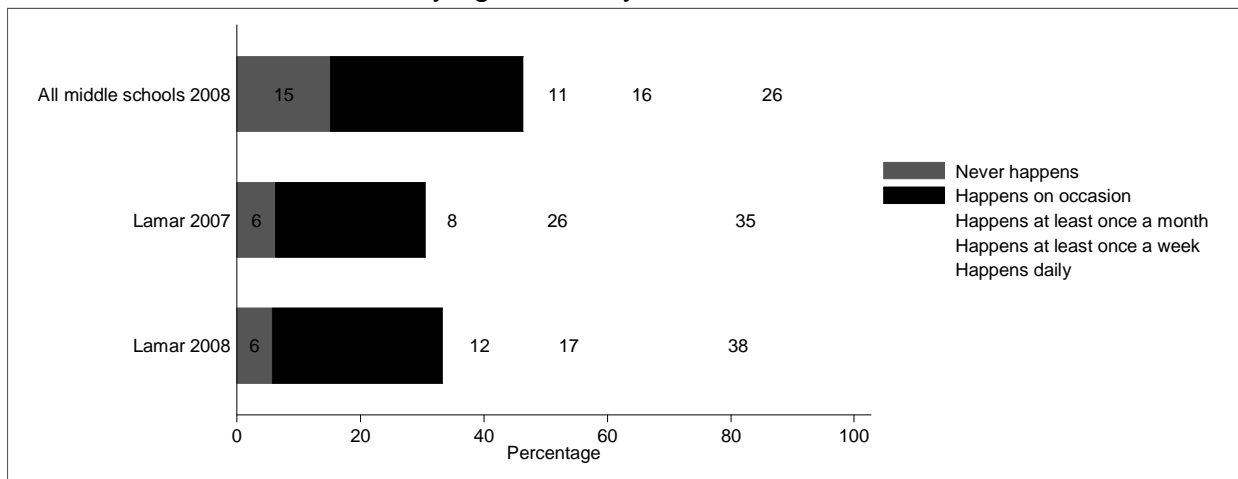
Note. Percentages may sum to more than 100% because respondents were allowed to choose multiple items. Differences between years should be interpreted with caution due to changes in the structure of the question between 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

### SCHOOL SAFETY ITEMS

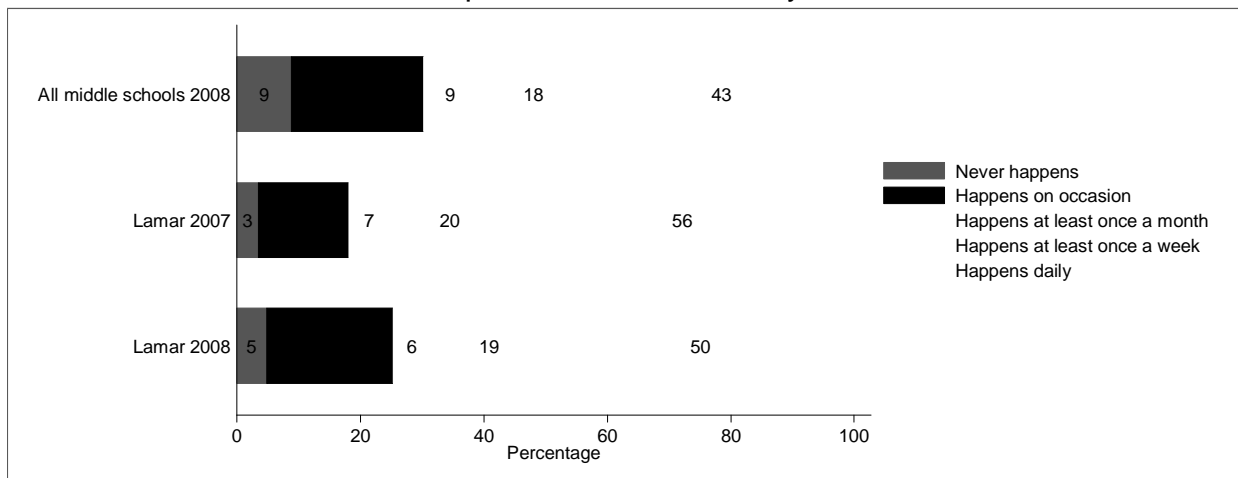
Q14: How often does racism occur at your school?



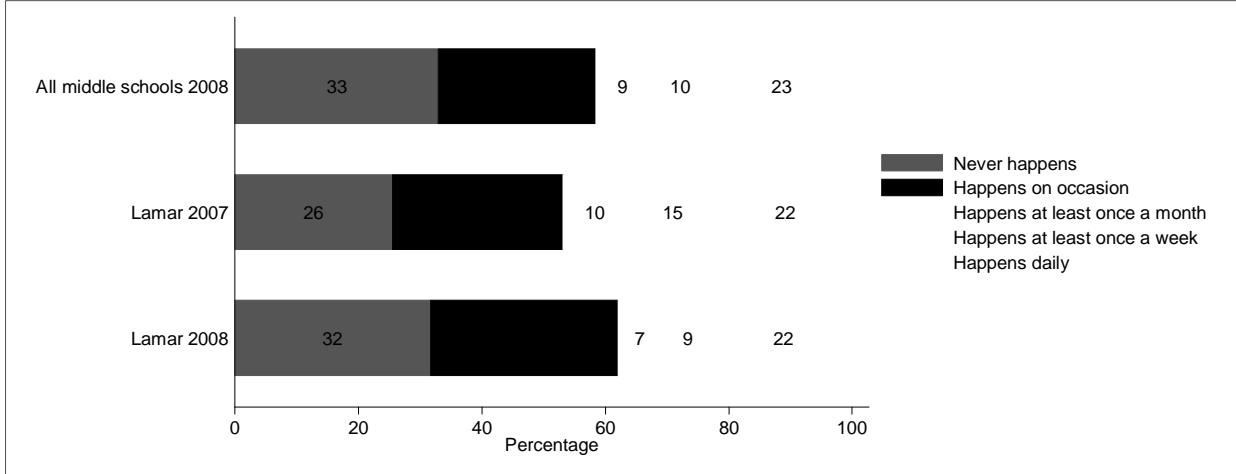
Q15: How often does student bullying occur at your school?



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



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



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



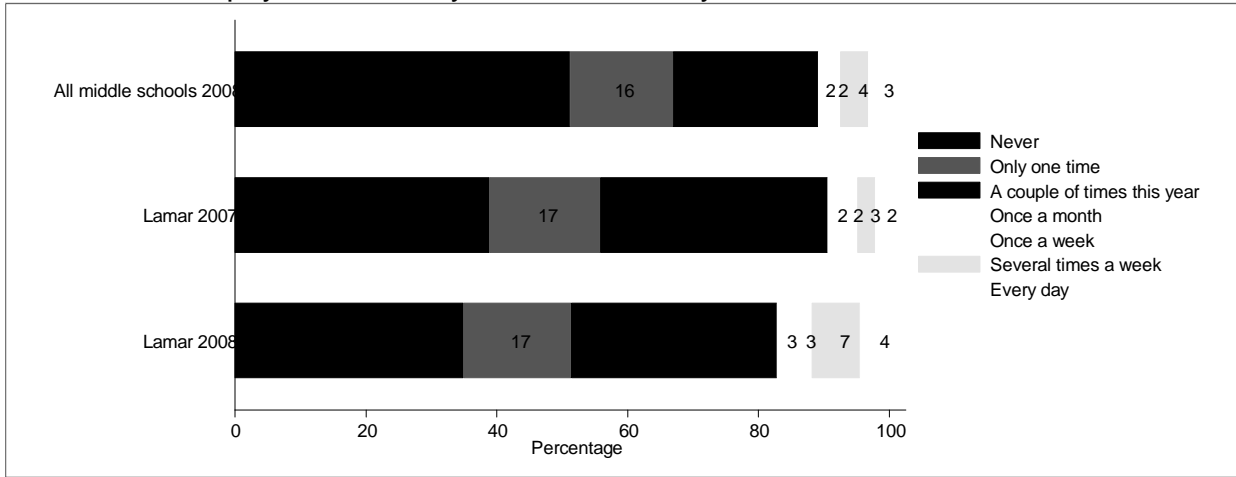
Q20: How often does your teacher have to interrupt class to deal with student misbehavior?

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

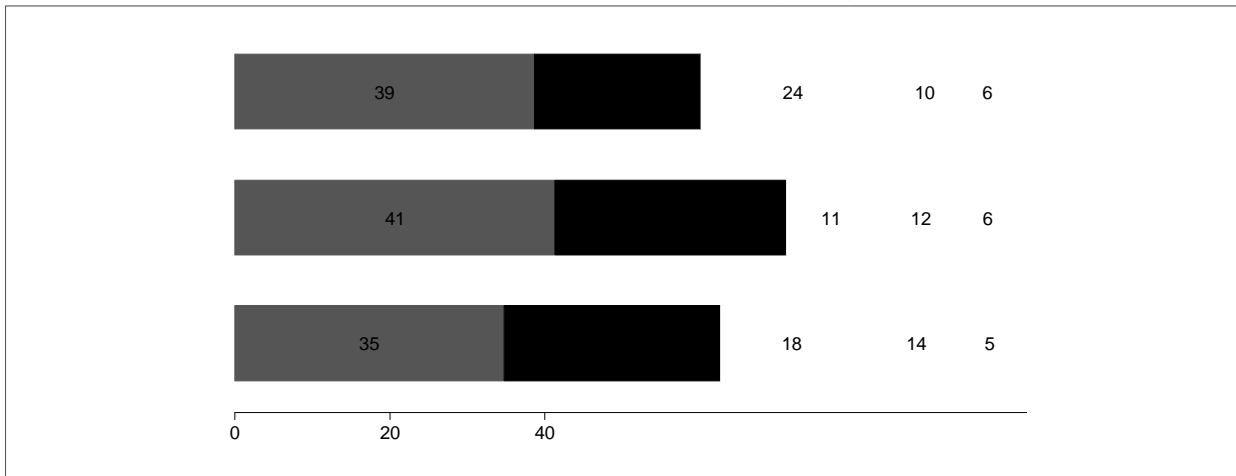
	Lamar 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Verbal	57%	12	41%
Social	41%	4	33%
Physical	39%	3	26%
Racial or ethnic harassment	35%	19	14%
Sexual harassment	22%	5	14%
Intimidation	14%	5	12%
Written	14%	2	12%
None			



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?

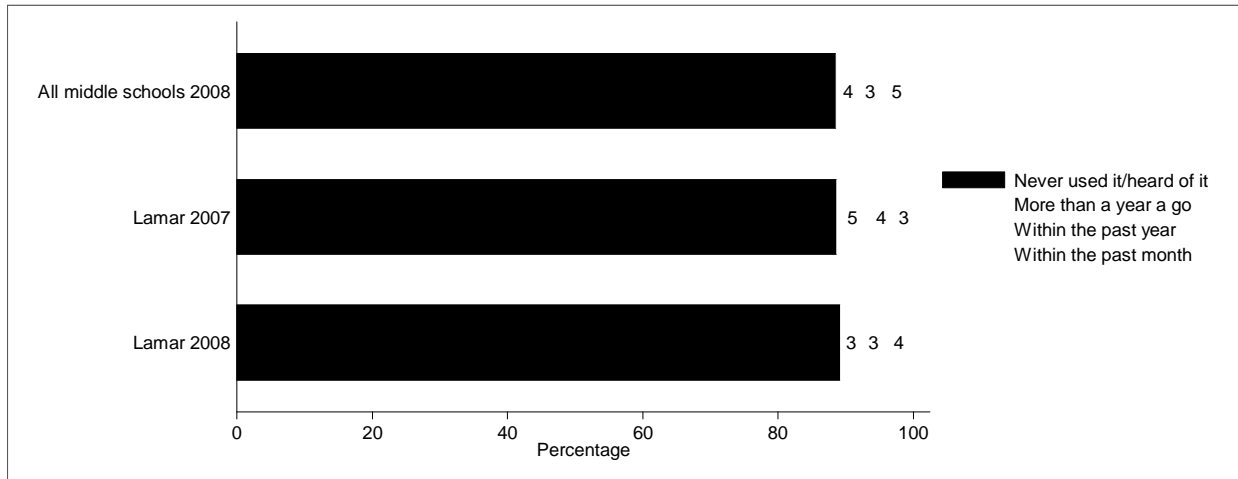


Q13: Are school rules about verbal or physical assaults or fighting enforced by school staff?

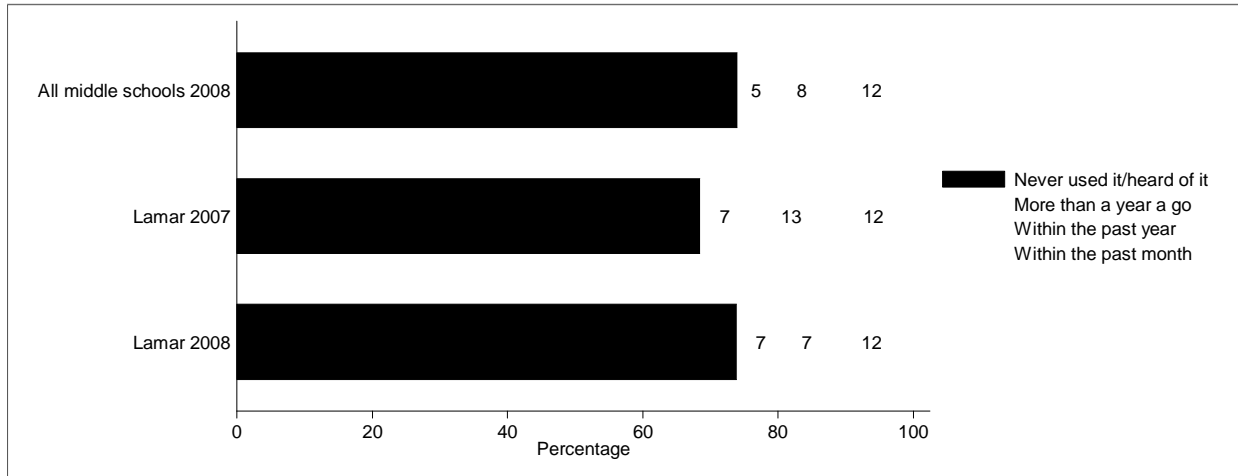


## SUBSTANCE USE ITEMS

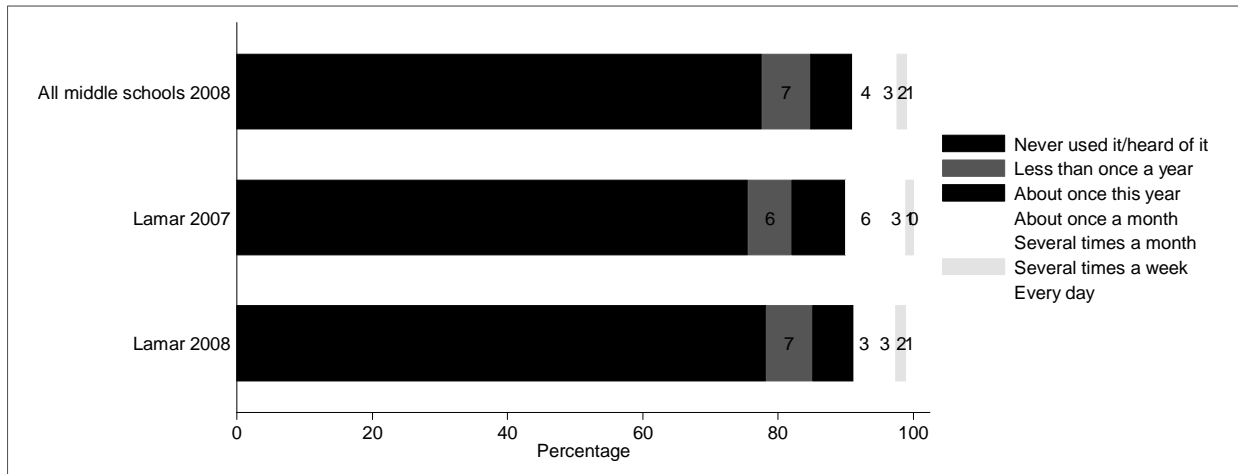
Q24: What is the most recent you have used tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



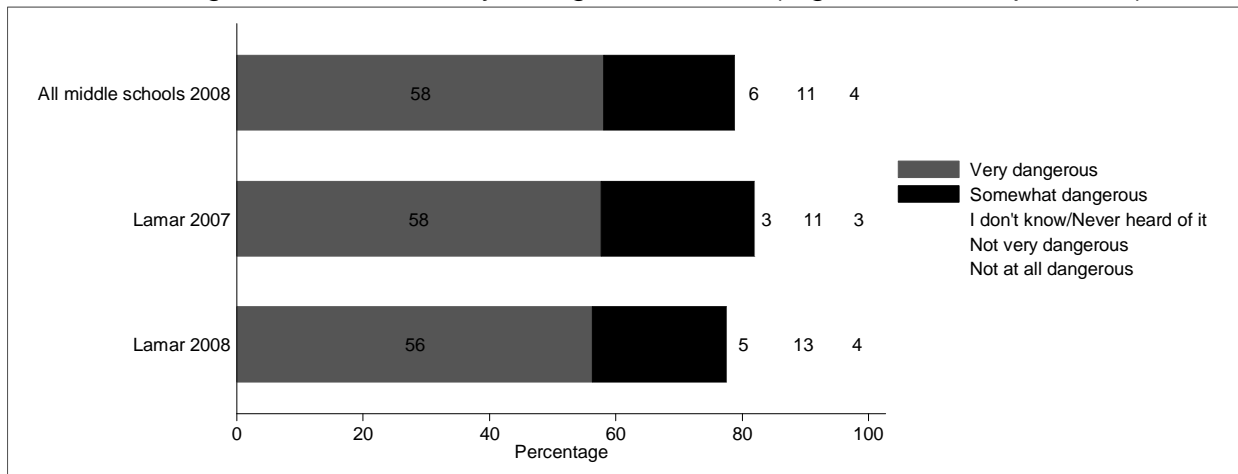
Q25: What is the most recent you have used Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



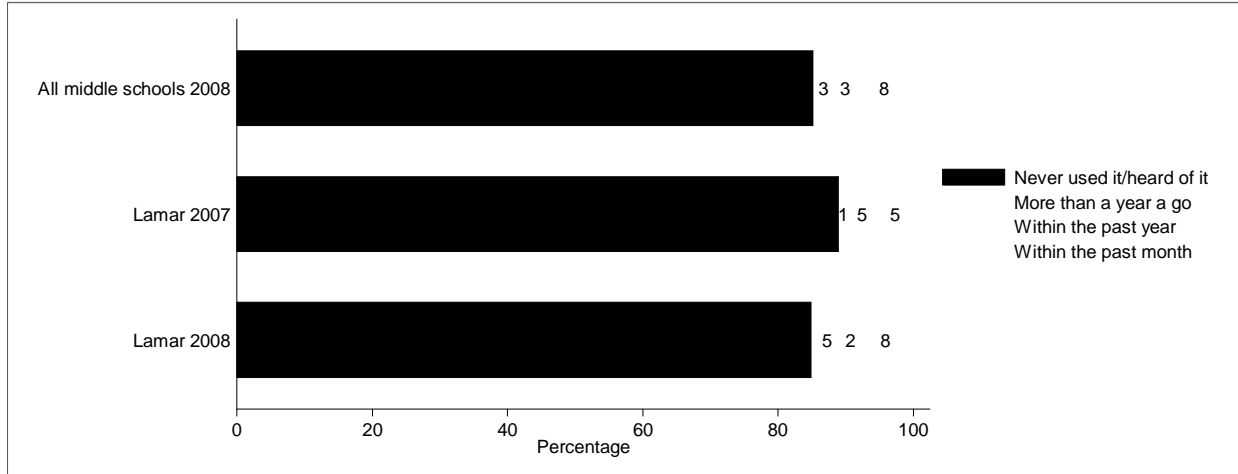
Q40: During this year, how often did you use Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



Q53: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



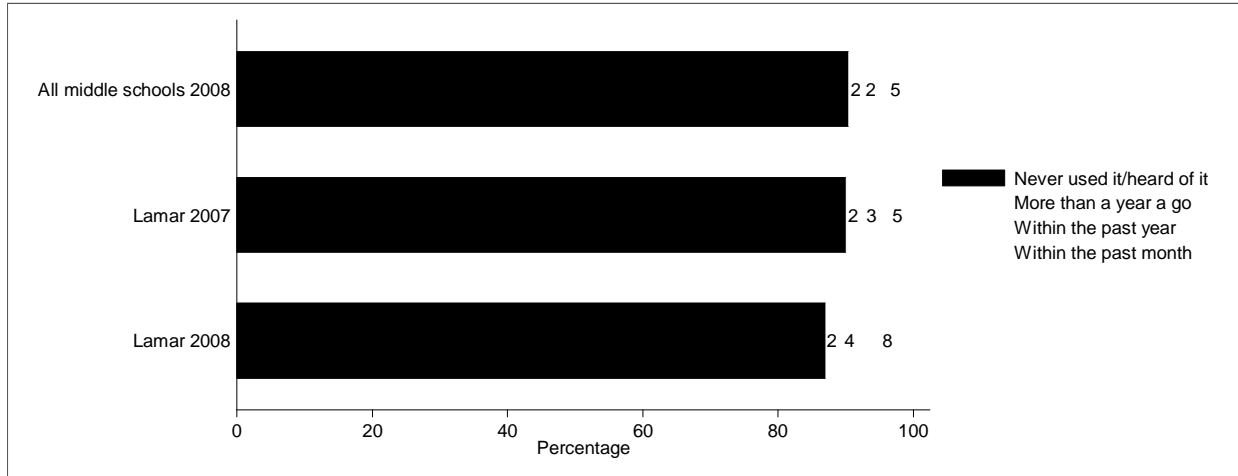
Q26: What is the most recent you have used Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



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



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.)?

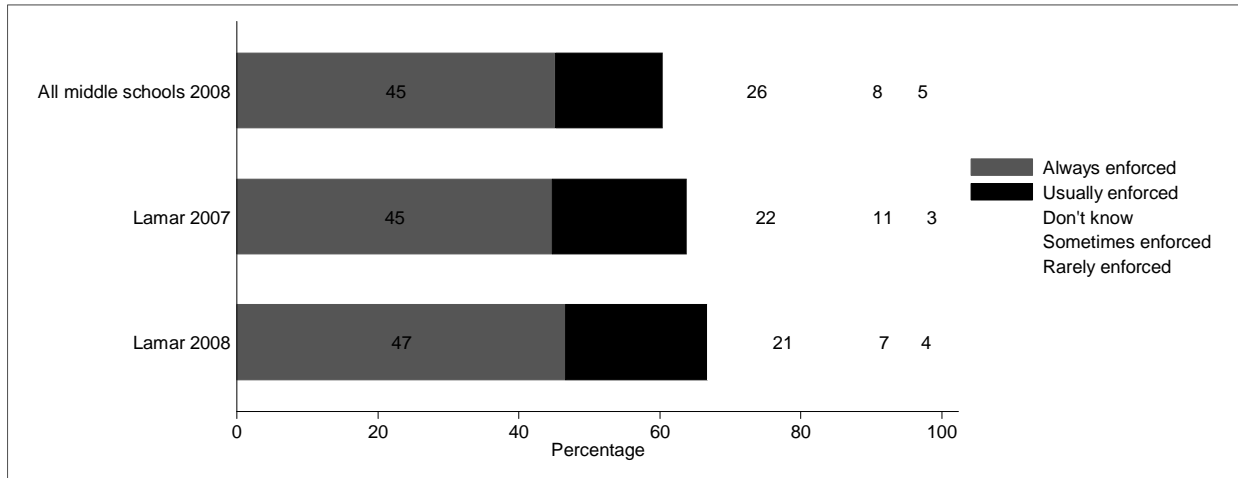


Q28: What is the most recent you have used Over Counter Medication (e.g., triple Cs, DXM, skittles, or Coricidin) to get high?

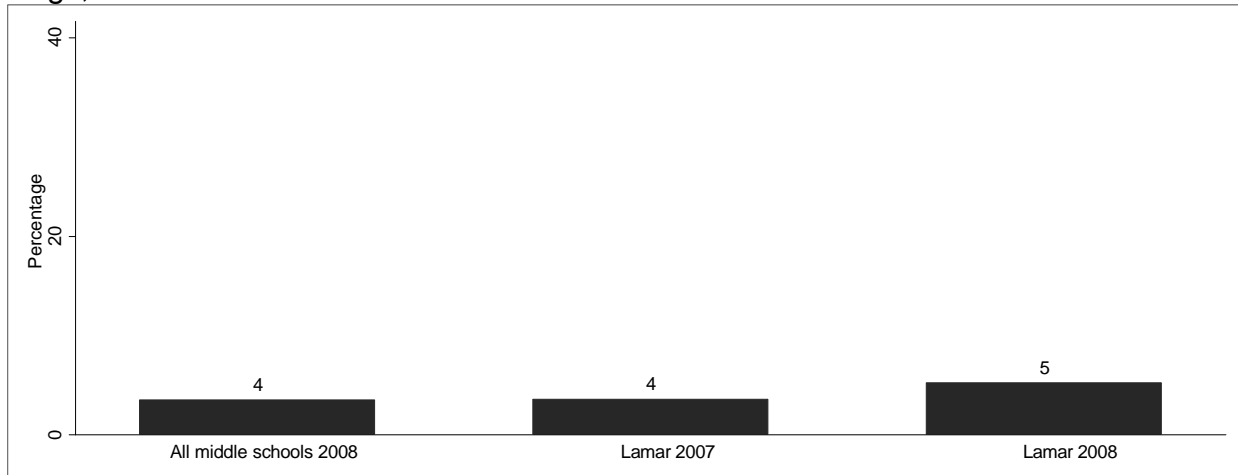
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Q29:What is the most recent you have used Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) th

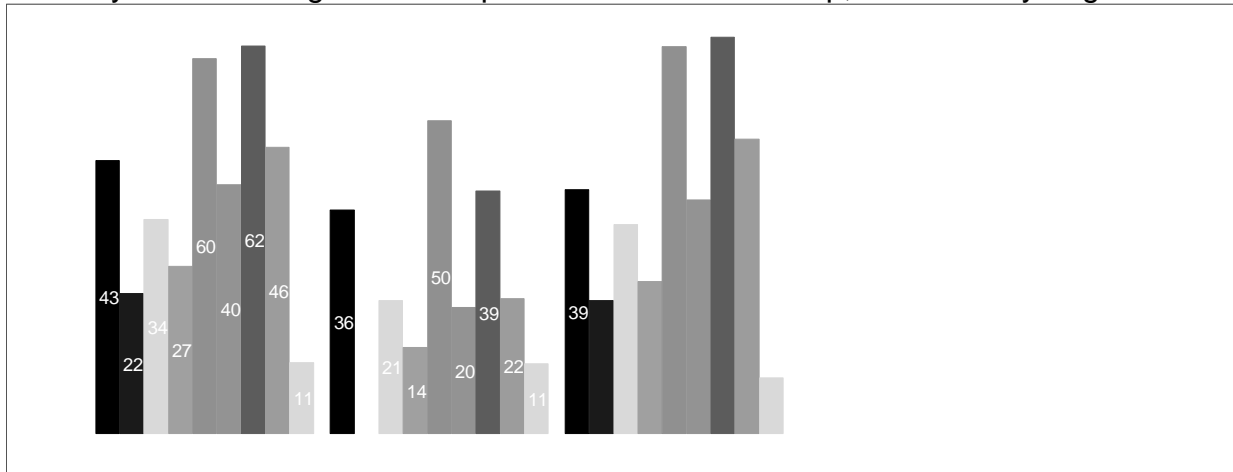
**Q12: Are school rules about drug, alcohol, and tobacco use enforced by school staff?**



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

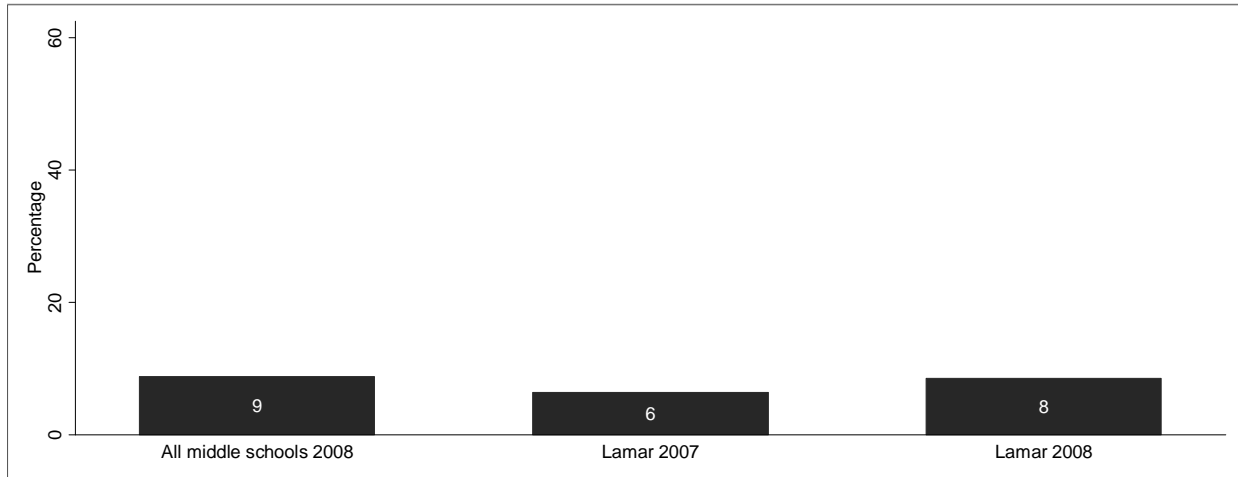


**Q49: If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, who would you go to?**

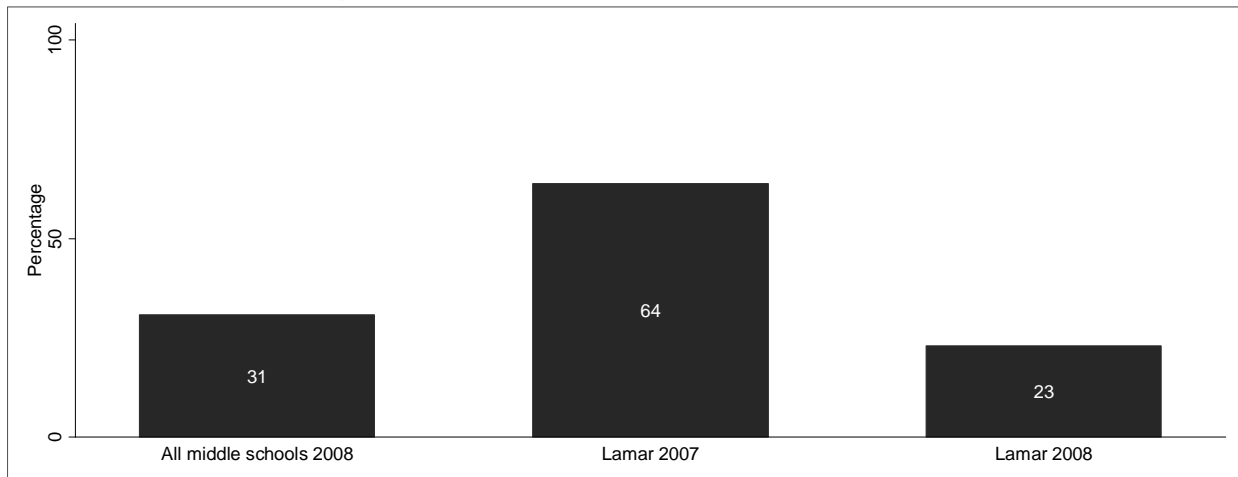




Q38: During this school year, have you attended any class while high, stoned, or drunk on any substance?



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

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