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RESULTS OF THE 2008 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY SURVEY

O. HENRY 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 the entire population feels the same way. To interpret the sample data cautiously, we have used the following information to construct an interval that describes the range within which the result for your campus population is likely to fall:

- ¾ Population size: In this case, the number of students at your campus.
- ¾ Sample size: In this case, the number of survey respondents from your campus.
- ¾ Desired level of confidence: In this case, 95%.

The 95% confidence interval is commonly used, indicating that you can be 95% confident that the true population result will fall within the constructed interval (i.e., adding and subtracting 4% to the 100% confidence interval yields a range of 14% to 22%). Therefore, you can be 95% confident that somewhere between 14% and 22% 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 year to year, please remember that small changes may have occurred by chance alone. The confidence interval of 95% or greater (5%+4%) should be considered statistical significance between two different years.

⁶ 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	
O. Henry						

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

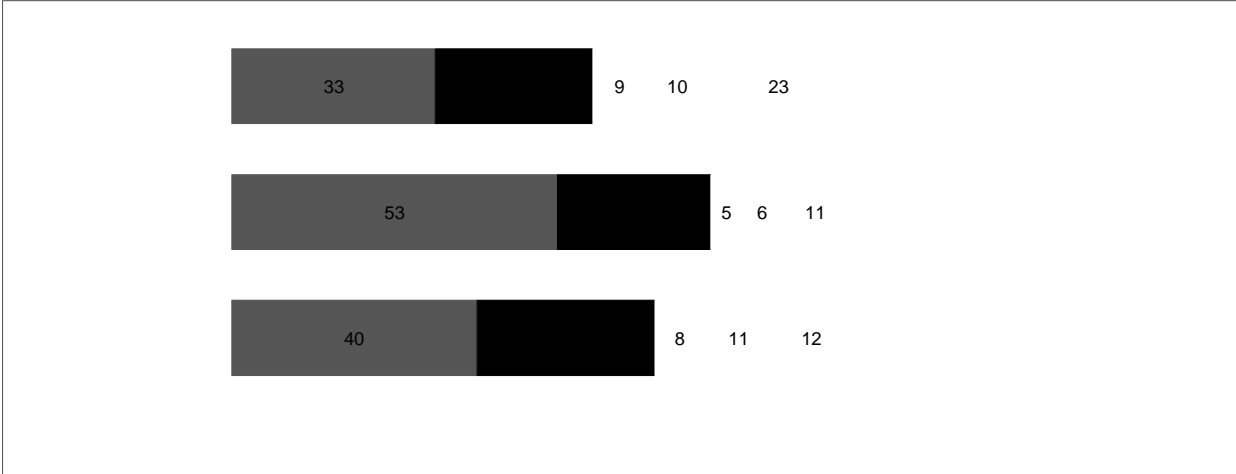
	Percentage point change from 2007
O. Henry 2008	

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

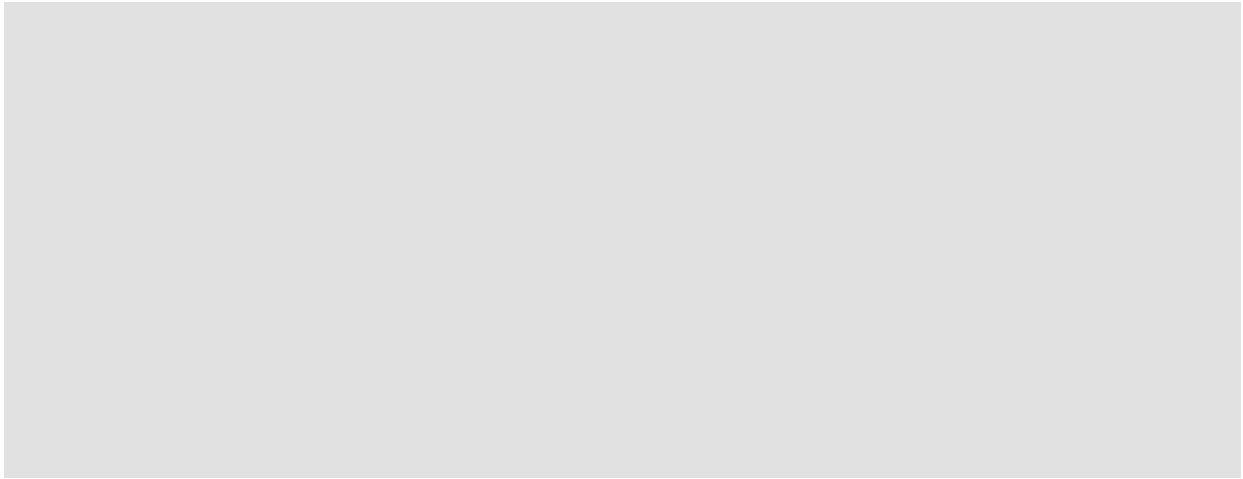
	O. Henry 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Knives	6%	5	5%
Prescription drugs	5%	3	3%
Illegal drugs			

SCHOOL SAFETY ITEM

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



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

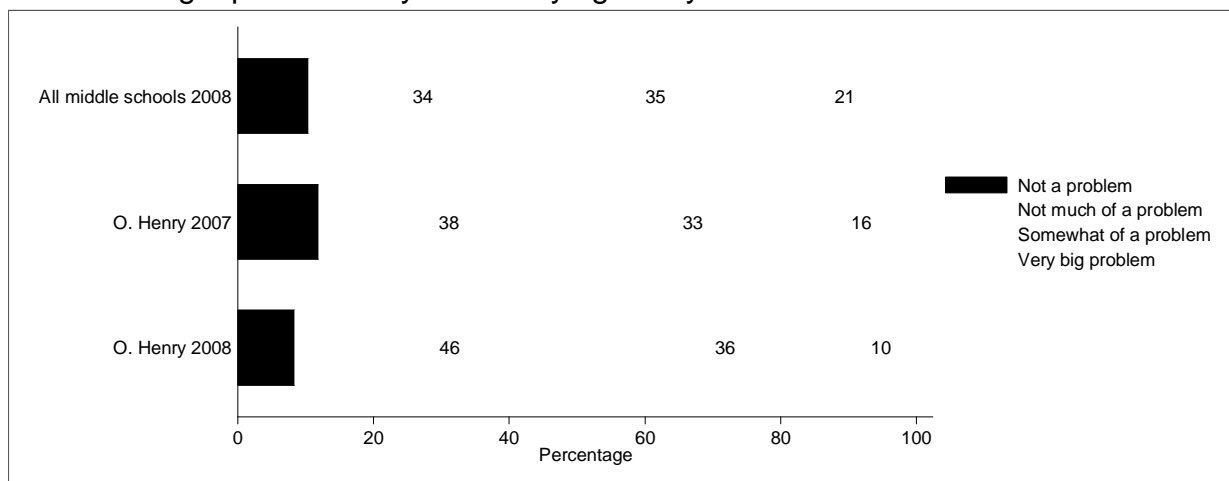


Q10: During this school year, have you experienced any of the following types of bullying at school?

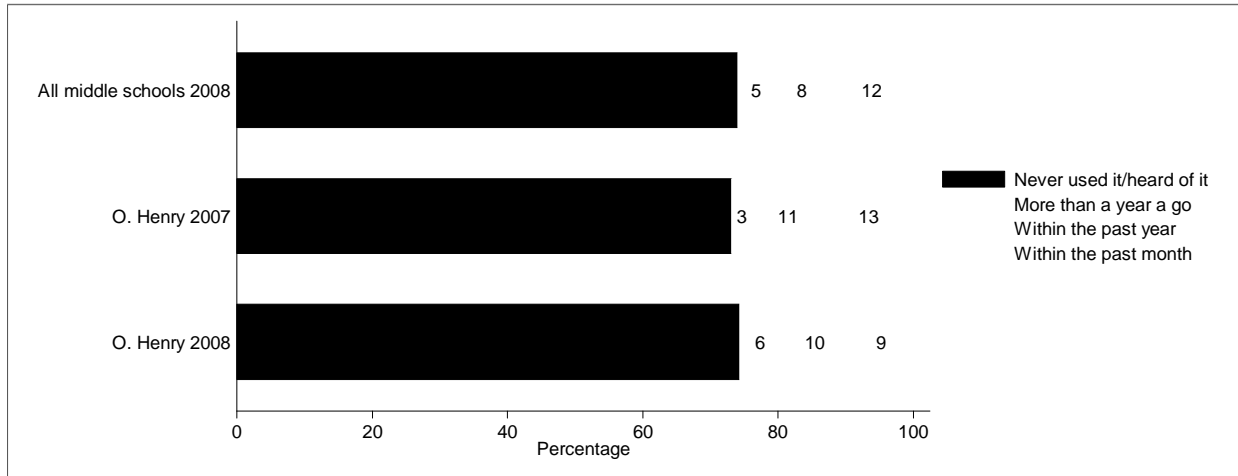
	O. Henry 2008	Percentage point change from 2007	All middle schools 2008
Verbal	46%	8	41%
Social	36%	4	33%
Physical	28%	4	26%
Racial or ethnic harassment	22%	10	14%
Sexual harassment	13%	6	14%
Intimidation	12%	6	12%
Written	11%	5	12%
None	39%	4	39%

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

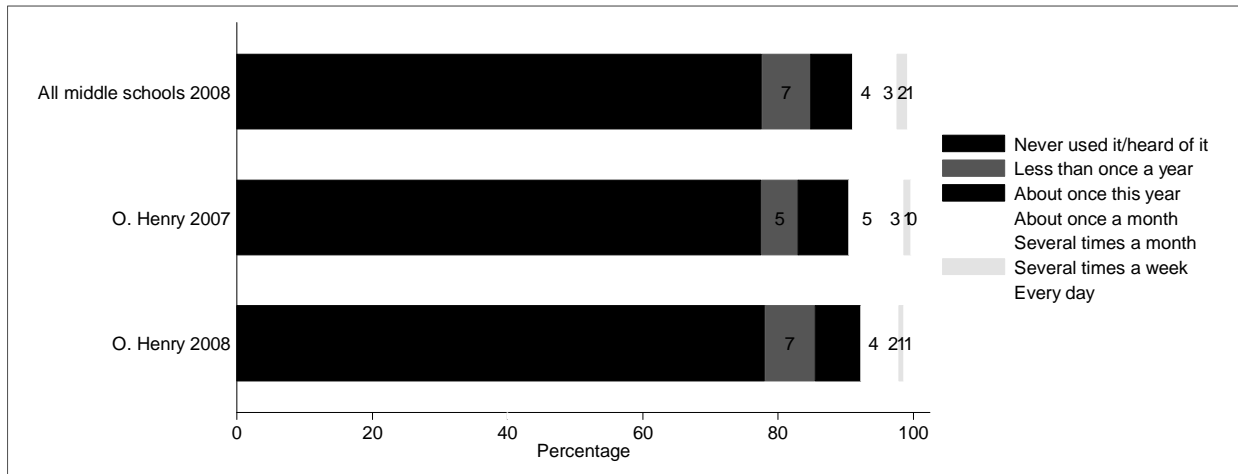
Q11: How big a problem do you think bullying is at your school?



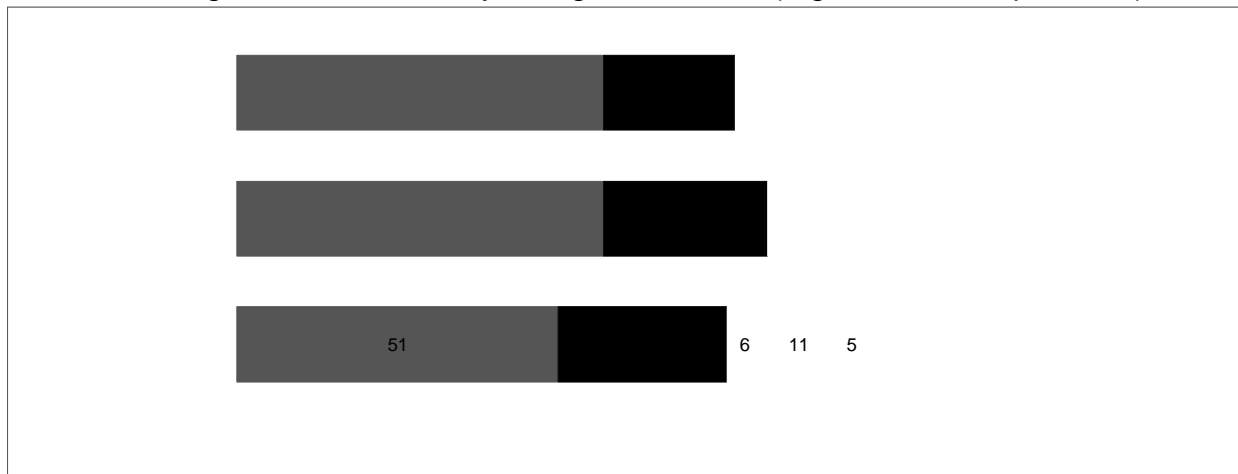
Q25: What is the most recent you have used Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



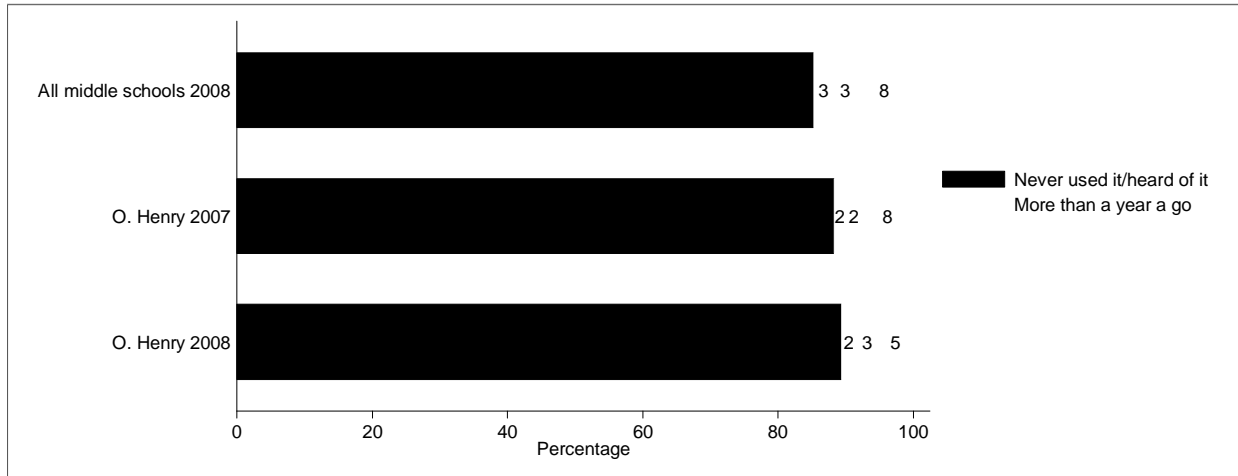
Q40: During this year, how often did you use Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



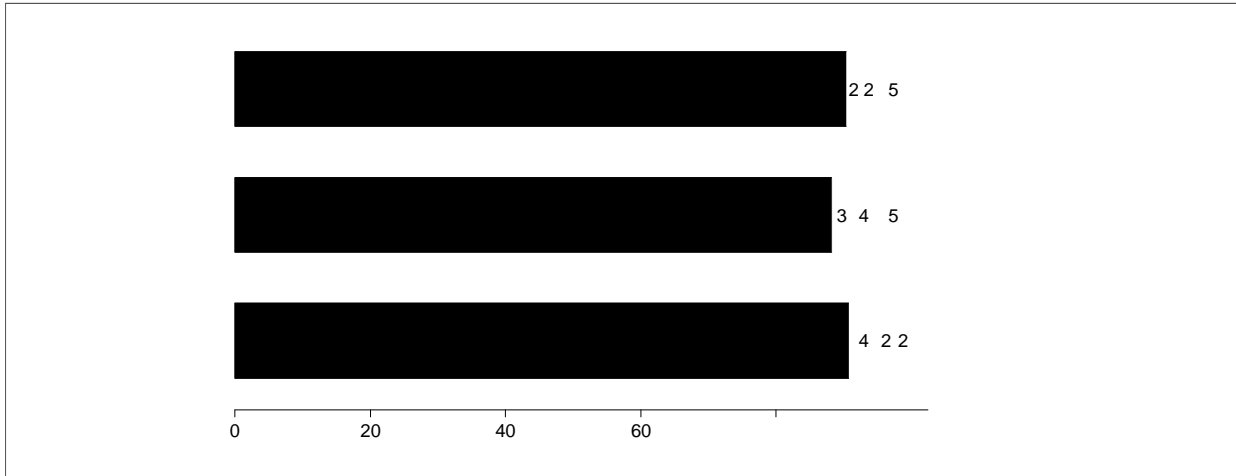
Q53: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use Alcohol (e.g., beer, wine, liquor, etc.)?



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



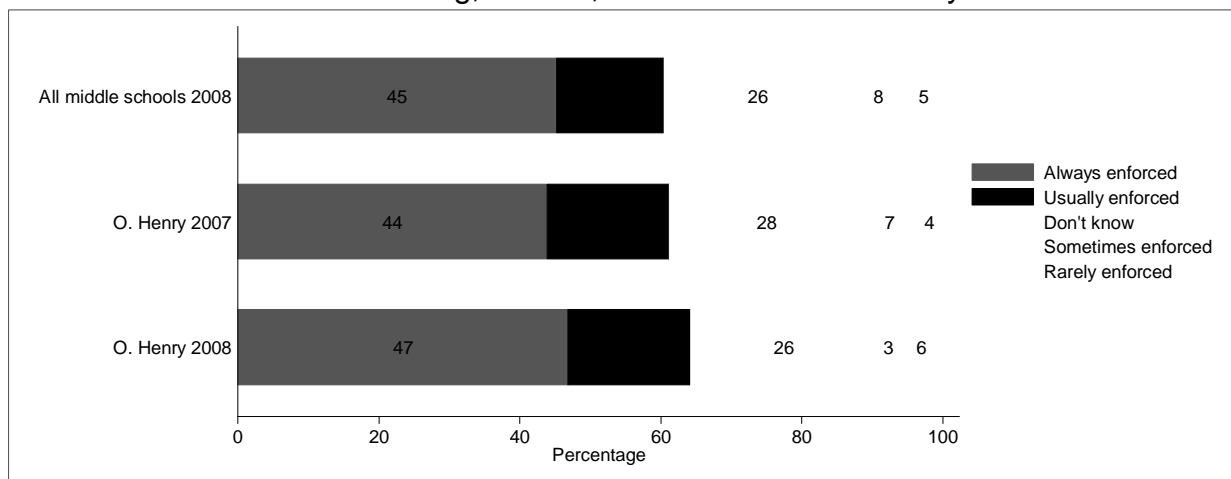
Q27: What is the most recent you have used in the last 6 months (things you might use, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



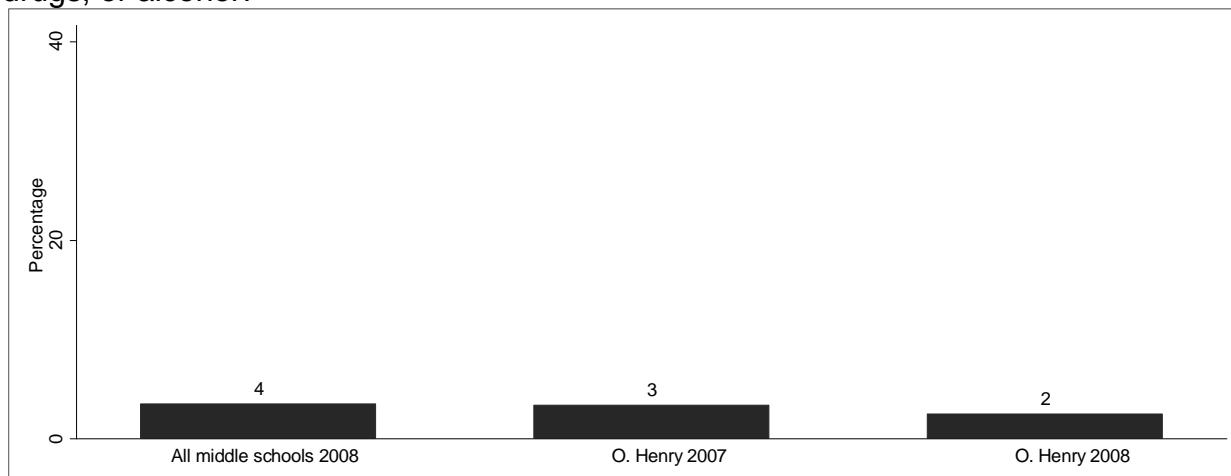
Q29:What is the most recent you have used Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) that was not prescribed to you to get high?

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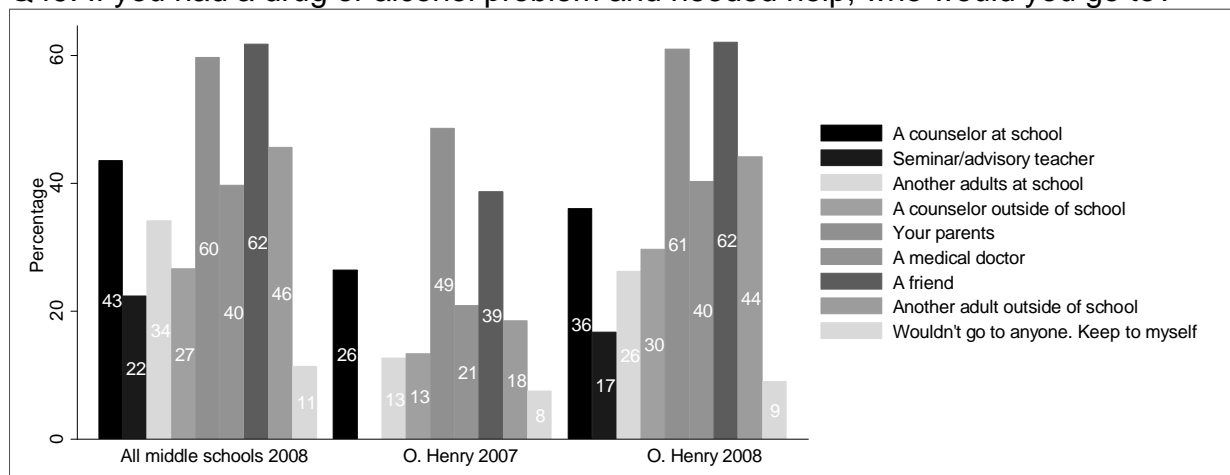
Q12: Are school rules about drug, alcohol, or tobacco use enforced by school staff?



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

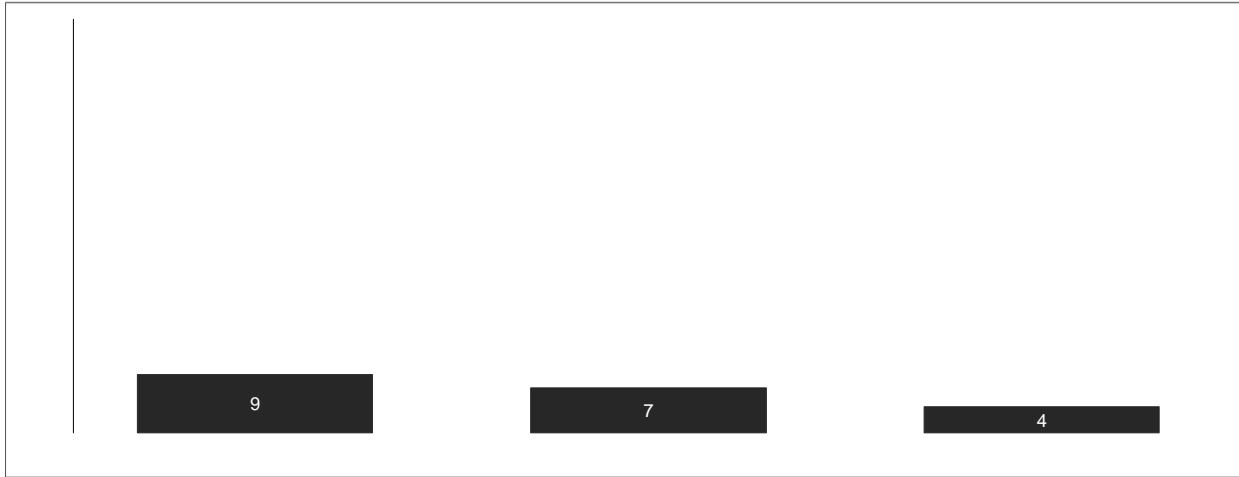


Q49: If you had a drug or alcohol problem and needed help, who would you go to?



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



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