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RESULTS OF THE 2008 STUDENT SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY SURVEY

PAREDES 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?

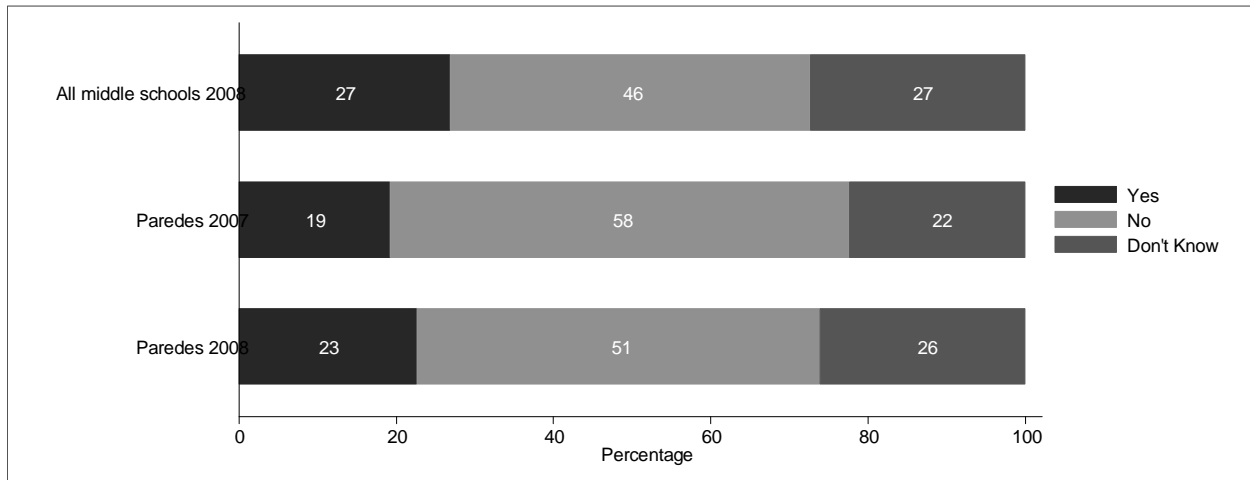
When it is not feasible to survey an entire population, samples are used instead. However, when a sample is used to make inferences about a population, the results must be interpreted with caution. For example, although 87% of a sample may select a particular response, this does not necessarily mean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

RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS AND ITEMS THAT ADDRESS BOTH SUBSTANCE USE AND SAFETY

Demographics

| | Gender | | Grade | | | Total |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------|
| | Male | Female | 6th | 7th | 8th | |
| Paredes 2007 | 116 49% | 121 51% | 93 39% | 77 32% | 67 28% | 239 |
| Paredes 2008 | 159 50% | 159 50% | 101 32% | 114 36% | 105 33% | 322 |
| 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?

| | Paredes 2008 | Percentage point change from 2007 | All middle schools 2008 |
|---|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Student fighting and physical aggression | 50% | 15% | 31% |
| Student harassment, threats, and intimidation | 11% | 4% | 13% |
| Marijuana use | 10% | -9% | 13% |
| Student weapon possession | 6% | 2% | 7% |
| Violence or threats toward staff | 3% | 1% | 2% |
| Prescription drug use | 3% | -11% | 4% |
| Tobacco use | 1% | -1% | 1% |
| Student vandalism, criminal mischief | 1% | -1% | 3% |
| Alcohol use | 0% | -1% | 1% |
| None of these are serious problems on my campus | 15% | 2% | 24% |

Q6. During this school year, have you received

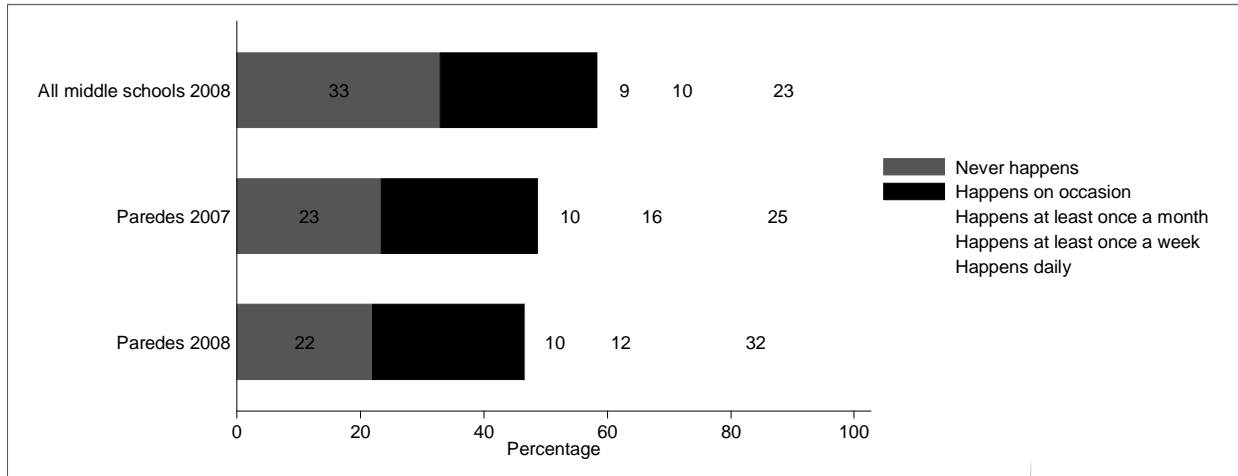
Q48: During this school year, have you brought any of the following items to school?

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

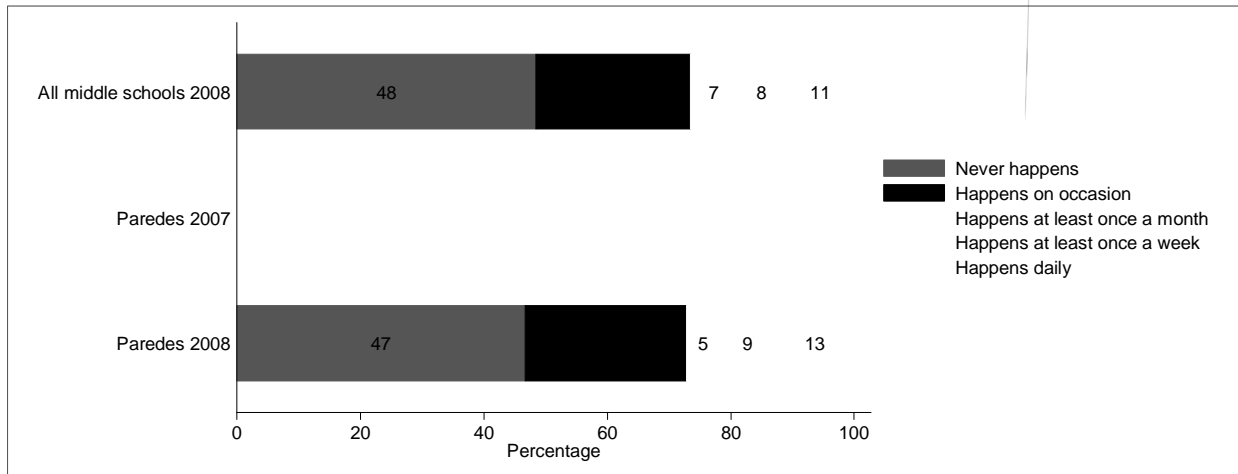
Note. Percentages may sum to more than 100% because respondents were allowed to choose multiple items. Differences between years should be interpreted with caution due to changes in the structure of the question between 2006-2007 and 2007-2008

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

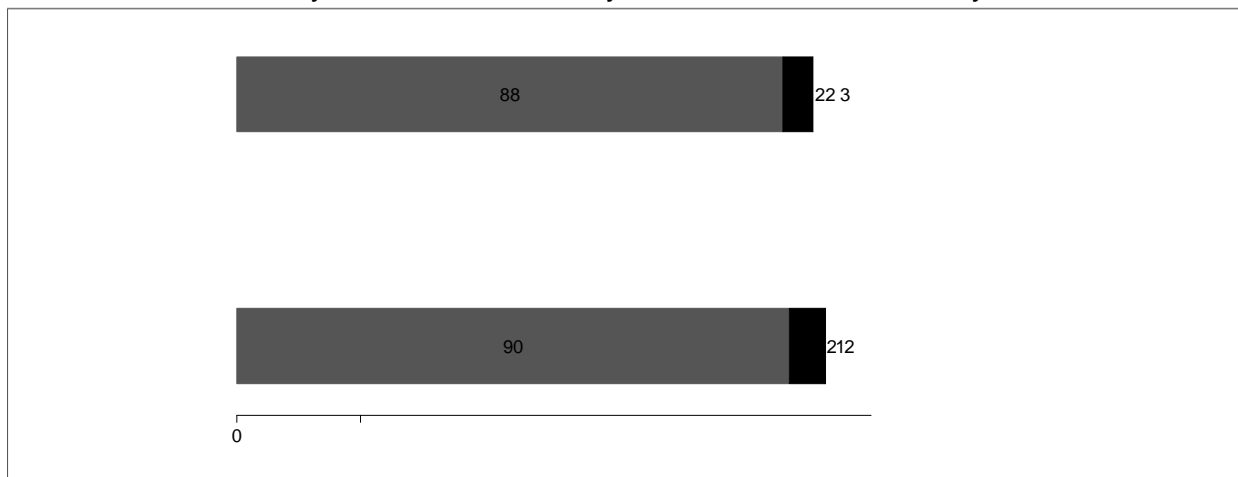


Q18: How often have you experienced any type of bullying at your school?

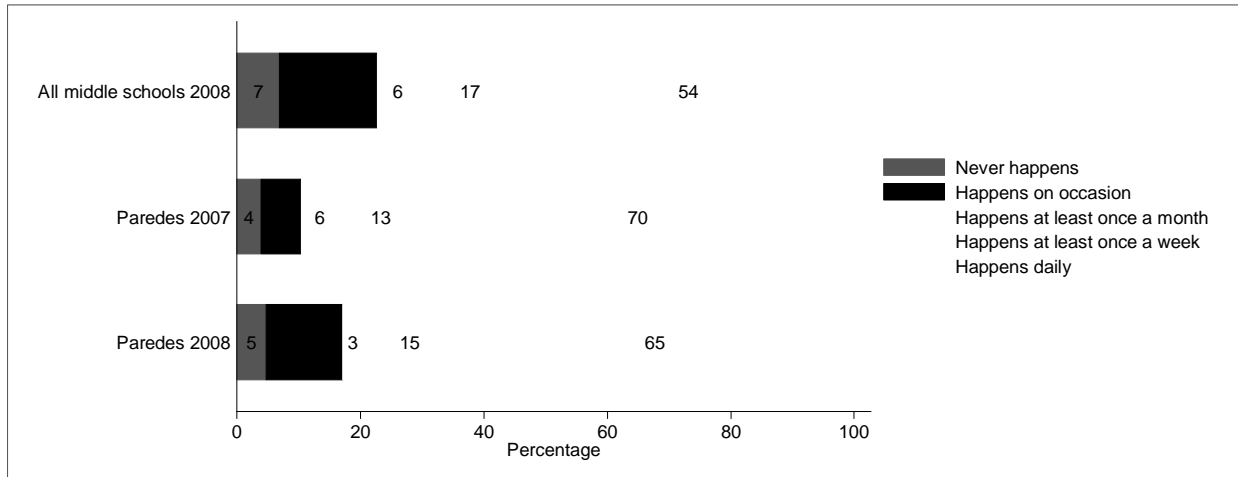


Note: This question was not asked in the 2007 survey .

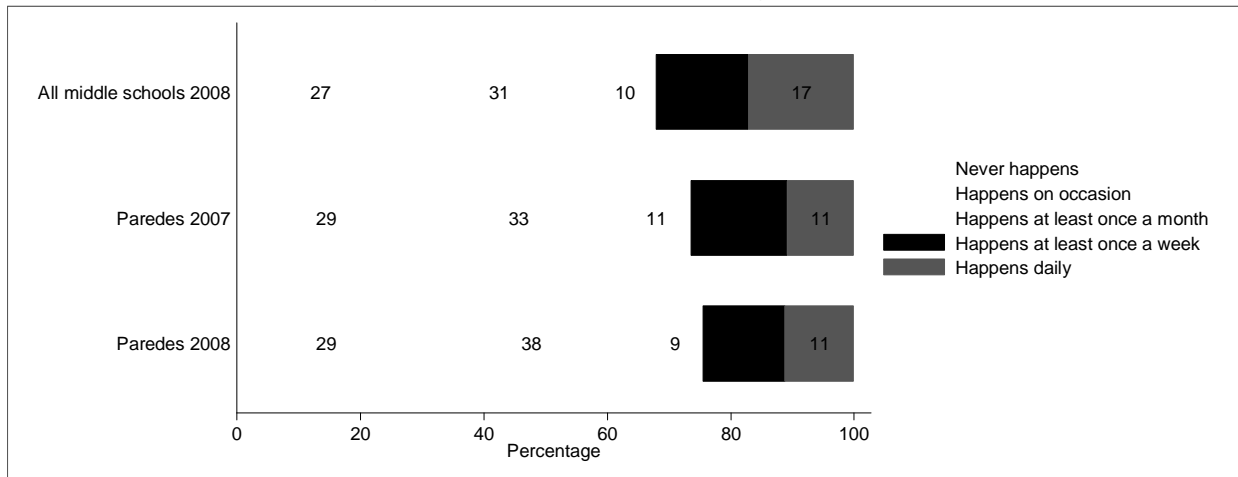
Q19: How often were you absent because you did not feel safe on the way to/from school?



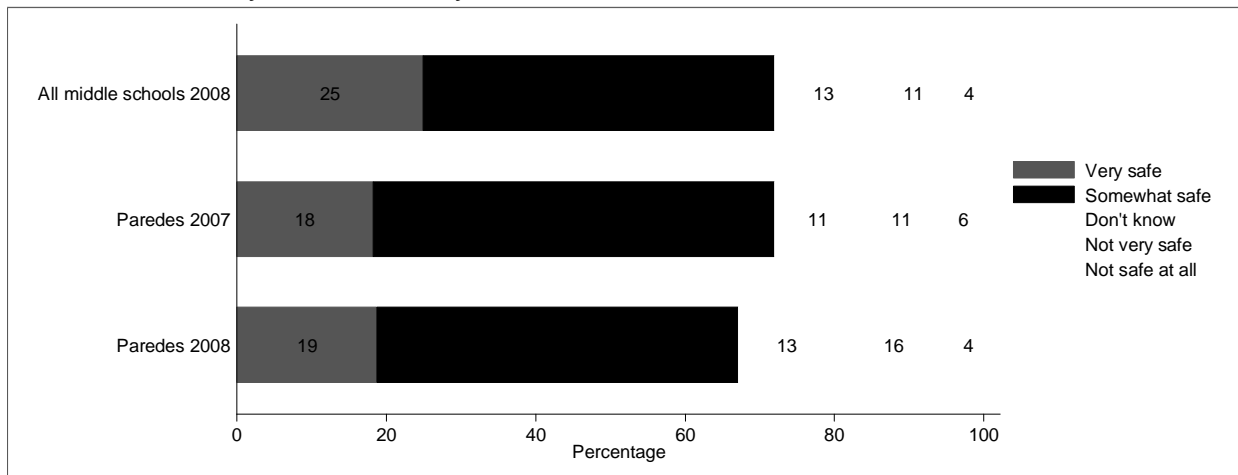
Q20: How often does your teacher have to interrupt class to deal with student misbehavior?



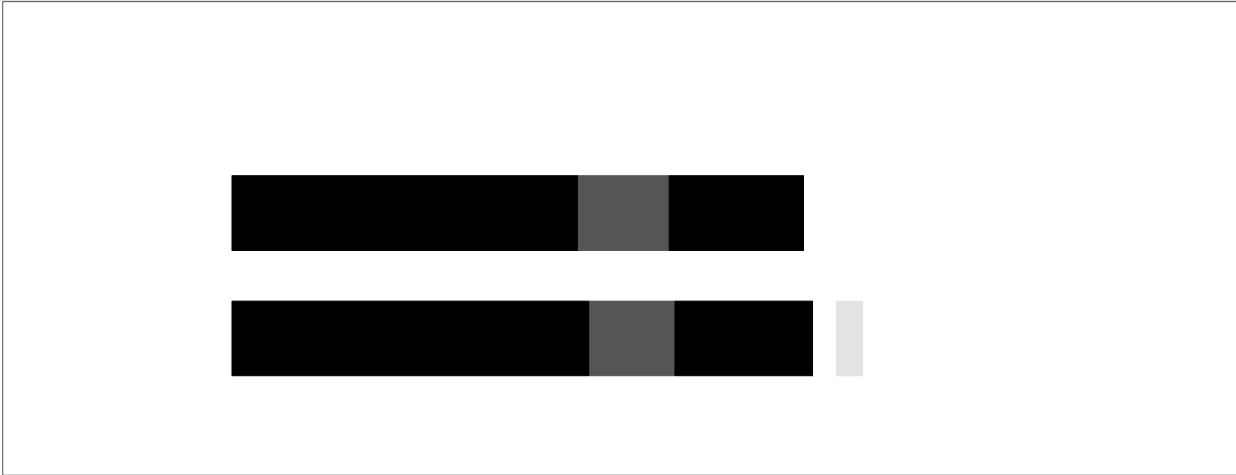
Q21: Do teachers or staff give you praise or rewards for good behavior?



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

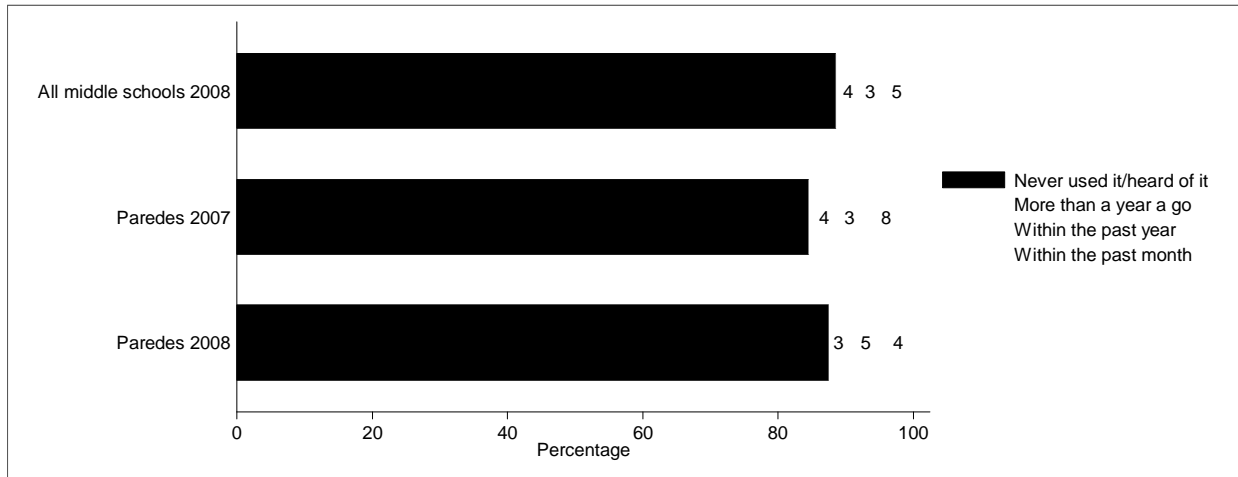


Q9: During this school year, how often have you or your close friends been physically harmed or threatened with physical harm by another student at your school?



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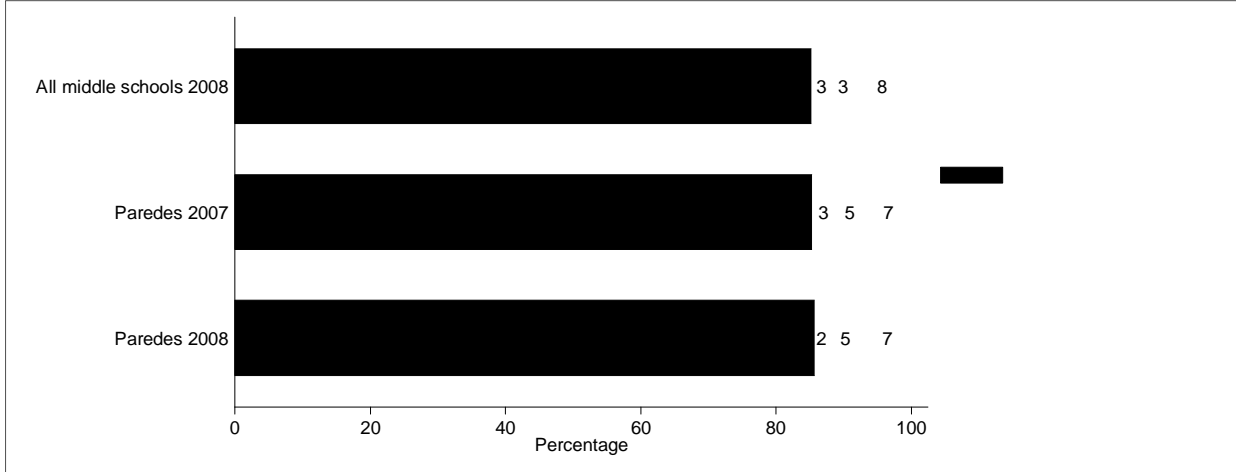
Q24: What is the most recent you have used tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



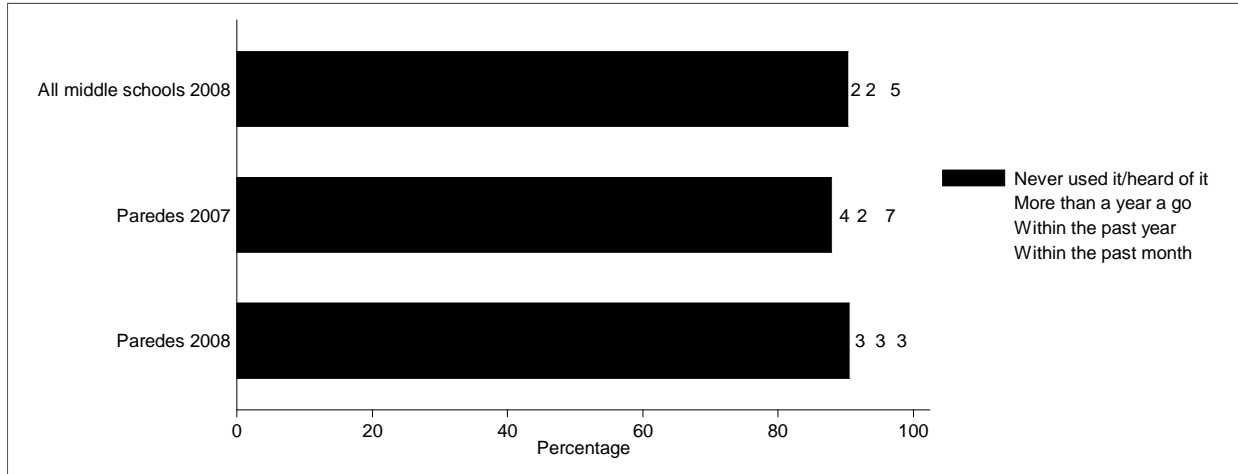
Q39: During this year, how often did you use tobacco (e.g., cigarettes, cigars, chew, etc)?



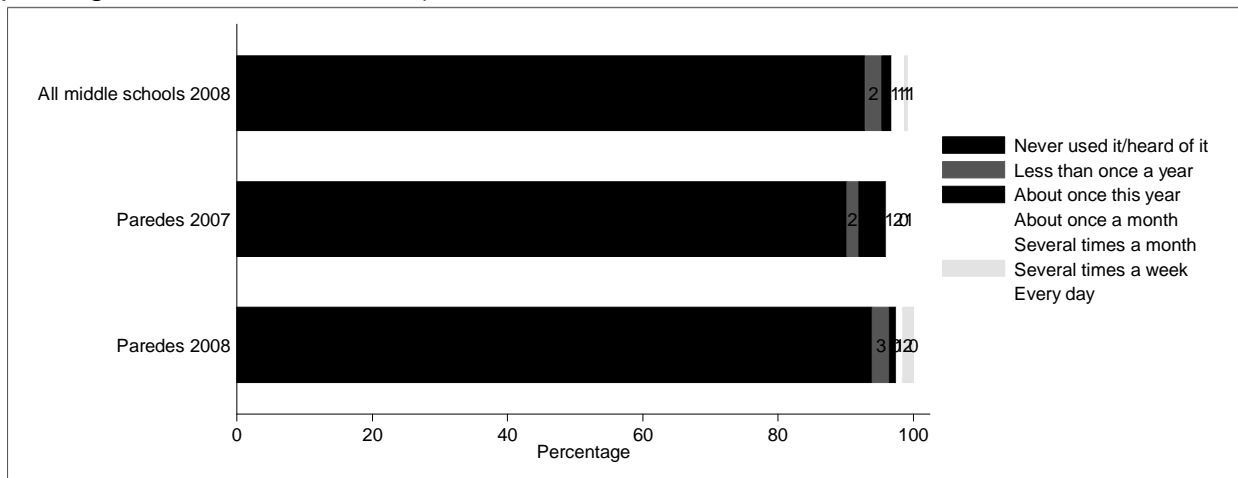
Q26: What is the most recent you have used Marijuana (e.g., pot, weed, joint, blunt, etc.)?



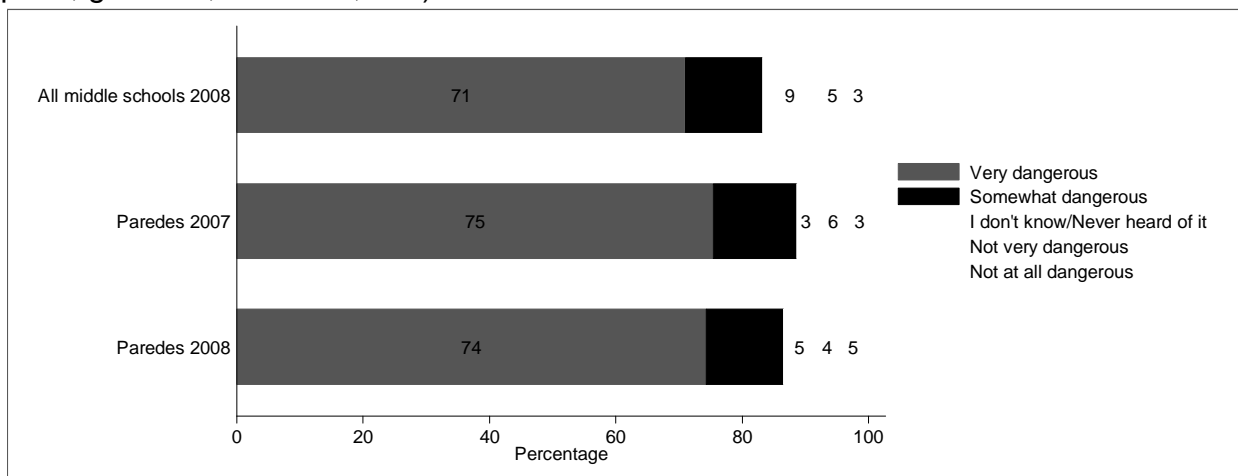
Q27: What is the most recent you have used inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?



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

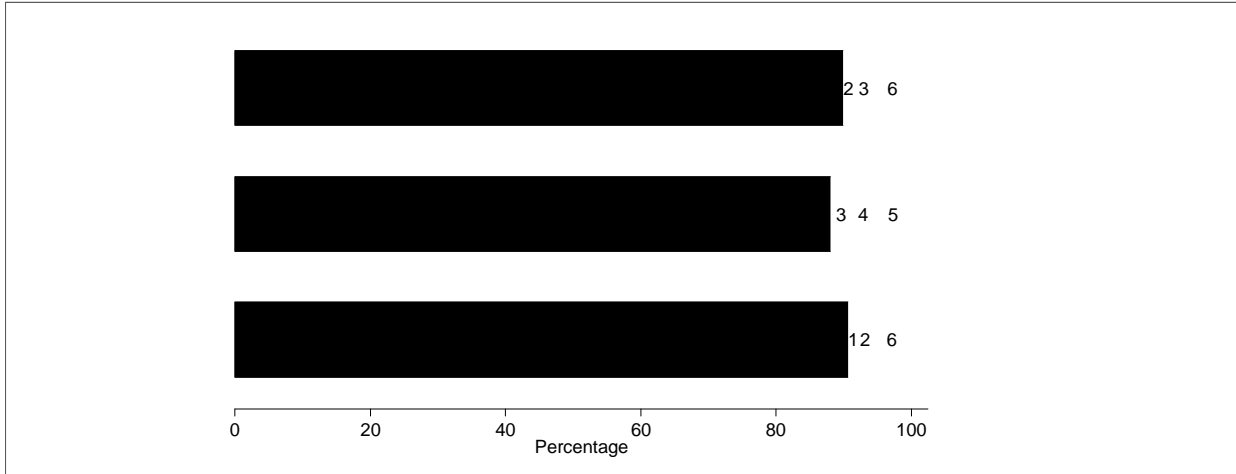


Q55: How dangerous is it for kids your age to use inhalants (things you might sniff, such as glue, paint, gasoline, white out, etc.)?

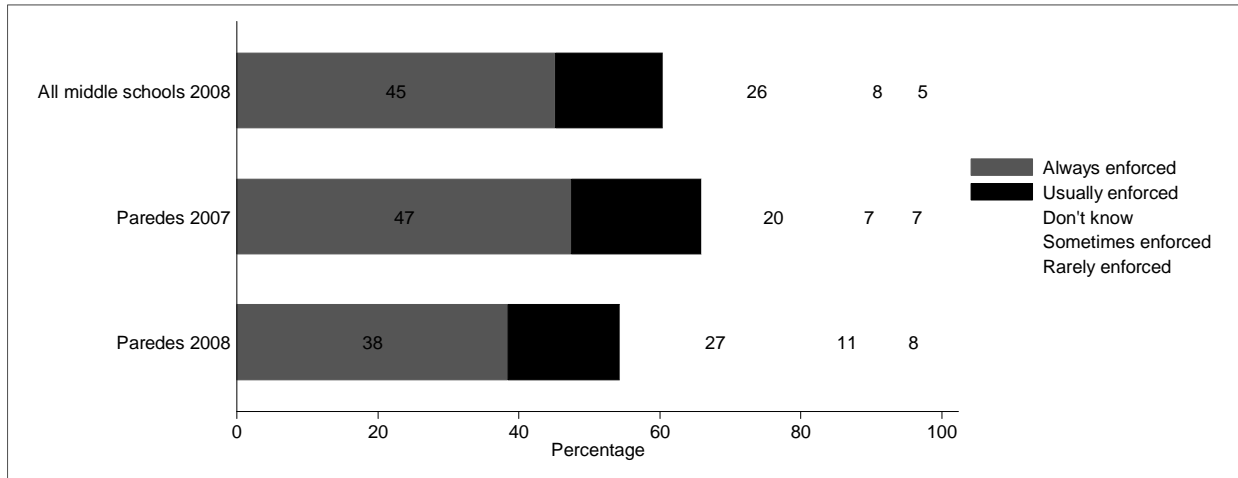


Q28:What is the most recent you have used Over

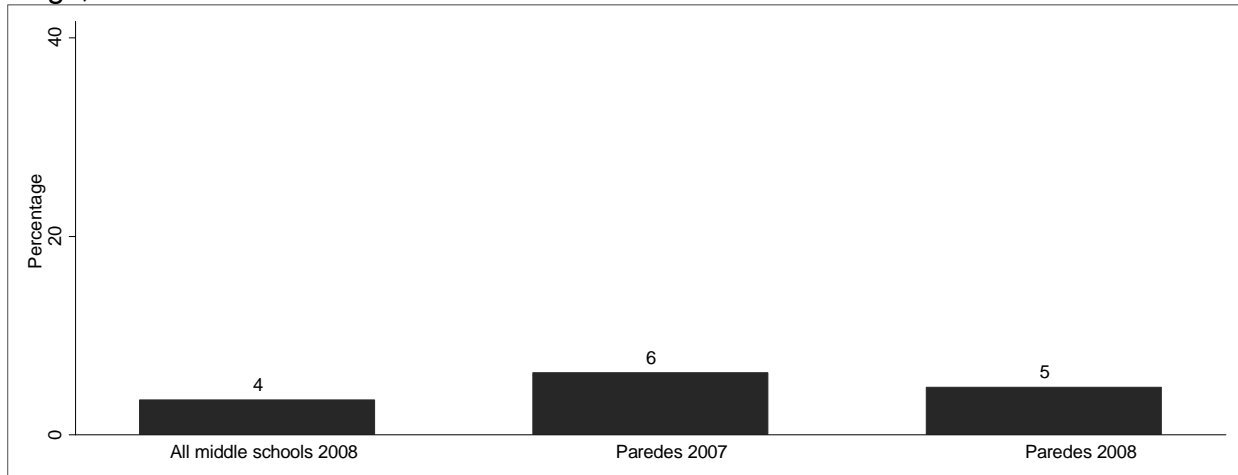
Q29: What is the most recent you have used Prescription Drugs (e.g., Codeine cough syrup, purple drank, Adderall/addy, Xanax/bars, or OxyContin) if it was not prescribed to you to get high?



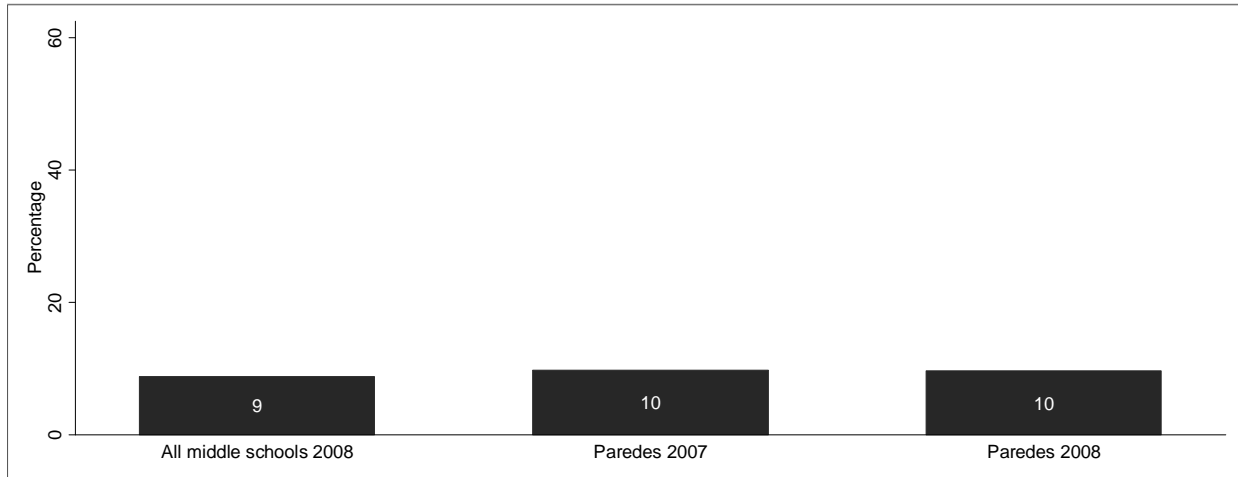
Q12: Are school rules about drug, alcohol, or tobacco use enforced by school staff?



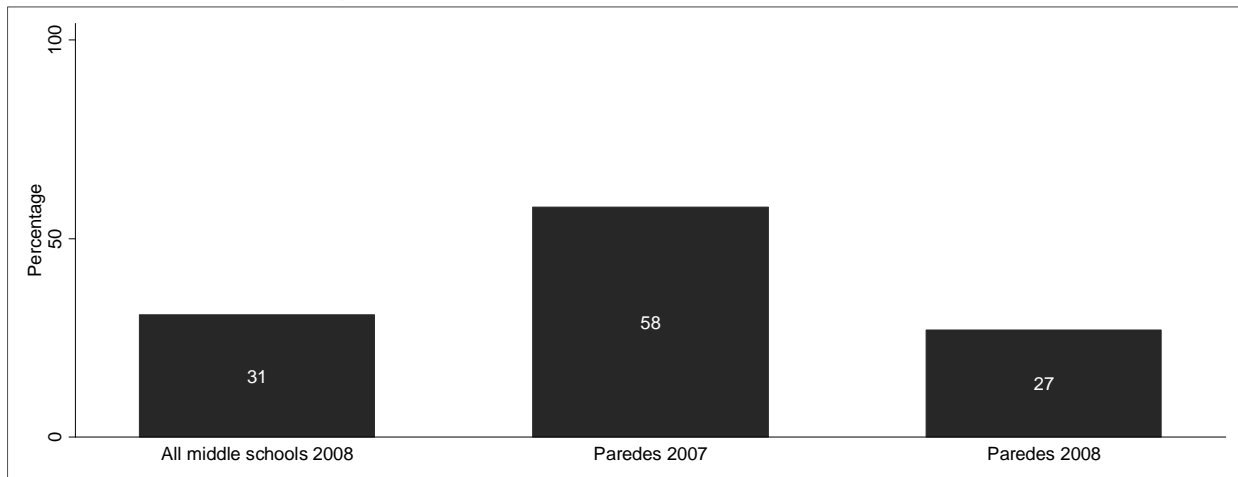
Q37: During this school year, have you gotten in trouble with the police because of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol?



Q38: During this school year, have you attended any class which, 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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