

# Chappaqua Central School District Pride Survey Report 2017-2018 School Year

Prepared by the New Castle United for Youth Coalition

# Background

- In December 2017, the Chappaqua Central School District administered a survey to 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students using the Pride Surveys Questionnaire for Grades 6 through 12 to assess local substance use prevalence rates and related risk and protective factors.
- The survey was funded by New Castle United For Youth.
- The youth survey data was required for the New Castle United for Youth Coalition's Drug Free Communities (DFC) grant.
- Under the terms of the grant, the Coalition will administer surveys every two years to document trends over time and help determine the effectiveness of strategies.
- Survey results will be used by the community and school district to plan prevention programs, evaluate existing prevention initiatives and assess current trends.
- This overview covers the four Core Measures required by the DFC grant.

# Participation Rates

Grade	# of students in survey sample	# of students enrolled	Response Rate
8	258	303	85%
9	257	321	80%
10	252	357	71%
11	208	311	69%
12	152	361	42%
Total	1127	1,653	68%

- Lower response rates may make survey data less reliable.
- The participation rate for 12th graders was less than 50%.

# Past 30 day Use Rates

Use within the past 30 days is considered “current use”

The first percent is CCSD Students.

The percent in parentheses is the national comparison number.

Grade	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
8	0.4% (1.9%)	6.7% (8%)	0.4% (5.5%)	1.6% NA
9	0.8%	8.7%	3.3%	0%
10	2.9% (5%)	29.2% (19.7%)	14.8% (15.7%)	0.4% NA
11	9%	32.2%	25%	6.5%
12	2.8% (9.7%)	42.9% (33.2%)	18.3% (22.9%)	2.1% (4.9%)

- Very few 8<sup>th</sup> graders report the use of any substance and these rates are all below the national levels.
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade cigarette use remains well below the national level while 10<sup>th</sup> grade alcohol use exceeds the national comparisons. Both alcohol and marijuana use increase dramatically between 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade cigarette use continues to remain well below the national level. 12<sup>th</sup> grade alcohol use shows a steep increase over 10<sup>th</sup> grade rates and also exceeds national comparisons.

# Perception of Risk

Percent of respondents who believe that using a drug is risky

Grade	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
8	89.7%	85.7%	78.2%	91.3%
9	84.2%	78.1%	67.6%	89%
10	92.6%	82.4%	64.3%	90.6%
11	90.7%	72.6%	50%	86.1%
12	92.4%	70.6%	41.8%	87.2%

- Research indicates that when young people perceive that using a drug is risky, they are less likely to use it.
- Perception of risk of cigarette and prescription drug misuse remains fairly strong across grades.
- Perception of risk of alcohol use decreases dramatically as youth age; this effect is even more so for risk of marijuana use.

# Perception of Parental Disapproval

Percent of respondents who believe that their parents would disapprove of them using a drug

Grade	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
8	97.2%	90.8%	96.4%	96.8%
9	94.5%	91.3%	92.8%	97%
10	96.2%	92.3%	88.4%	98.3%
11	92.3%	88.6%	78.5%	95.8%
12	95.3%	89.8%	74.4%	97.6%

- Parent disapproval is a key factor in a student's decision to not use drugs.
- CCSD students are most likely to perceive that their parents disapprove of cigarettes and prescription drug misuse..
- As students age, perceptions of parental disapproval decline for alcohol and marijuana.

# Perception of Friends' Disapproval

Percent of respondents who believe that their friends would disapprove of them using a drug

Grade	Cigarettes	Alcohol	Marijuana	Prescription Drugs
8	91.8%	86.6%	89.8%	95.1%
9	76.6%	75.3%	69.7%	85.3%
10	77.2%	75.1%	57.8%	89.1%
11	57.5%	66%	33%	72.3%
12	68.3%	72.5%	32.8%	86.7%

- When teens believe their friends would disapprove of drug use, they are less likely to use.
- Perception of friends' disapproval for each drug declines as youth age. This is especially true for marijuana.
- By 11<sup>th</sup> grade, only 1/3 of students believe that their friends would disapprove of them using marijuana.