

ENGAGING IN RISKY BEHAVIORS

High School

- 47% reported texting while driving
- 25% reported being offered, sold, or given an illegal drug at school
- 13% reported drinking and driving in the past 30 days
- 17% reported being in a physical fight more than once
- 6% reported carrying a weapon (gun, knife, club) on school property in the past 30 days
- 50% reported rarely or never wearing a helmet when biking or skateboarding

Middle School

- 20% reported being in a physical fight more than once
- 15% reported riding in a vehicle with someone who had been drinking in past 30 days
- 1% reported carrying a weapon (gun, knife club) on school property in the past 30 days
- 53% reported rarely or never wearing a helmet when biking or skateboarding

SUICIDE and DEPRESSION

High School Results

- 22% reported seriously considering suicide in the past 12 months
- 10% students reported actually attempting suicide in the past 12 months
- 28% reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more

Middle School Results

- 11% reported seriously considering suicide in the past 12 months
- 7% students reported actually attempting suicide in the past 12 month
- 26% reported feeling sad or hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more

SEXUAL ACTIVITY

High School

- 53% reported having sexual intercourse
- 31% had 2 or more partners
- 34% of sexually active students did NOT use a condom the last time they had sex
- 7% have been forced to have sexual intercourse

Middle School

- 6% reported having sexual intercourse
- 1% had 2 or more partners
- 43% of sexually active students did NOT use a condom the last time they had sex
- 3% have been force to have sexual intercourse

OTHER HEALTH CONCERNS

High School Results

- 41% reported trying to lose weight
- 24% reported spending 4 or more hours playing video or computer games a day

Middle School Results

- 44% reported trying to lose weight
- 26% reported spending 4 or more hours playing video or computer games a day

New Concerns in 2015*

High School and Middle School

- 61% of high school and 22% of middle school students reported using an electronic vapor product
- 12% of high school and 3% of middle school students reported using synthetic marijuana (sometimes called: K2, Spice, Space, fake weed, King Kong, Yucatan Fire, Moon Rocks)

* These questions were not asked in 2013

2015 Local Youth Risk Behavior Survey

The YRBS is sponsored by the Montana Office of Public Instruction and the Centers for Disease Control, the YRBS gathers information about the health risk behaviors of students in grades 7-8 and 9-12. What follows is a “snapshot” of the results of Great Falls Public School high school students and middle school students surveyed in February 2015.

REPORTS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE

High School = 319 students surveyed

Alcohol

- 66% have used alcohol
- 63% of the above started using alcohol at or before age 14
- 23% of all students engaged in binge drinking in the last month. Binge drinking is defined as 5 or more drinks in two hours

Marijuana

- 44% have used marijuana
- 60% of the above started using at or before age 14
- 7% are daily marijuana users

Use of other Drugs

- Prescription Drugs– 19% have used Rx not prescribed to them
- Inhalants– 7% have sniffed inhalants like glue, gas, or Dust-Off to get high
- Ecstasy (MDMA or “molly”)– 5%

Tobacco Use

- 36% students have smoked cigarettes
- 4% report daily use of cigarettes

Middle School = 183 students surveyed

Alcohol

- 31% have used alcohol
- 74% of the above started using alcohol at or before age 14
- 4% of all students engaged in binge drinking in the past month. Binge drinking is defined as 5 or more drinks in two hours

Marijuana

- 8% have used marijuana
- 55% of the above started using at or before age 14
- 1% are daily marijuana users

Use of other Drugs

- Prescription Drugs– 4% have used Rx not prescribed to them
- Inhalants– 7% have sniffed inhalants like glue, gas, or Dust-Off to get high
- Ecstasy (MDMA or “molly”)– 1%

Tobacco Use

- 13% students have smoked cigarettes
- .5% report daily use of cigarettes

REPORTS OF BULLYING

High School Results

- 23% reported being bullied on school property
- 18% reported being bullied electronically (Facebook, Twitter, Texting, or E-mail)
- 13% reported being teased/bullied because of their sexual orientation
- 4% did not attend school on 1 or more days because they did not feel safe

Middle School Results

- 31% reported being bullied on school property
- 19% reported being bullied electronically (Facebook, Twitter, Texting, or E-mail)
- 23% reported being teased/bullied because of their sexual orientation
- 6% did not attend school on 1 or more days because they did not feel safe

GOOD NEWS! STUDENTS WHO LIVE ABOVE THE INFLUENCE

- 75% of high school students reported wearing their seat belt most or all of the time (1,781 students)
- 86% of middle school students reported wearing their seat belt most or all of the time (1,053 students)
- 88% of high school students reported they did NOT smoke cigarettes in the past 30 days (1,871 students)
- 33% of high school students have never used alcohol and 56% have never used marijuana
- 97% of high school and 100% of middle school students have never used meth