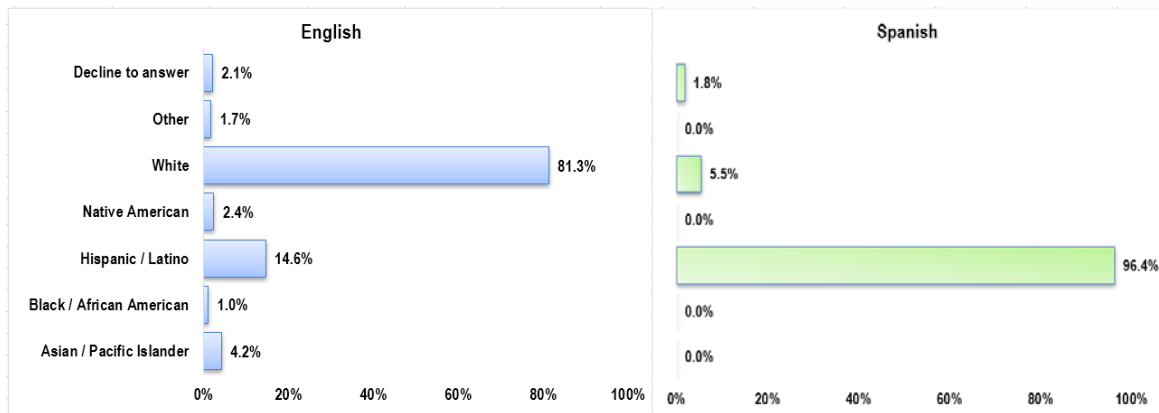


Hood River County Prevention Department 2019 Hood River Middle School 6-12 Parent Survey

In September 2019, the Hood River County Prevention Department surveyed parents of students at Hood River Middle School. The purpose of the survey was to ask parents what they think about youth substance use. Many of the survey questions were based on the Oregon Healthy Teens Survey and the Oregon Student Wellness Survey, which are given to middle and high school students. Parents could take the survey in either English or Spanish, on a tablet or paper. The survey was completed by 349 parents, 290 in English and 59 in Spanish. This report shows the results from the survey.

How do you identify?

This is the ethnicity breakdown of Hood River Middle School parents who took the Parent Survey.



n = 343

Parent Attitudes Toward Teen Substance Use

For all Hood River County students in grades 6 through 12, what are the top issues that concern you the most?

English Speaking Parents		Spanish Speaking Parents	
The top four (4) issues are:	%	%	The top four (4) issues are:
Social pressure faced by teens	53.5	84.2	Teen drug use
Teen depression	39.2	70.2	Teens being harassed by other students
Teens being harassed by other students	36.0	49.1	Teen alcohol use
Cyber Bullying	35.0	29.8	Crime / violence / stealing

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8th graders have a good understanding of what parents think when they are asked about substance use by middle schoolers.

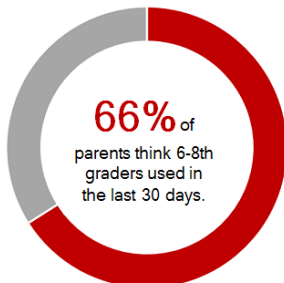
Students in 8 th grade		Parents of middle school students
Think their parents feel it would be wrong or very wrong for them to:		Feel it would be wrong or very wrong for their child to:
97.1	Drink beer, wine, or liquor regularly	98.6
98.1	Smoke cigarettes	99.2
98.0	Use marijuana	99.2

Source: 2018 Hood River Middle School Oregon Student Wellness Survey, Hood River County SD; Hood River County Prevention Department 2019 Hood River Middle School Parent Survey n=348 for alcohol, 347 for cigarettes, and 347 for marijuana

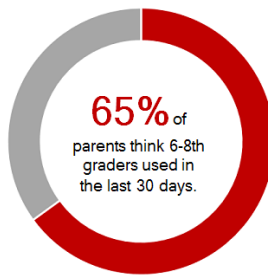
Parent Perception of Teen Substance Use

In general, both English and Spanish speaking parents of Hood River Middle School students (6th through 8th graders) think that more teens are using drugs and alcohol than teens say they are. When parents think that teen substance use is normal, it can lead to more teens using drugs and alcohol.

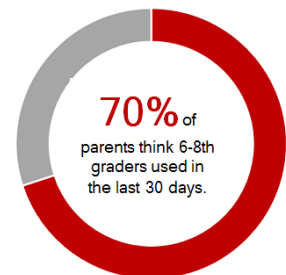
20.4% of 8th graders reported using alcohol, including beer, wine, and liquor in the last 30 days:



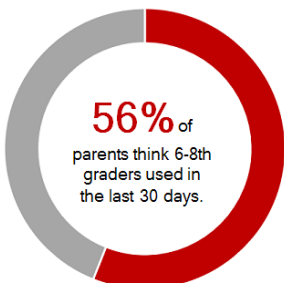
9.3% of 8th graders reported using marijuana in the last 30 days:



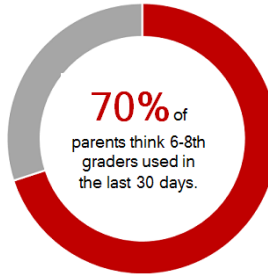
0.0% of 8th graders reported using e-cigarettes or other vaping product in the last 30 days:



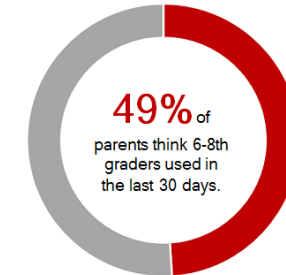
1.0% of 8th graders reported using prescription drugs without a doctor's order in the last 30 days:



2.0% of 8th graders reported smoking cigarettes in the last 30 days:



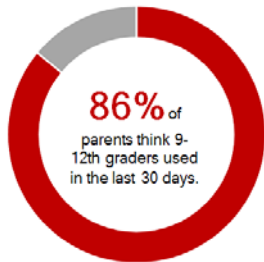
2.0% of 8th graders reported using illicit drugs in the last 30 days:



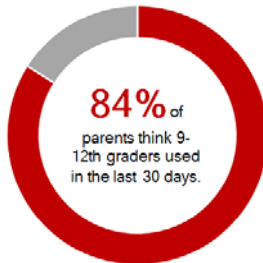
Source: 2018 Hood River Middle School Oregon Student Wellness Survey, Hood River County SD; Hood River County Prevention Department 2019 Parent Survey for Hood River Middle School; n=314 for alcohol, 311 for marijuana, 316 for e-cigarettes, 317 for prescription drugs, 319 for cigarettes, and 317 for illicit drugs

English and Spanish speaking parents think that more teens (9th through 12th grade) are using drugs and alcohol than teens say they are.

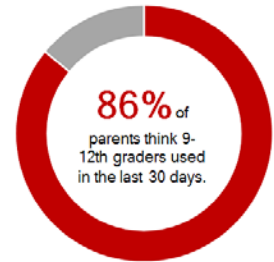
34.6% of 11th graders reported using **alcohol**, including beer, wine, and liquor in the last 30 days:



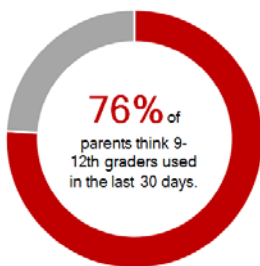
25.5% of 11th graders reported using **marijuana** in the last 30 days:



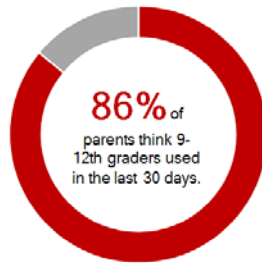
26.6% of 11th graders reported using **e-cigarettes** or other vaping product in the last 30 days:



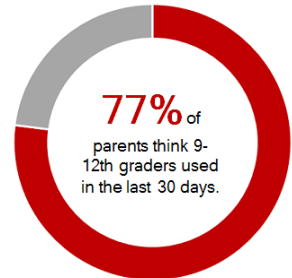
2.5% of 11th graders reported using **prescription drugs** without a doctor's order in the last 30 days:



3.4% of 11th graders reported smoking **cigarettes** in the last 30 days:



2.1% of 11th graders reported using **illicit drugs** in the last 30 days:



Source: 2018 Oregon Student Wellness Survey, Hood River County SD; Hood River County Prevention Department 2019 Parent Survey for Hood River Middle School; n=304 for alcohol, 300 for marijuana, 306 for e-cigarettes, 305 for prescription drugs, 306 for cigarettes, and 306 for illicit drugs

Parent Involvement in the Prevention of Teen Substance Use

Compared to parents who responded in English, parents who responded in Spanish are less likely to believe that they have an influence on their child's decision to use or not to use drugs.

97% of parents who responded in English and responded in Spanish agree that they have an influence on their child's decision to use or not to use drugs. **60%** of parents who responded in Spanish have an influence on their child's decision to use or not to use drugs.

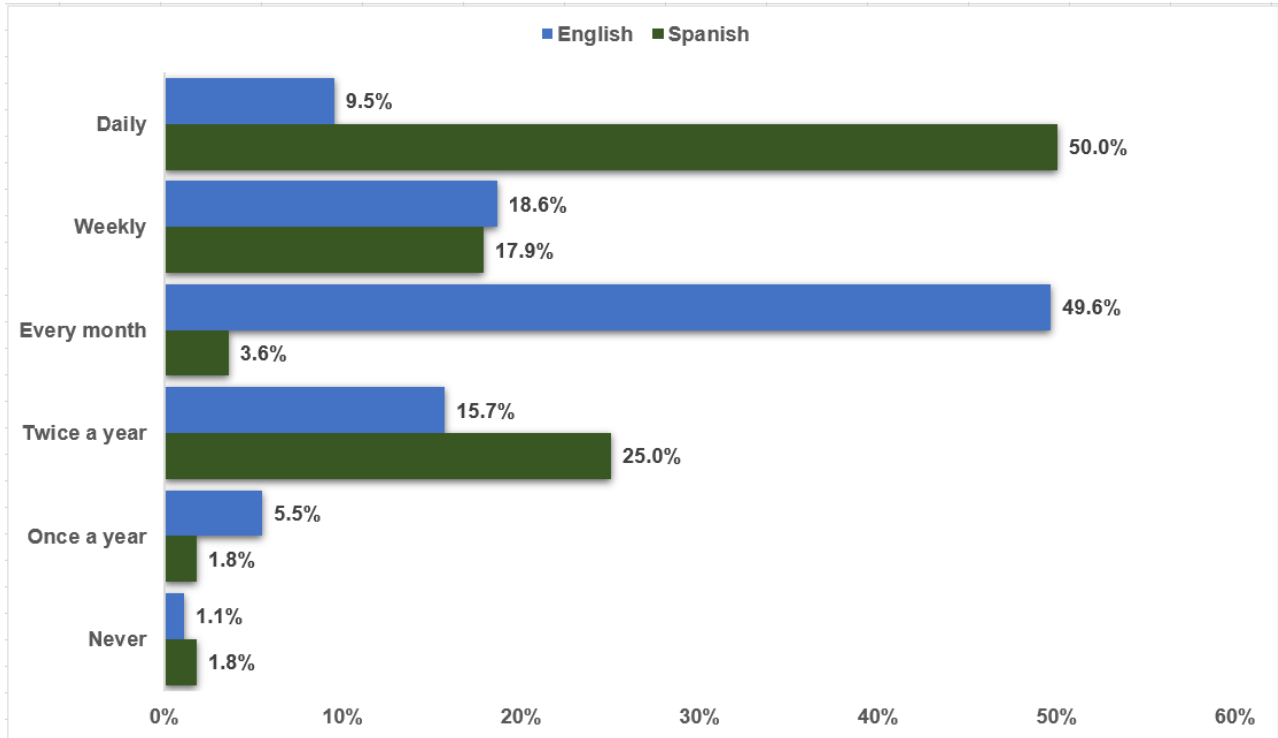
Both English and Spanish speaking parents of Hood River Middle School students agree that using nicotine, alcohol, marijuana, and illicit drugs in front of children has negative consequences.

n=340 for nicotine, 337 for alcohol, 341 for illicit drugs, and 340 for marijuana

Talking About Substance Use

Parents who responded in Spanish tend to talk to their child about substance use more often than parents who responded in English.

How often do you talk to your child about NOT using alcohol, marijuana, inhalants, prescription drugs, over the counter drugs, or cocaine?

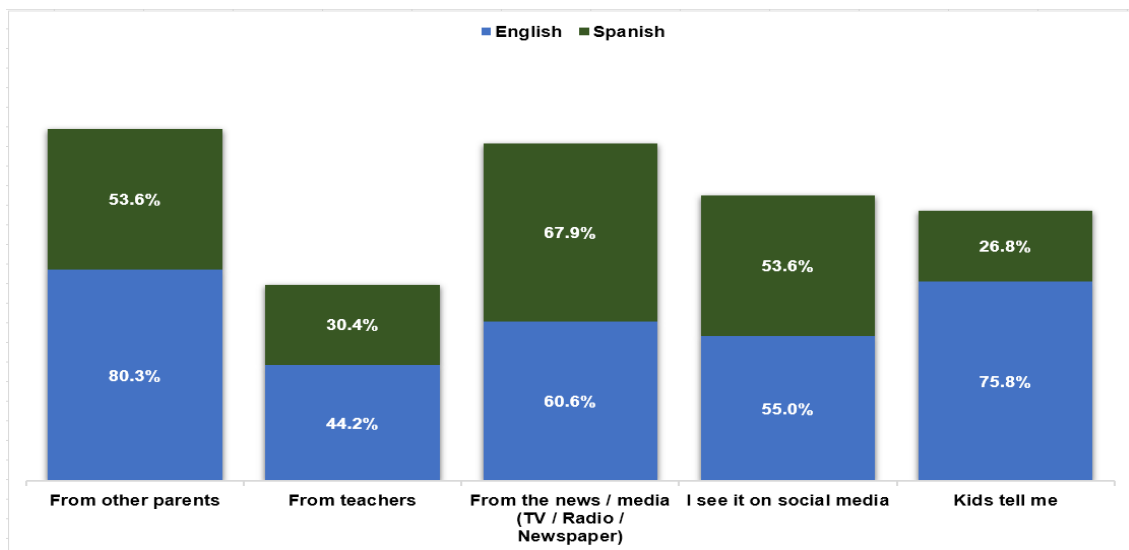


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Where do you get your information about teen use of drugs and alcohol?

Parents who responded in Spanish

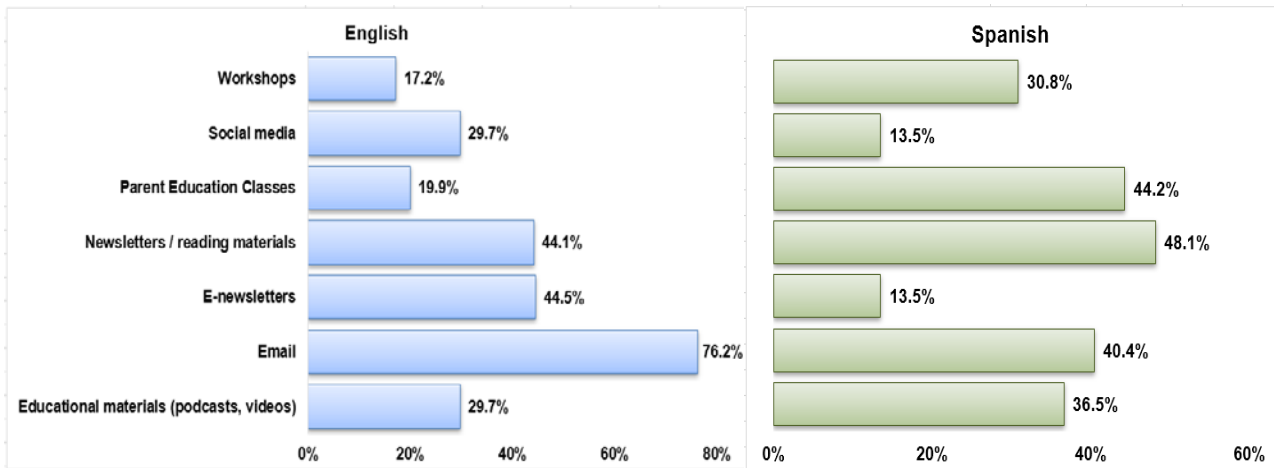
Parents who responded in English



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Educating Parents about Teen Substance Use

How would you like to receive information on preventing drinking and using drugs?



n=308

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