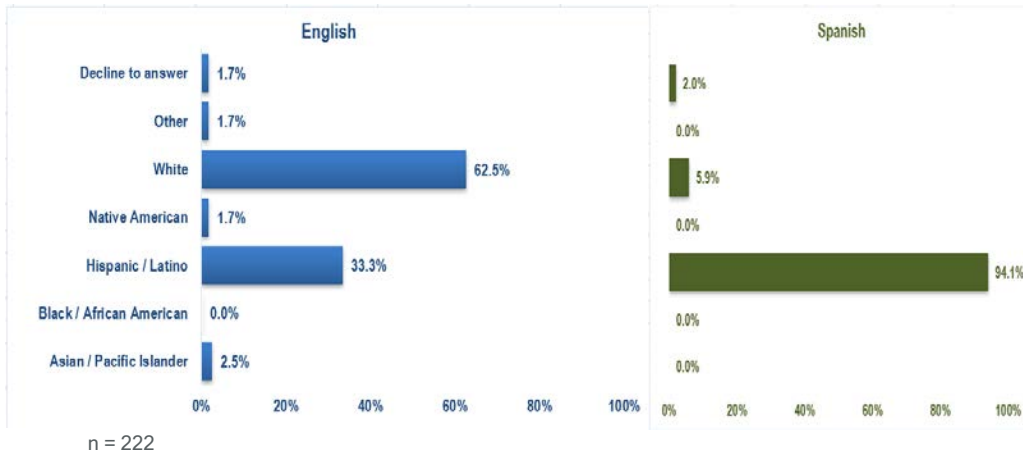


Hood River County Prevention Department 2019 Wy'east Middle School 6-12 Parent Survey

In August 2019, the Hood River County Prevention Department surveyed parents of students at Wy'east 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 229 parents, 122 in English and 107 in Spanish. This report shows the results from the survey.

How do you identify?

This is the ethnicity breakdown of Wy'east Middle School parents who took the Parent Survey.



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	52.6	80.6	Teen drug use
Teens being harassed by other students	42.2	63.3	Teens being harassed by other students
Teen drug use	41.4	48.0	Teen alcohol use
Teen depression	31.9	23.5	Crime / violence / stealing

n = 214

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

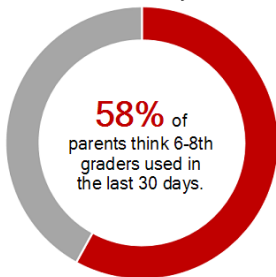
Students in 8 th grade		All parents of middle school students
Think their parents feel it would be wrong or very wrong for them to:		Feel it would be wrong or very for their child to:
91.4	Drink beer, wine, or liquor regularly	96.9%
100.0	Smoke cigarettes	96.9%
97.8	Use marijuana	97.4%

Source: 2018 Wy'east Middle School Oregon Student Wellness Survey, Hood River County SD; Hood River County Prevention Department 2019 Wy'east Middle School Parent Survey n=221 for alcohol, 221 for cigarettes, and 222 for marijuana

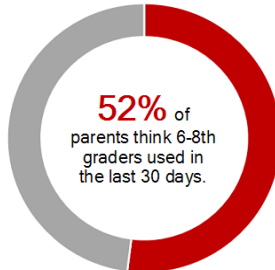
Parent Perception of Teen Substance Use

In general, both English and Spanish speaking parents of Wy'east 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.

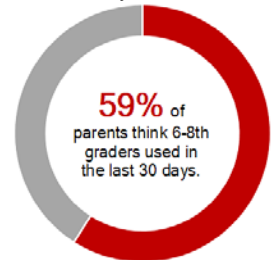
21.3% of 8th graders reported using alcohol, including beer, wine, and liquor in the last 30 days:



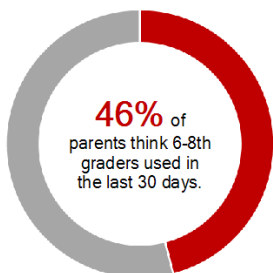
6.8% of 8th graders reported using marijuana in the last 30 days:



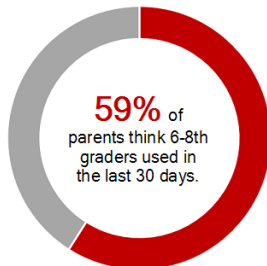
0.0% of 8th graders reported using e-cigarettes or other vaping product in the last 30 days:



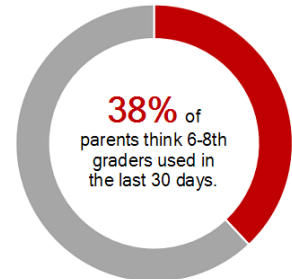
1.1% of 8th graders reported using Prescription drugs without a doctor's order in the last 30 days:



3.4% of 8th graders reported smoking cigarettes in the last 30 days:



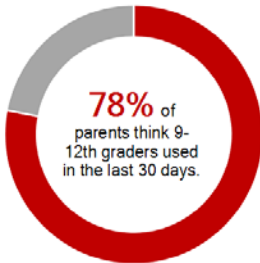
2.2% of 8th graders reported using illicit drugs in the last 30 days:



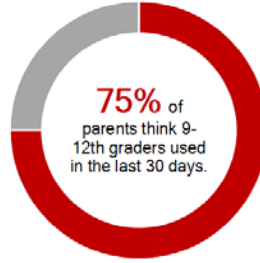
Source: 2018 Wy'east Middle School Oregon Student Wellness Survey, Hood River County SD; Hood River County Prevention Department 2019 Parent Survey for Wy'east Middle School; n=202 for alcohol, 188 for marijuana, 198 for e-cigarettes, 198 for prescription drugs, 199 for cigarettes, and 198 for illicit drugs

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

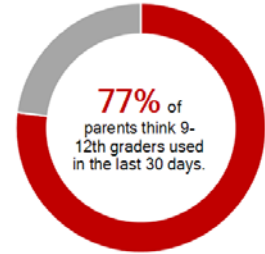
34.6% of 11th graders reported using **alcohol**, including beer, wine, and liquor in the last 30 days:



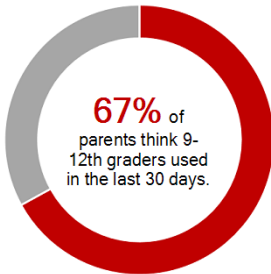
25.5% of 11th graders reported using **marijuana** in the last 30 days:



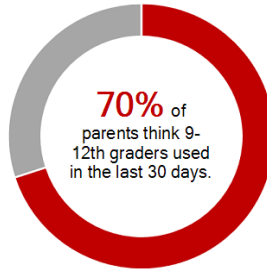
26.6% of 11th graders reported using **e-cigarettes** or other vaping product in the last 30 days:



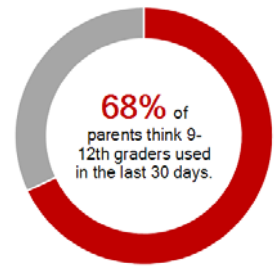
2.5% of 11th graders reported using **prescription drugs** without a doctor's order in the last 30 days:



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 Wy'east Middle School; n=191 for alcohol, 185 for marijuana, 190 for e-cigarettes, 191 for prescription drugs, 194 for cigarettes, and 193 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.

91% of parents who responded in English and responded in Spanish agree that they their child's decision to use or not to use

65% of parents who have an influence on drugs.

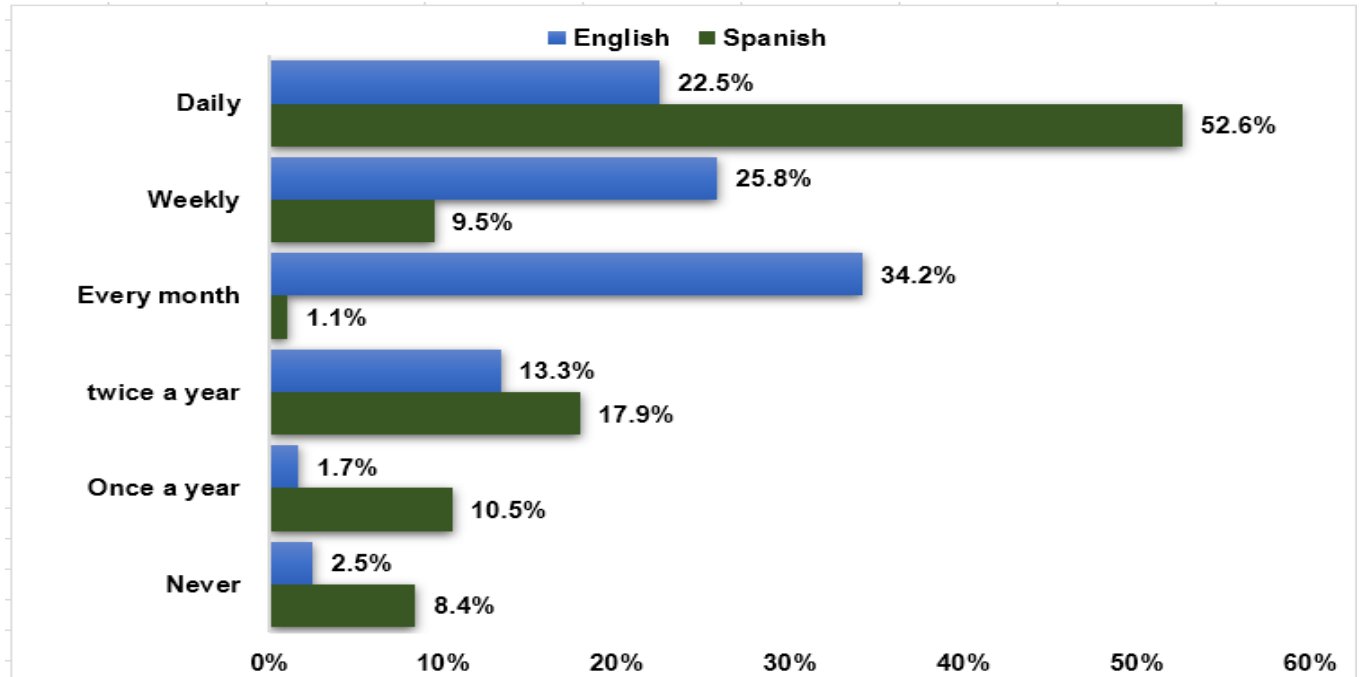
Both English and Spanish speaking parents of Wy'east Middle School students agree that using nicotine, alcohol, marijuana, and illicit drugs in front of children has negative consequences.

n=216 for nicotine, 217 for alcohol, 216 for illicit drugs, and 215 for marijuana

Talking About Substance Use

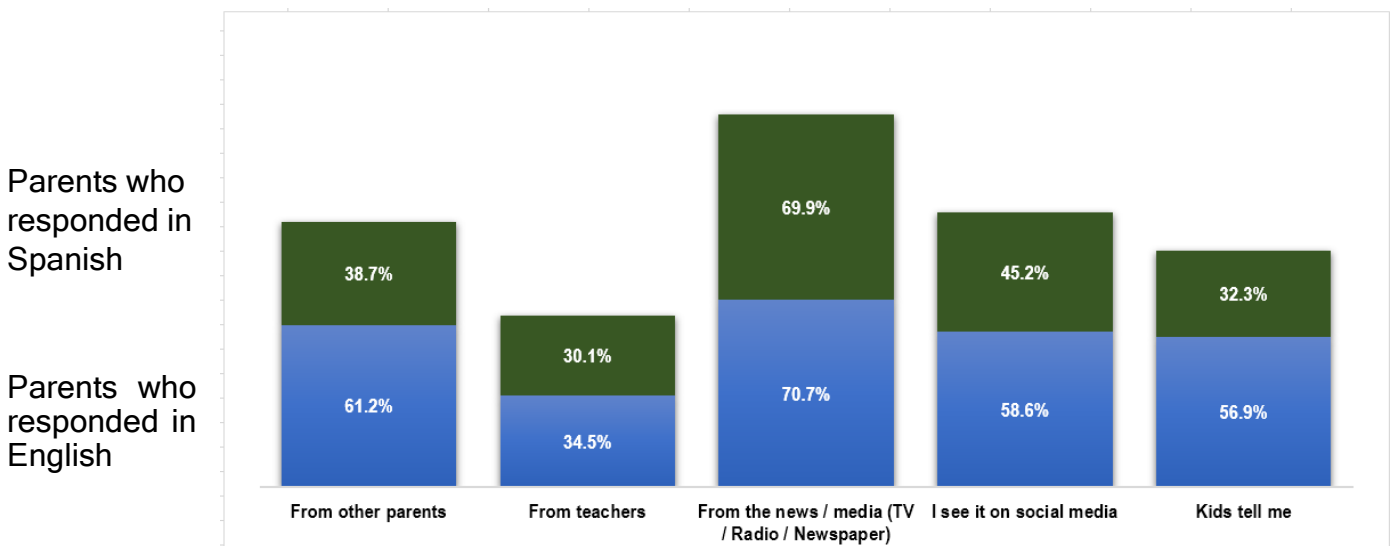
Parents who responded in Spanish tend to talk to their child about substance use more often than parents who responded in English.

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



n=215

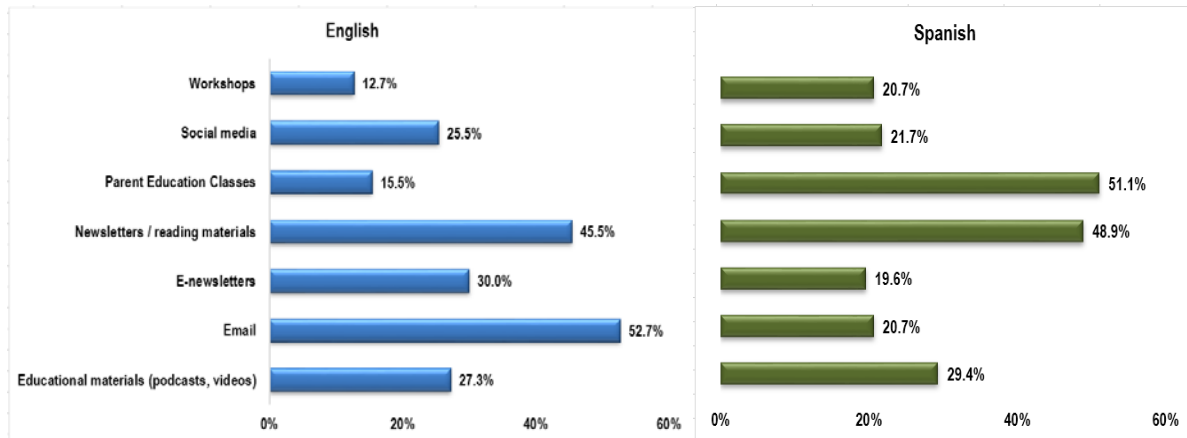
Where do you get your information about teen use of drugs and alcohol?



n=209

Educating Parents about Teen Substance Use

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



n=202

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