

STUDENTS' SCHOOL EXPERIENCE

- About one-third of students (34%) were in a vocational program in their school.
- Reported grades were, on average mostly B's (40% of students), with 32% averaging mostly C's, 20% averaging mostly A's, and 8%, mostly D's and F's.
- Eleven percent of students had been suspended or expelled from school once since 9th grade, and another 9% had been suspended or expelled at least twice. Thus, 1 student in 5 had ever been suspended or expelled from school.
- Two percent of students claimed that most or all of their friends had already dropped out of school. Thirteen percent of students had some friends who had dropped out, while 42% of students had a few friends who had left school prematurely. About 43% of students had no friends who had dropped out of school.

Attitudes to School

Thirty-eight percent of students report often or almost always hating being in school. Sixty-nine percent report often or always doing their best work in school, and 7% report rarely or never doing their best work in school. Sixteen percent report often or almost always finding school work hard, with almost 25% of students reporting often or almost always fooling around in class.

Eleven percent said they often or always fail to do homework assignments, and 5% said they frequently get sent to the office. Finally, chronic school absenteeism due to skipping was reported by 8% of students.

LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES

Finally, among leisure time activities that may predispose students to AOD use, abuse and problems are unstructured time, lack of participation in positive activities at school, church and in sports, and participation in more negative activities, such as going to taverns, bars or nightclubs, riding around in a car or motorcycle just for fun, and frequently going to parties.

The most common leisure time activities practiced most of the time that students were not in school were getting together with friends informally or hanging out (60%) and participating in sports, athletics or exercise (45%).

Thirty-eight percent of students reported that in their leisure time they often or most of the time rode around in cars or on motorcycles. Thirty-six percent spent most of their spare time on homework.