

DARIEN'S THRIVING YOUTH TASK FORCE SURVEY RESULTS

In 2018, Darien 7-12th grade students responded to a survey asking about their sources of strength and support (or "developmental assets") as well as their engagement with risky behaviors. Darien parents took a corresponding survey about their attitudes and perspectives regarding teen substance use.

2018 STUDENT & PARENT SURVEY OVERVIEW

1,891

students completed
the survey

41

surveys were
excluded

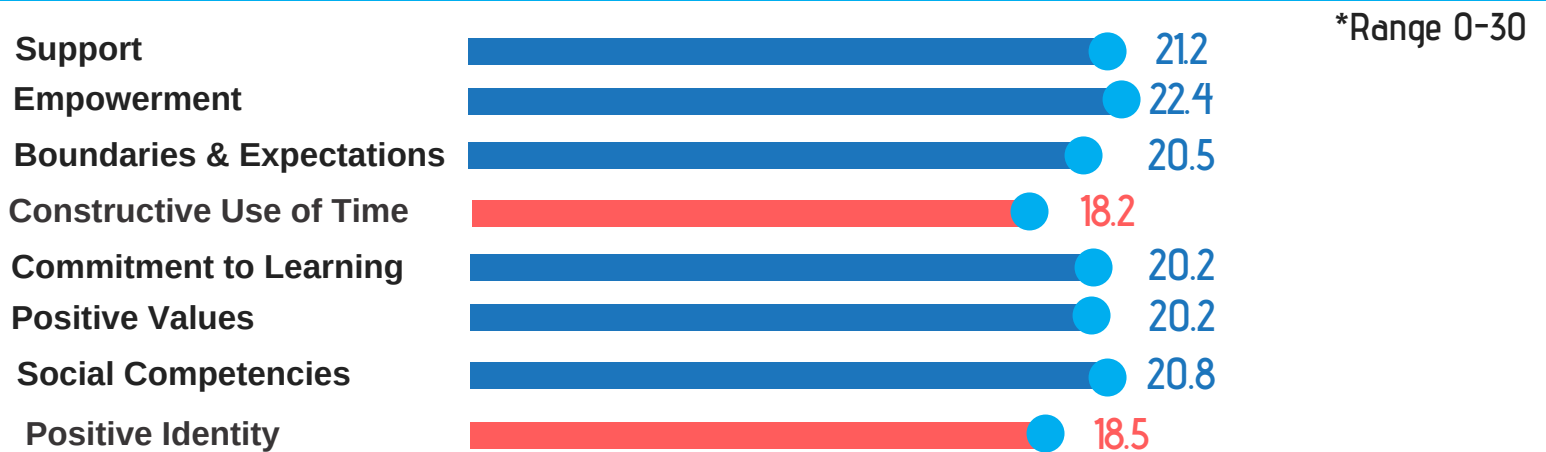
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6-12th grade parents
completed the survey

27%

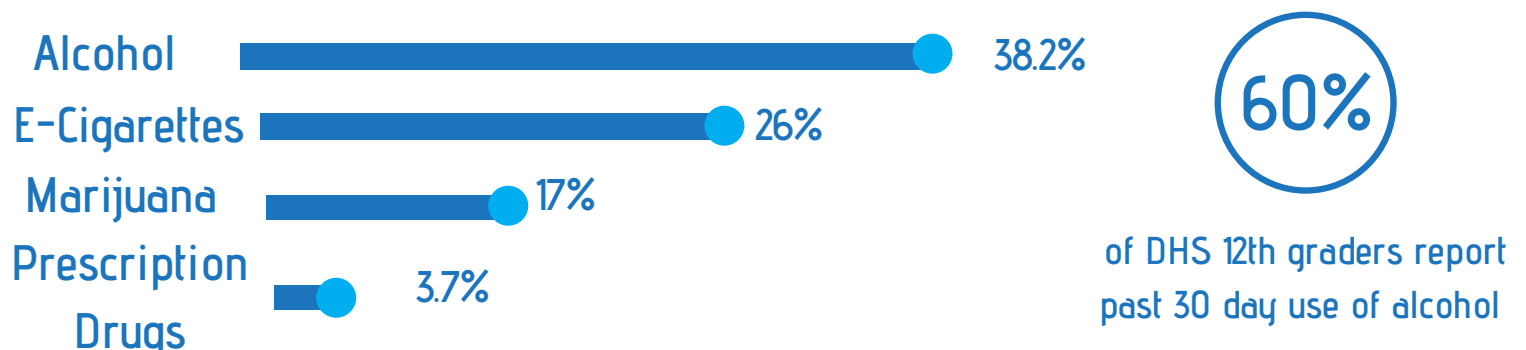
Parent response rate

9-12th GRADE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSET OVERVIEW



Challenged: 0-14 • **Vulnerable:** 15-20 • **Adequate:** 21-25 • Thriving: 26-30

9-12th GRADE PAST 30 DAY SUBSTANCE USE OVERVIEW



WHERE ARE WE STRONG?

Support



Students report experiencing high levels of support and care at home.

Empowerment



Students report feeling valued by this community.

Learning



Students report feeling equipped to succeed academically.

WHERE CAN WE DO BETTER?

Constructive Use of Time



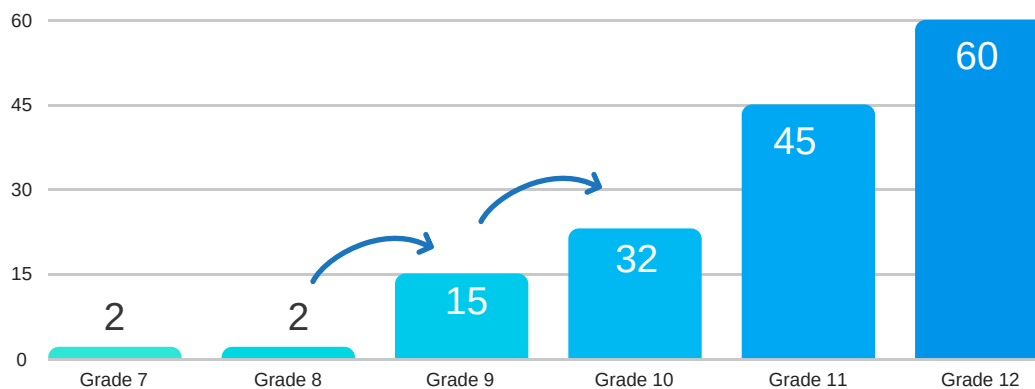
These assets include: creative activities, youth programs, religious community and unstructured time at home.

Positive Identity



These assets include: sense of personal power, self-esteem, sense of purpose and positive view of personal future.

STUDENTS REPORT PAST 30 DAY ALCOHOL USE BY GRADE



*Note the increase in alcohol consumption from 8th grade to 9th and 9th to 10th.

DID YOU KNOW...

Decades of research have shown that young people with higher levels of assets are physically and mentally healthier, more caring, more productive and involved in their community and less likely to use drugs and alcohol. To learn more, visit www.search-institute.org. To learn more about teen drinking in our community, visit www.ourdarien.com.

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