



Pre-Prom Program

April 1, 2024
7:00pm
SHS Library

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Welcome & Agenda

- Review raffle process + tonight's program - Ms. Galvin
- Review Social Host Law - Chief Thompson
- Share youth substance use data: positive trends, concerning trends, and comparisons - Bradley
- Share resources/guidance for parents and caregivers - Mr. Ranieri and Ms. Galvin
- Celebrate with prizes
- Prom FAQs + Ticket Sales - Mr. Kermond, Ms. Hayden and Students

Understanding the Social Host Law

~ Chief Thompson

Underage Drinking Campaign

Preventing underage drinking is everyone's responsibility.

For more information on the consequences of using a Fake ID or providing alcohol to minors in Massachusetts, please visit this website:



scituateFACTS.org/consequences



“Preventing underage drinking is everyone’s responsibility.”

Providing alcohol to minors in Massachusetts is a crime.

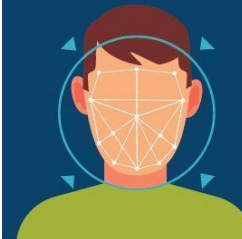
- Up to \$2,000 in fines
- Up to one year in jail
- Social hosts may also be liable for substantial civil penalties in Massachusetts (MGL Chapter 138 § 34)

It is illegal to sell or furnish alcohol to a person under age 21. This includes selling, delivering, supplying, buying for, giving, ordering at a bar, or otherwise furnishing alcohol to someone under the age of 21, including allowing them to drink alcohol at your home, boat, or other premise under your control.



Using a Fake ID in Massachusetts is a crime.

- A minor under age 21 caught with a Fake ID will be fined \$300 and summoned to appear in District Court
- Charges that may result will appear on criminal record with possible negative implications for college and future employment
- RMV may also suspend driver's license for 180 days
- Additional charges and fees may also apply



Fake IDs have serious consequences

Like a potential criminal record with implications for college and future employment. Preventing underage drinking is everyone's responsibility.



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Massachusetts Social Host Law MGL Ch. 138 § 34

Selling or Furnishing Alcohol to Person Under 21 in Massachusetts:

- It is illegal for adults to allow underage drinking in their homes, even if they are not home.
- The social host liability law applies to whoever furnishes alcohol even if that person is also under age 21. *For example, an 18-year old hosting a drinking party, or sharing their alcohol with someone under age 21, can be criminally charged.*
- Adults are responsible for underage drinking *even if they are not at home or the place of the event.*
 - The Massachusetts Social Host Liability Law applies any time you believe a party will take place at your home or any place you have control over, such as a hotel room, boat, campsite, party venue, or rental property.
- A person hosting a gathering but not providing alcohol can also be held liable if they knowingly allow underage guests to consume alcohol which the underage person brought themselves on a premise under their control, including a campsite or gathering where the adult had the authority or ability to regulate activity on the premises.
- The only exception to this law is Parents or Grandparents, meaning they may legally provide alcohol to their own children or grandchildren under the age of 21 only, on their own private property only.

Penalties for Criminal Conviction – Social Host:

Up to \$2,000 in fines, up to one year in jail, or both, as decided by the sentencing judge.

Social hosts may also be liable for substantial civil penalties in Massachusetts.

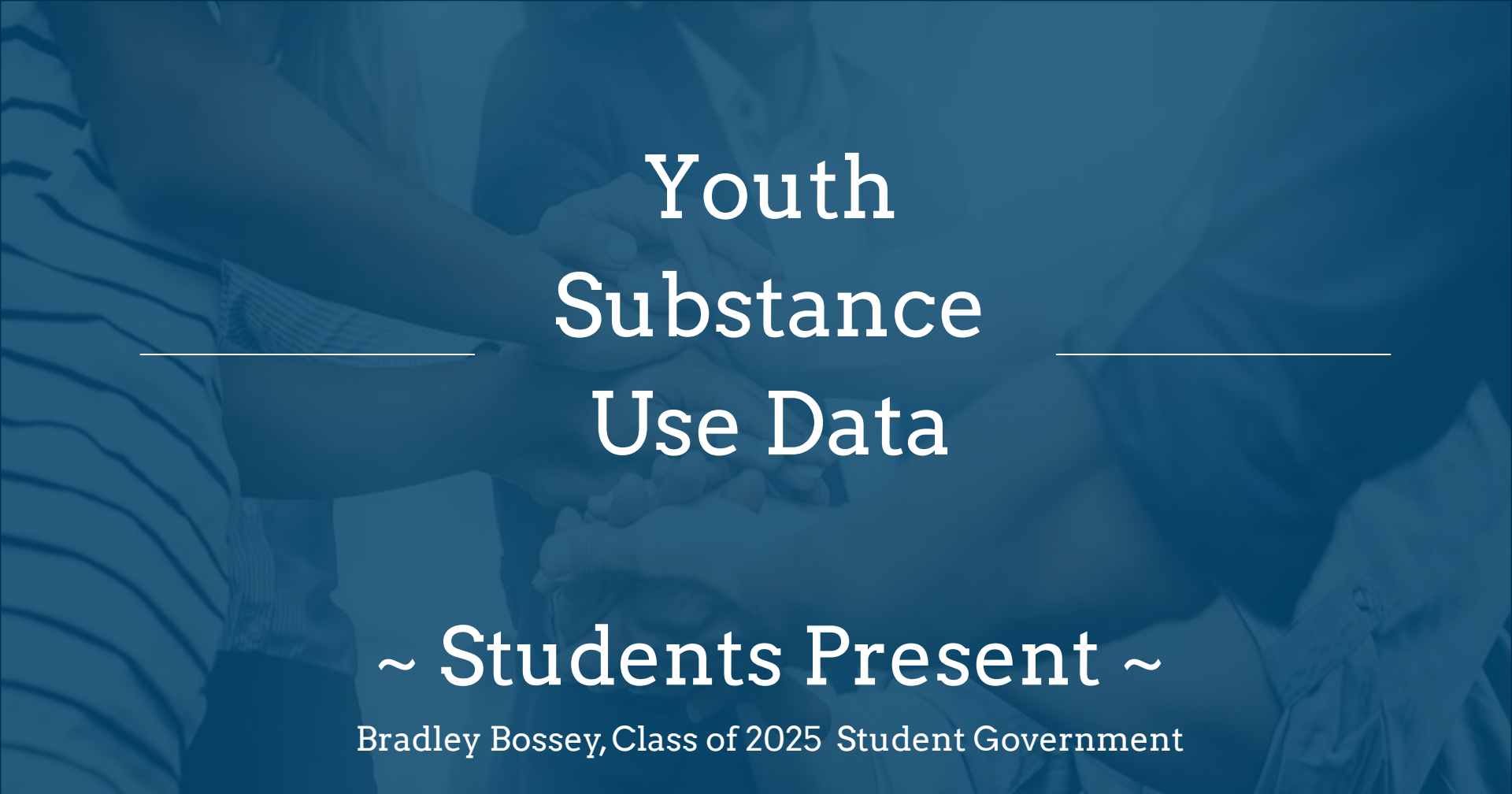
Summary: Social Host Law

- Am I breaking the law if I allow my child's underage guests to consume alcohol in my home? **YES**
- Can I be sued if my child or an underage guest drinks alcohol and injures him/herself or another? **YES**
- What if my child allows underage guests to drink or possess alcohol at my home or property I control?
You and your child may face criminal charges & civil liability.
- Will my homeowner's policy cover the costs of litigation and judgement against me or my child?
Unlikely. If you are charged criminally, your policy will not apply. If it does apply, limits of your policy will likely be too small to cover the legal fees and substantial awarded damages.

More information

www.scituatefacts.org/consequences





Youth Substance Use Data

~ Students Present ~

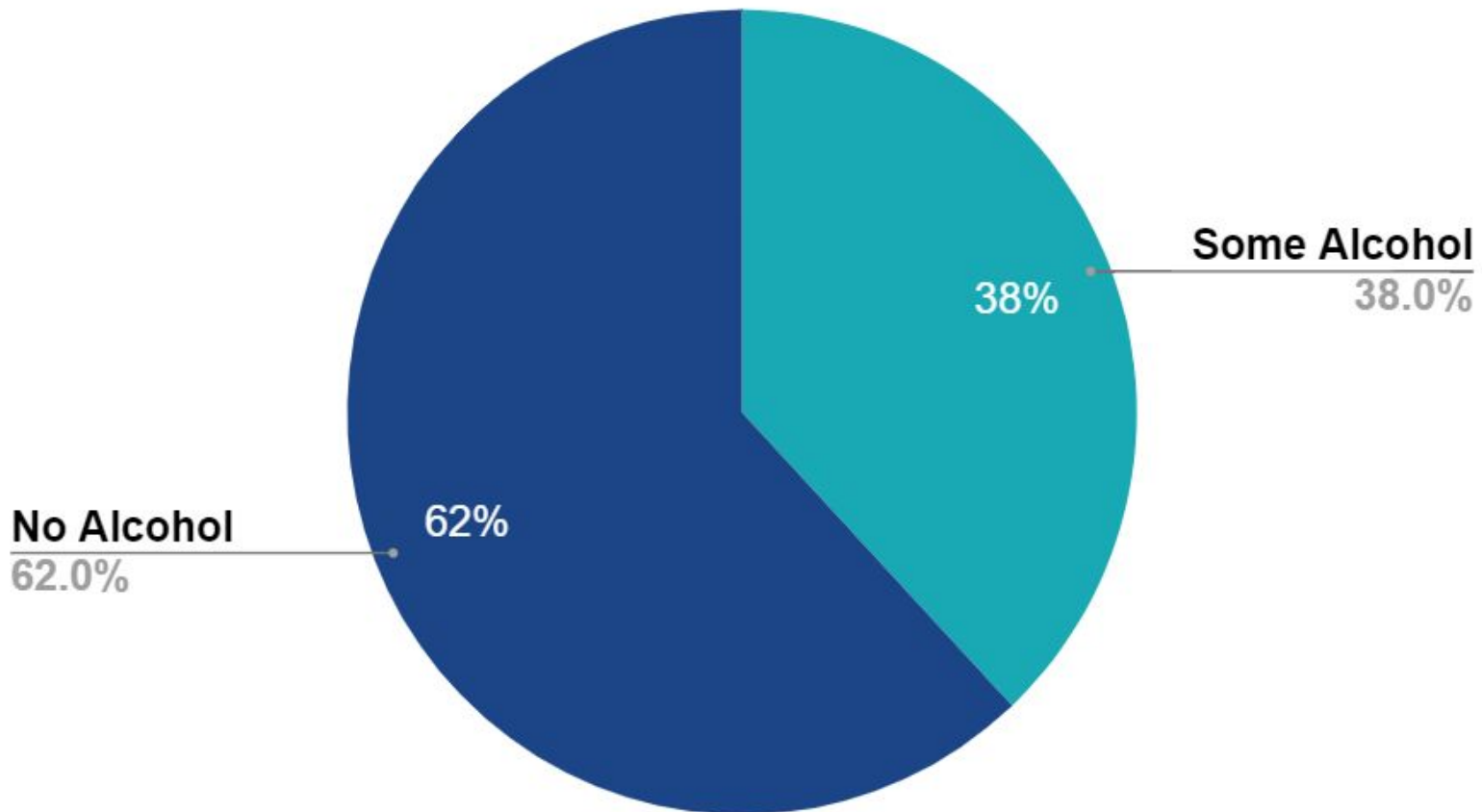
Bradley Bossey, Class of 2025 Student Government

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Most students in the Class of 2025 do not use alcohol

In the past 30 days, did you have one or more drinks of alcohol?

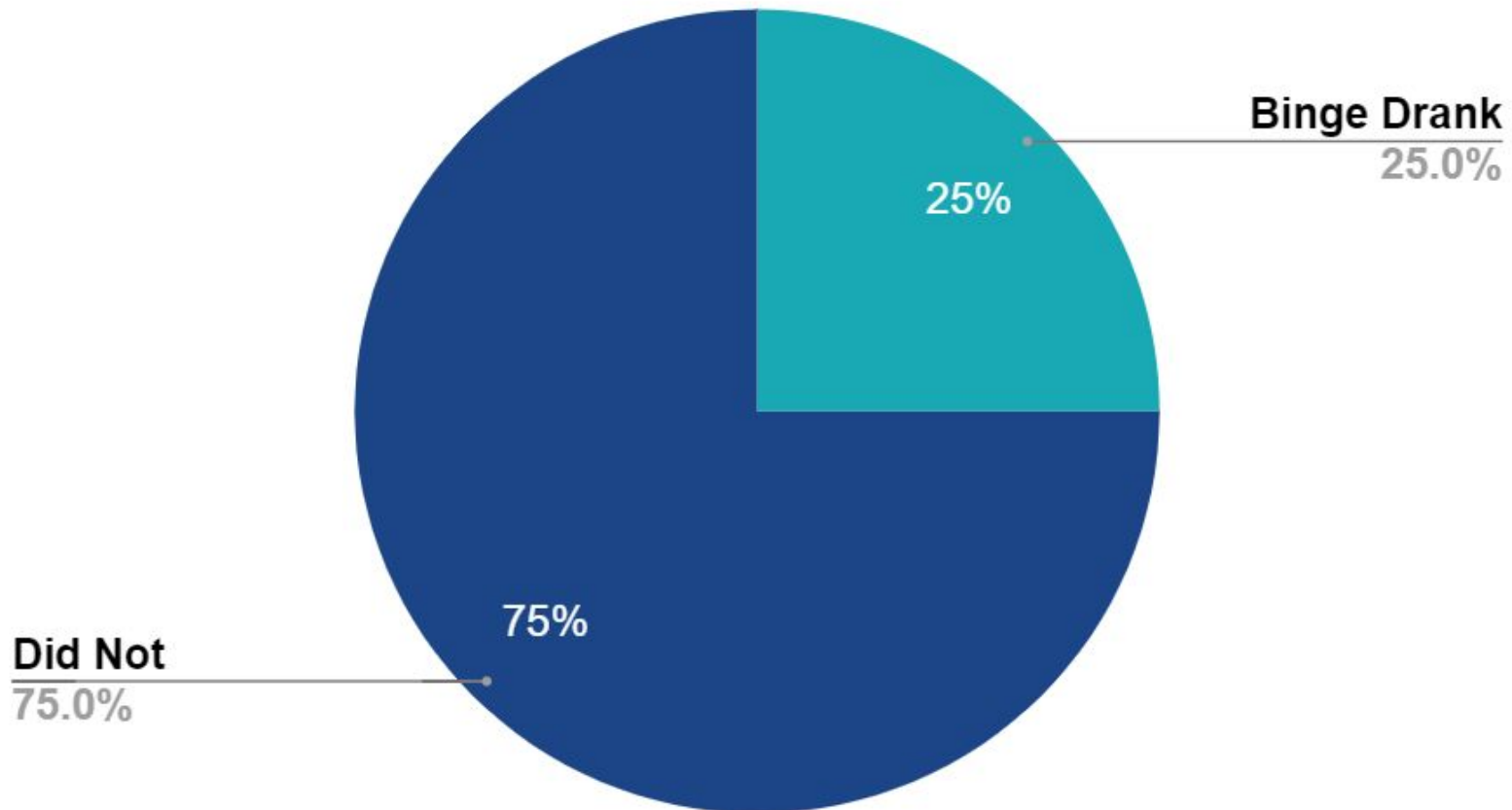
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Most students in the Class of 2025 do not binge drink

In the past 30 days, did you binge drink alcohol, that is more than 5 drinks in a row?

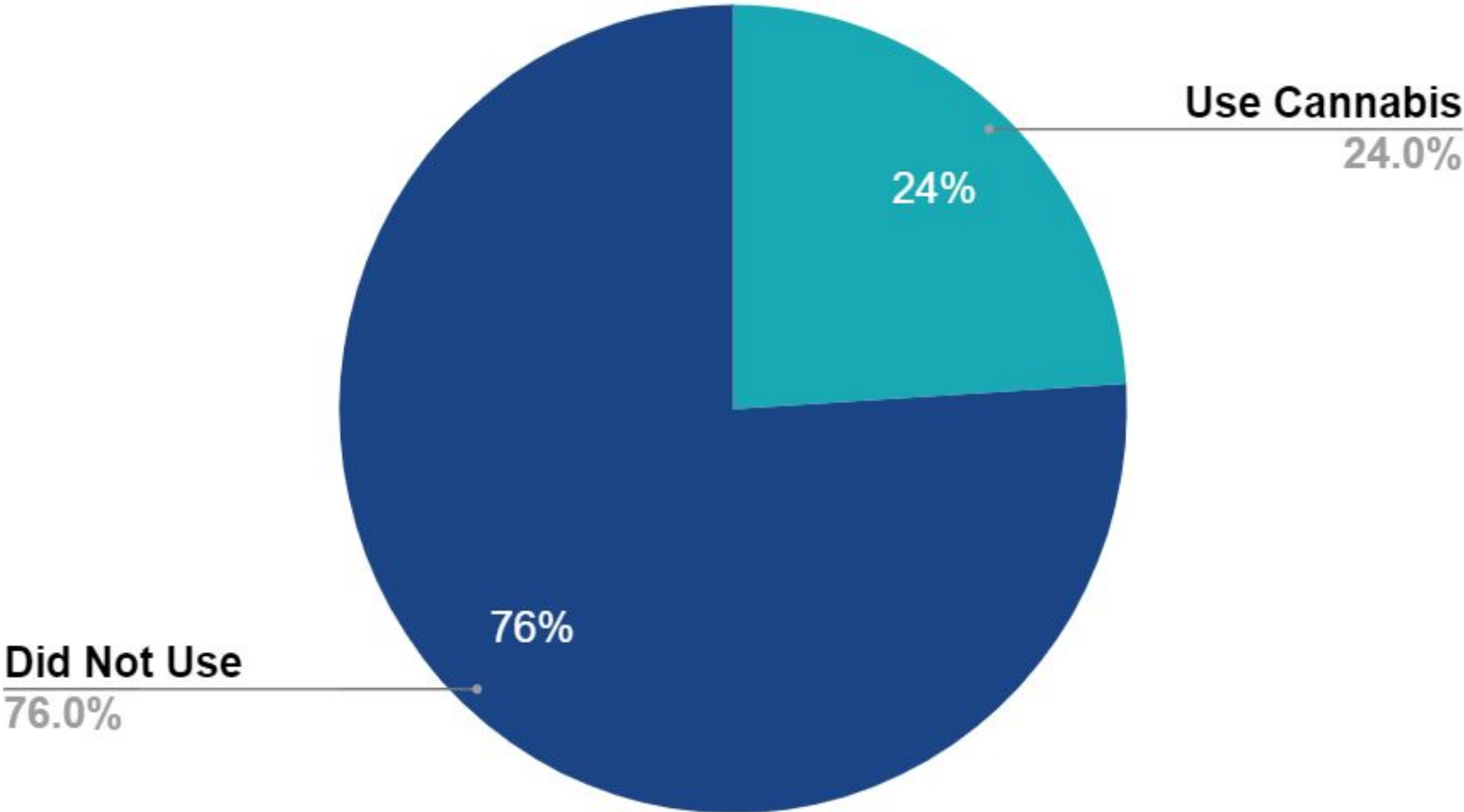
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Most students in the Class of 2025 do not use marijuana

In the past 30 days, did you use marijuana/cannabis?

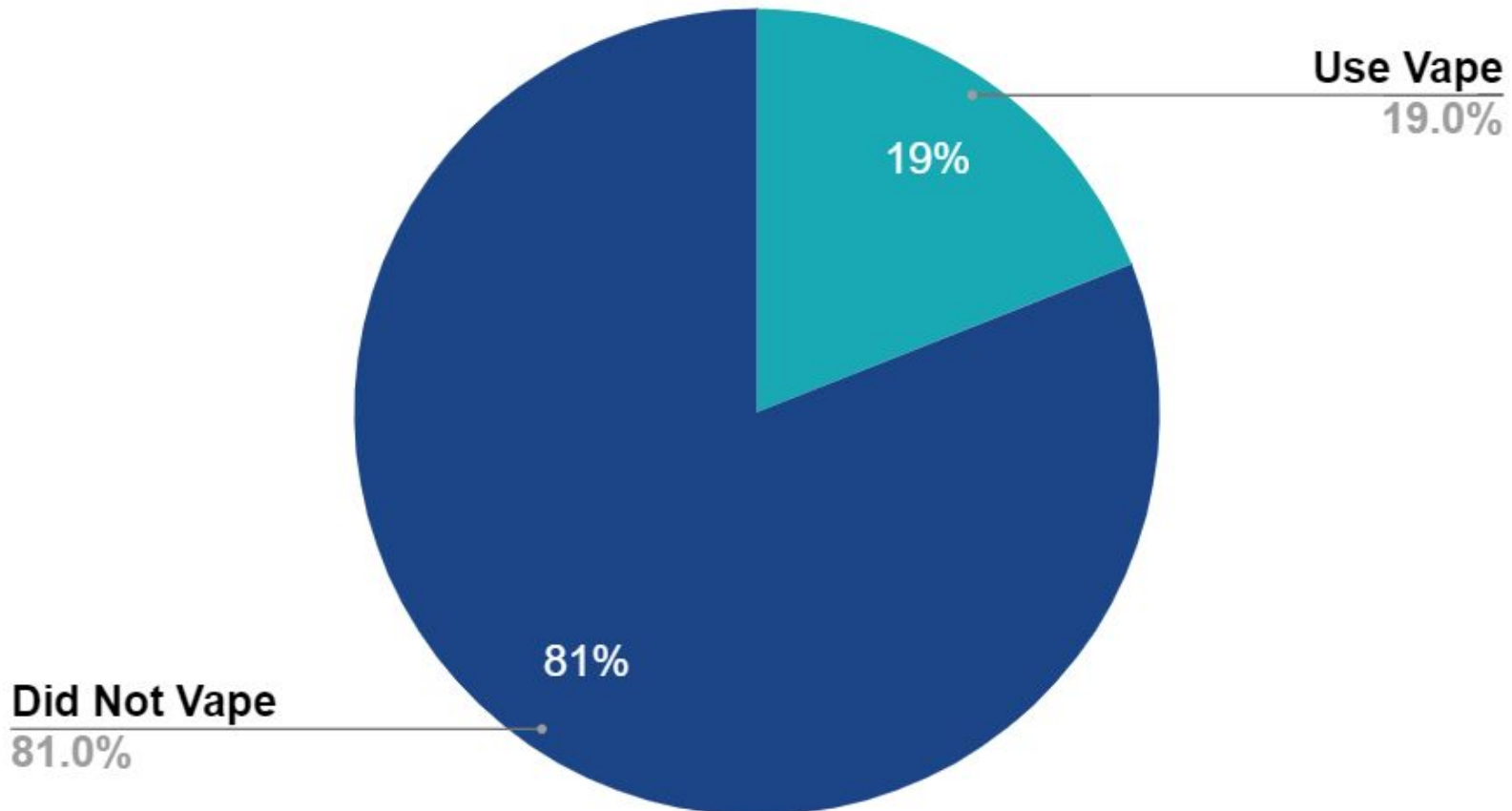
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Most students in the Class of 2025 do not vape

In the past 30 days, did you use a vape/e-cigarette?

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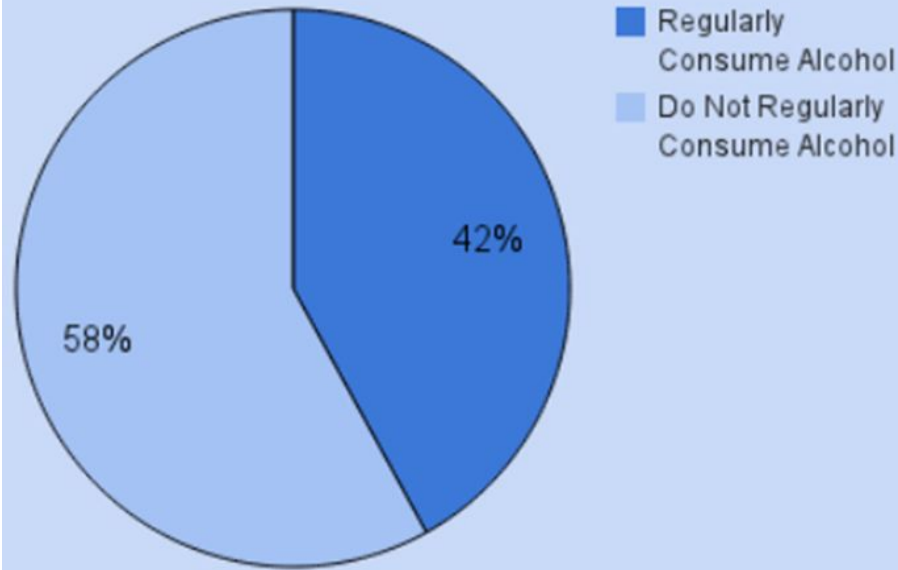


#1 Takeaway For Parents from Prevention Science

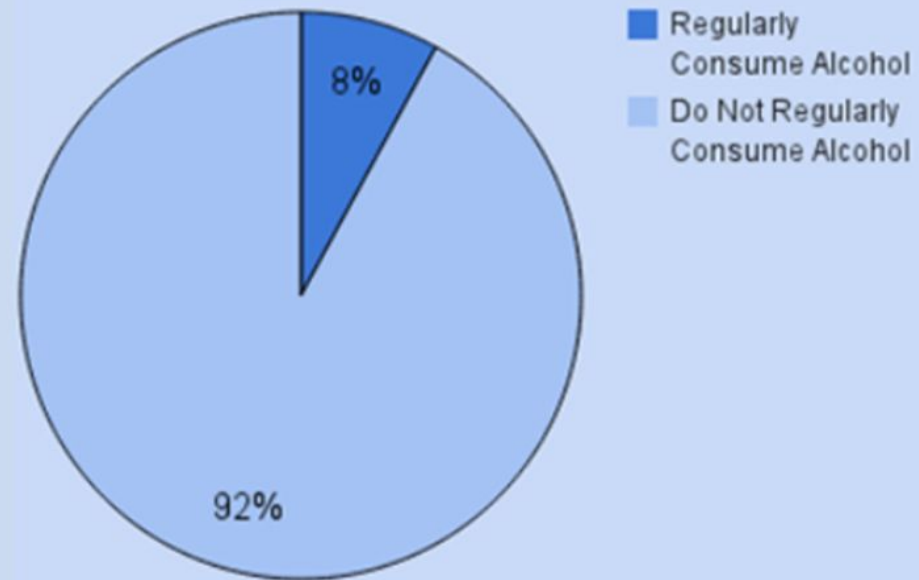
~ Greg Ranieri

Express Parental Disapproval

Of High School Students Who Perceive Little or No Parental Disapproval of Underage Drinking...



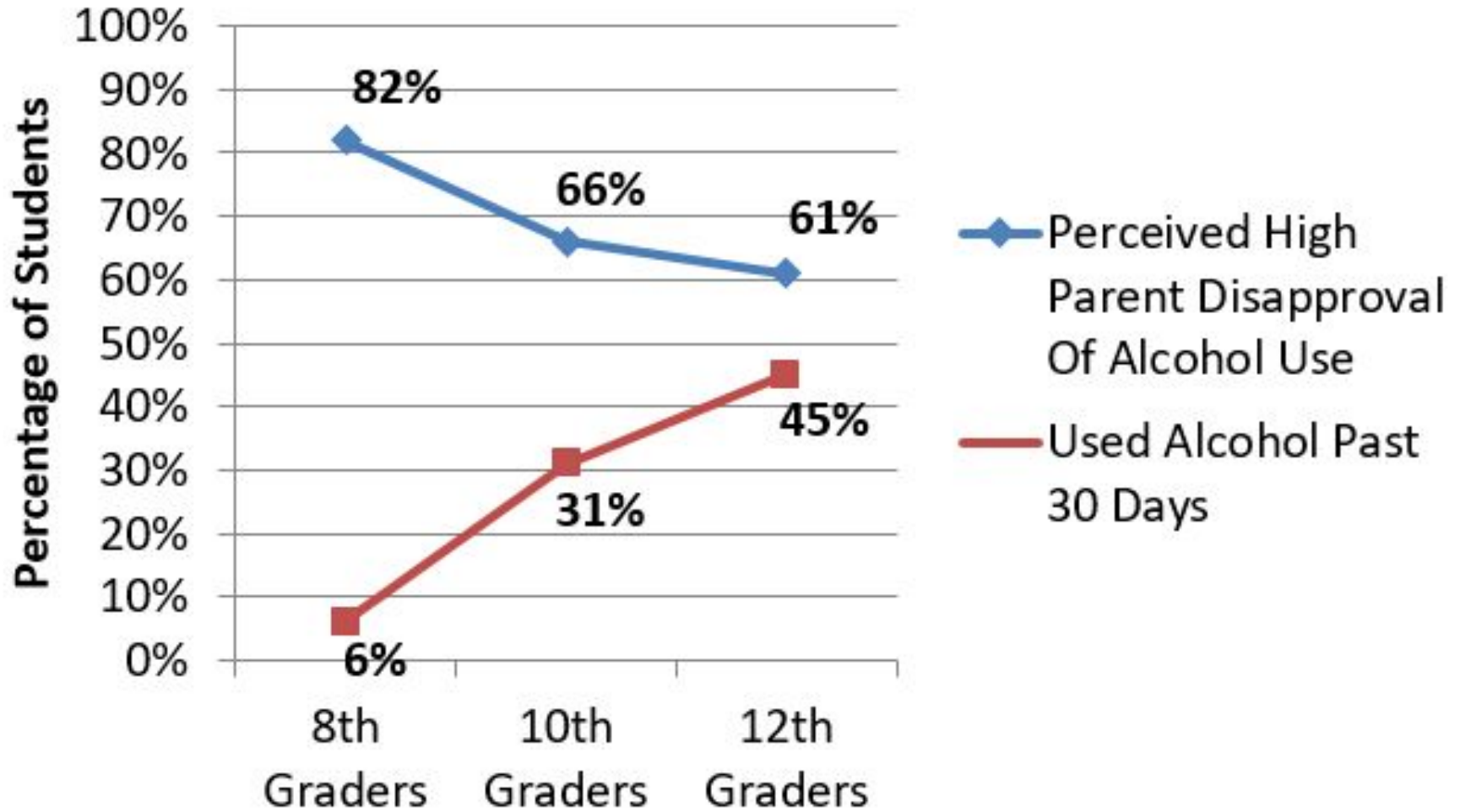
Of High School Students Who Perceive High Parental Disapproval of Underage Drinking...



According to a National Survey by MADD*, if a high schooler perceives that a parent highly disapproves of underage drinking, they are significantly less likely to consume alcohol regularly.

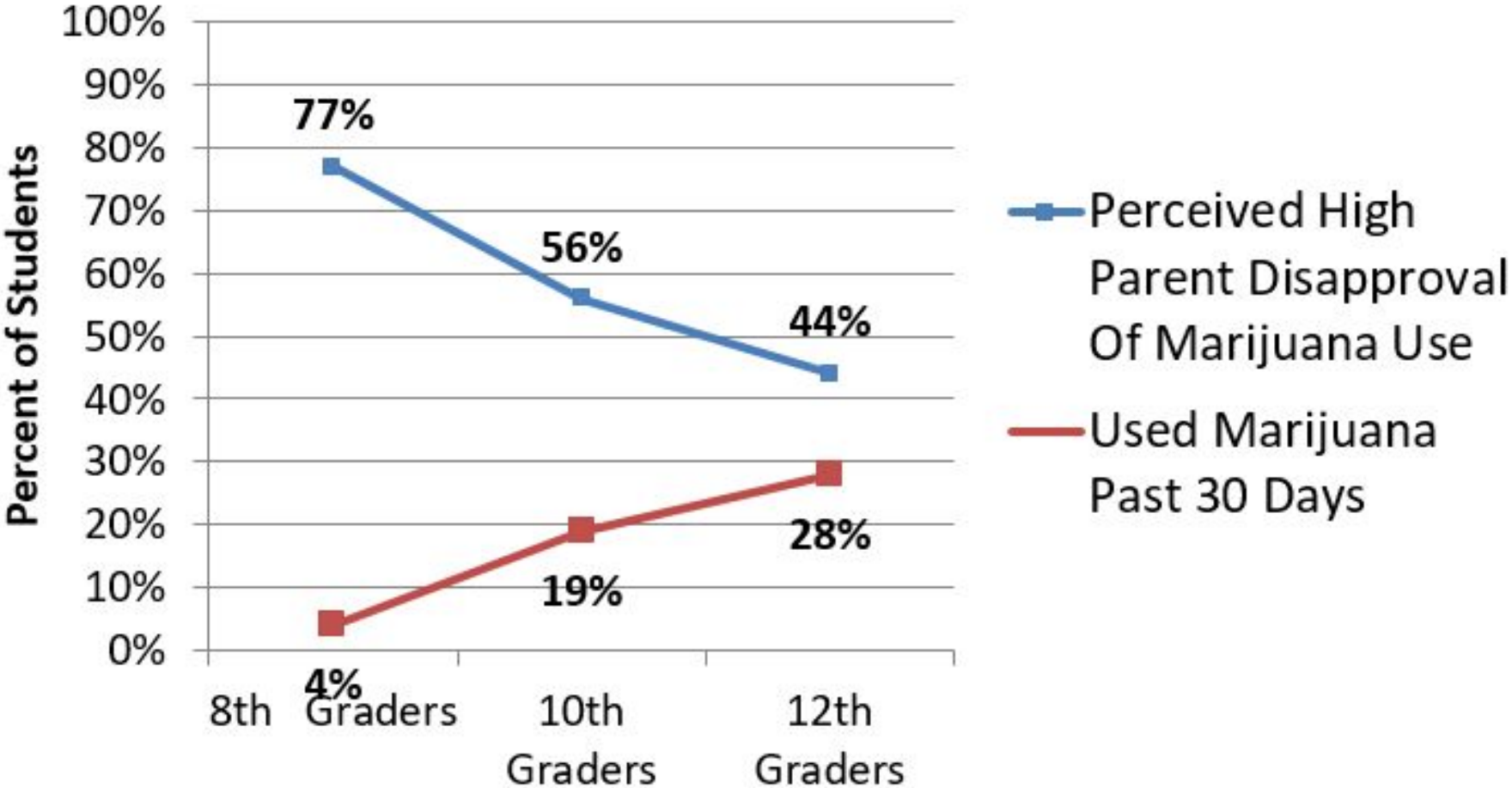
* <http://www.drugfree.org/join-together/alcohol/parents-influence-teens-drinking-decisions-survey>

Alcohol Use and Perception of Parental Disapproval



As Scituate students become older, their perception of parental disapproval of drinking decreases and alcohol use increases.

Cannabis/Marijuana Use and Perception of Parental Disapproval



Again ... As perception of parental disapproval declines as students get older, the use of cannabis/marijuana increases.

Parents Expressing Disapproval Helps!

Research shows that when parents talk to their teen about the risks of alcohol and drugs, ***those teens are up to 50% less likely to use substances.***

The Partnership at Drugfree.org
www.drugfree.org/prevent

According to the same student survey,
45% of juniors report having conversations
with their parents about alcohol use/rules in
the past month!



“Pro Tips” From Other Parents

~ Annmarie Galvin,
Scituate FACTS

Prom Survey - What other parents can do

Only 2 simple messages - which were repeated frequently:

1) Talk with other parents in advance.

“Talk with each other.” “Being diligent about discussing about prom.”

“Communication with other parents and making plans together ahead of time.”

“Communicate with parents of all friends and supervise any activities.”

2) Do not host parties or sleepovers that permit alcohol use.

“Yes, not hosting drinking after parties!” “Check in with every parent before allowing kids to your house after prom. Check water bottles and backpacks.” “Supervision. Do not serve alcohol to underage children.” “Parents who host sleepovers should be monitoring.” “Do not host parties for minors that allow alcohol.”

Prom Survey - Successful Parenting Strategies/Past Proms

Similar -

*“Set rules and expectations ahead of time.” “Have a plan for after the prom.”
“Talk/Call other parents about children's plans the day/night of prom.”
“If someone's having friends over, call the parent to verify!”*

Plus:

“I did not allow my girls to attend sleepover parties following the prom.”

“I don't allow my child to attend parties after the prom.”

“Be willing to drive them to and from post-prom activities.”

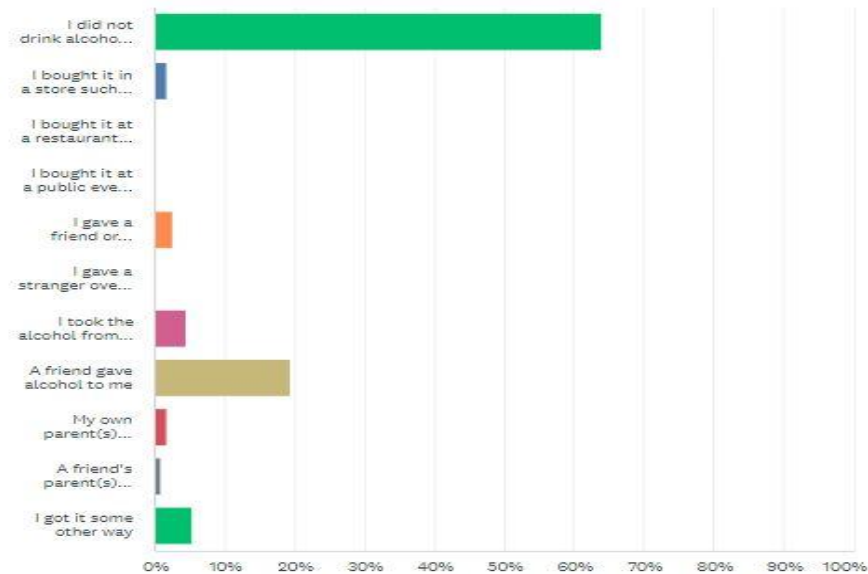
“Call no matter what happens for a ride and decide on a secret safe word if needed.”

Read all prom feedback [here](#) - including what parents think of police, school efforts to keep kids safe

Where are kids getting alcohol?

During the past 30 days, how did you usually get the alcohol you drank?

Answered: 114 Skipped: 8



Juniors by the numbers:

22 - Friend gave it to me

6 - Some other way

5 - Took from home

3 - Gave \$ to someone to buy for me

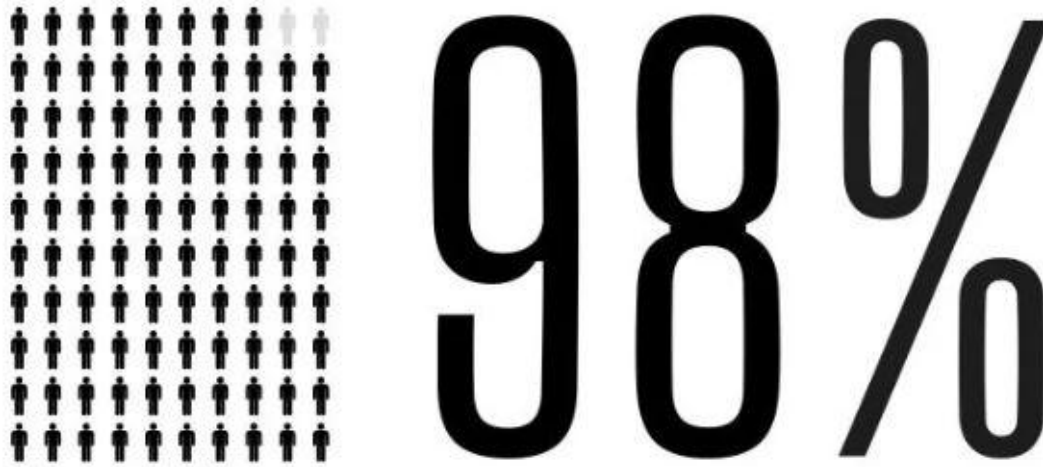
2 - I bought it at a store

2 - My own parents gave it to me

1 - A friend's parent gave it to me

(Source: SHS YRBS Survey data as of 3/28/24)

More of us than you think! Parents, you are not alone!



Only 2% of parents think it's okay for teens to get drunk occasionally.

Only 2% of parents think it's okay for teens to drink under the supervision of a friend's parents.

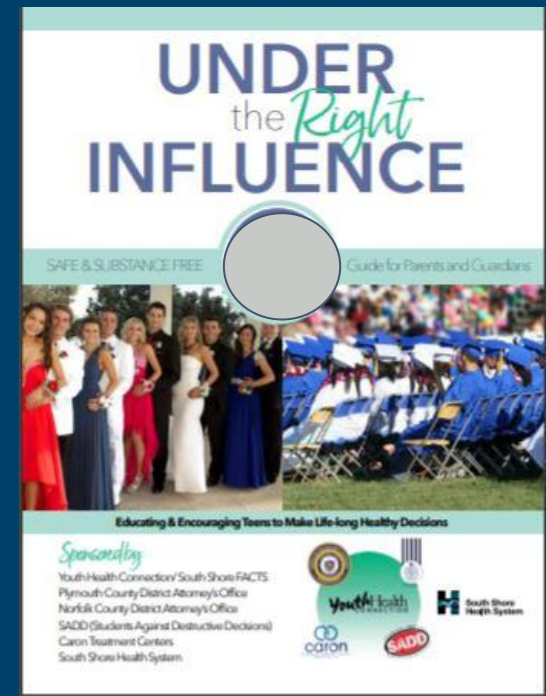
Only 2% of parents think it's okay for teens to drink without supervision as long as there is no driving.

Results from the 2021 Survey of Scituate Parents/Caregivers on Youth Substance Use; 201 respondents with child in grade 6-12

Safe & Substance Free Prom and Graduation Season

[Link to PDF and other
parent resources](#)

Find the consequence document, Pro
Tips from SPS Parents + good websites for
Talking Points !



Free Raffles

Corsage/Boutonniere from Merrily Blooms

\$60 Gift Card from Rudolph Adamo Salon x 2

\$25 Gift Card to Bella Aesthetics x 4

...10 Free Prom Tickets from
the Friends of Scituate FACTS!!





Friends of SCITUATE FACTS

Major thanks to this local non-profit who has been working hard to support your class and ensure you have a safe, fun and more affordable Junior Prom!

Thank you to The Pretty Bar in North Scituate!



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**Need help with prom expenses?
Reach out to Community Christmas**



SCITUATE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS

Year Round Giving at the Susan Phippen House

Families may apply for prom assistance from Community Christmas [here](#)

Expectations for Prom Night

~ Ms. Hayden and Mr. Kermond

May 10, 2024 starting inside at Gates!

**Event details will also be shared
With Junior families via email*

