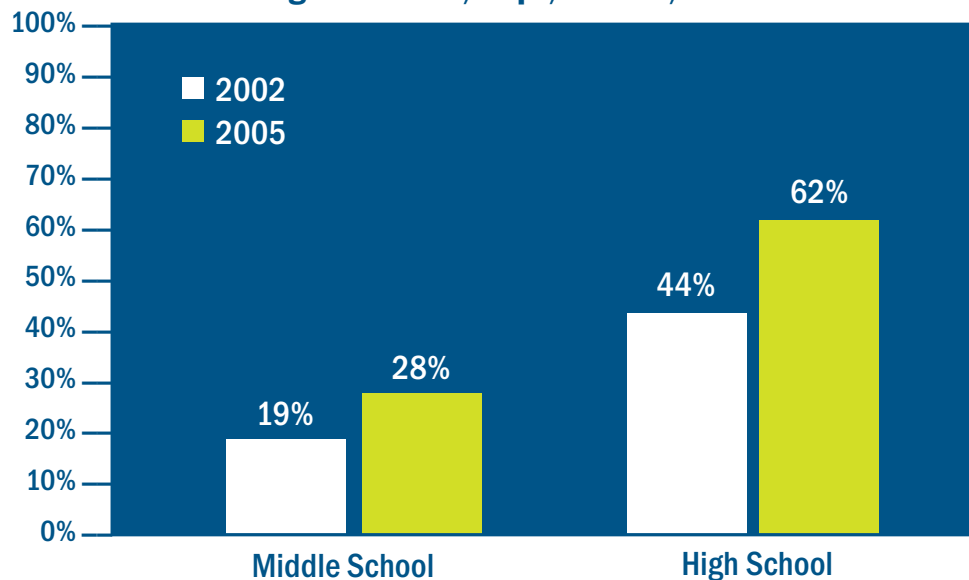




Percentage of Students Attending Schools Where Drugs Are Used, Kept, or Sold Increases

The most recent back-to-school survey conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA) revealed that the percentage of students who attend schools where drugs are used, kept, or sold has sharply increased since 2002.¹ The number of high school students who attend schools where drugs are used, kept, or sold increased from 44 percent to 62 percent since 2002; for middle school students, that number increased from 19 percent to 28 percent in the same time period. The survey also found that, compared to students attending drug-free schools, students who attend schools where drugs are used, kept, or sold are three times more likely to try marijuana, more than three times as likely to drink alcohol to the point of intoxication in a typical month, and twice as likely to use alcohol.

Percentage of Students Attending Schools Where Drugs Are Used, Kept, or Sold, Since 2002



Source: National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University. (2005). Press Release: Number of Students Attending High and Middle Schools Where Drugs Are Used, Kept, Sold Rises Sharply. Retrieved September 12, 2005, from <http://66.135.34.236/absolutenm/templates/PressReleases.asp?articleid=401&zoneid=56>.

¹ *The National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse X: Teens and Parents* is the tenth annual back-to-school survey conducted by CASA. The survey was conducted by QEV Analytics for CASA from April 7 through June 4, 2005, interviewing 1,000 teens (503 boys and 497 girls) and 829 parents by telephone.

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