
IMPACT

*Improving Mindsets, Policies, and
Communities Together*



Enlarged City School District of Middletown

What is IMPACT?

- A committed and trained Prevention Specialist assigned to a school district to assist the community in developing a thorough prevention message that reaches all students, staff, parents, and community members.
 - Goshen
 - Highland Falls/Fort Montgomery
 - Middletown
 - Monroe Woodbury
 - Pine Bush
 - Port Jervis
 - Valley Central

ADAC's Mission

A Positive Connection in Orange County

The Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council (ADAC) works to address the impact of substance use disorders by educating the general public to help reduce stigma, advocating on behalf of those suffering from the effects of those disorders and using the tools of education and information dissemination to help to prevent them from happening.

Maryalice Kovatch

Executive Director

Rebecca Al-awdi

Program Director

Wanda Febus Marrero

Prevention Specialist

How we help

Using Evidence-based programs and curriculum, we support healthy social and emotional development, increasing the student's protective factors and decreasing risk factors, leading them toward making healthy choices. We support school staff, parents, and the community.

Too Good for Drugs and Violence
Teen Intervene

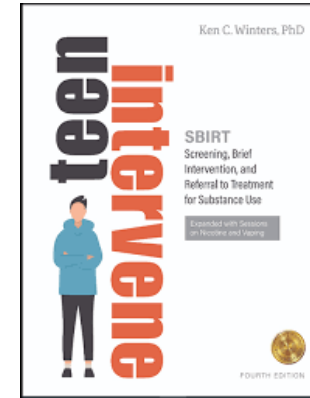
- Resources
- Presentations
- Lunch and Learns
- Annual Poster and Essay Contests
- Red Ribbon Week
- Community Capacity Building
- TGFD/TGFV
- Teen Intervene
- Strengthening Families
- Girl's Circle/Boy's Council Groups
- ADAC IMPACT
- Youth and Adult Peer Services
- CASAC: Credentialed Alcohol & Substance Abuse Counselor

- Family Support Navigator
- STOP DWI
- TASC
- PRC-Prevention Resource Center
- Team Awareness
- WISE
- CLYDE Survey





Too Good is a universal violence, and substance use prevention and character education program that promotes the development skills, attitudes and behaviors consistent with the positive, pro-social living to encourage healthy emotions management and actions, resistance to peer pressure and influence, and self-awareness to foster a drug-free lifestyle.



Teen Intervene is a SBIRT (Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment) for adolescents aged 12 to 19 with mild to moderate substance use. Three one-hour sessions, two with the youth and one with the parent. Parental permission is required. The sessions are confidential unless the youth is in danger of harm to self or others. Using motivational interviewing and stages of change to encourage the youth to learn healthy alternatives to using substances.

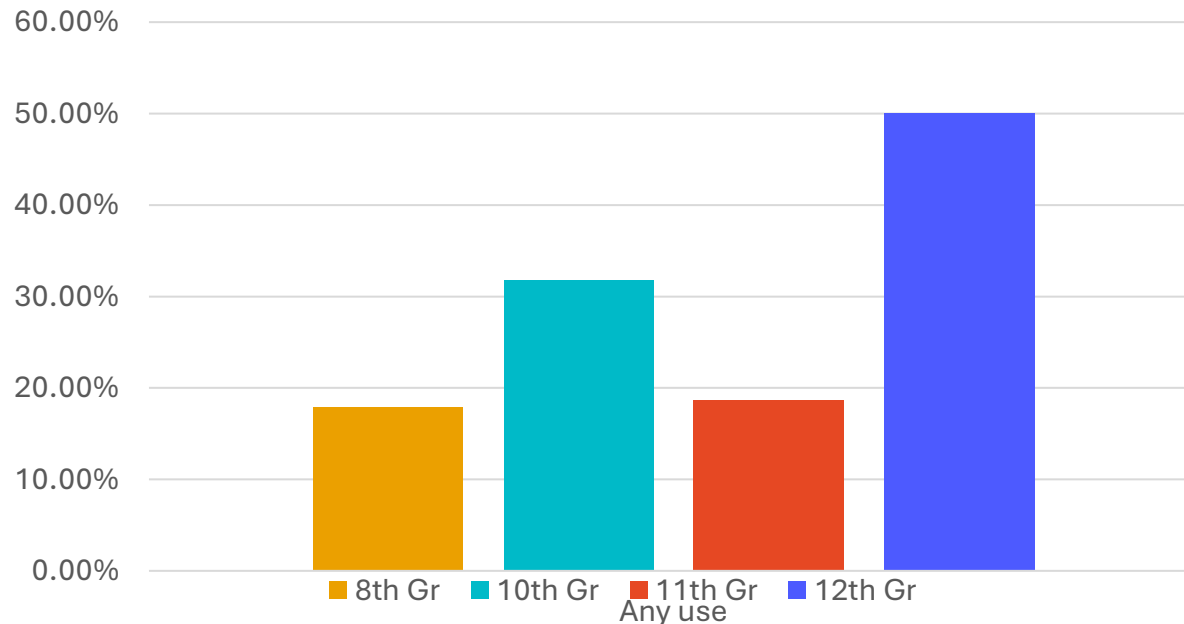
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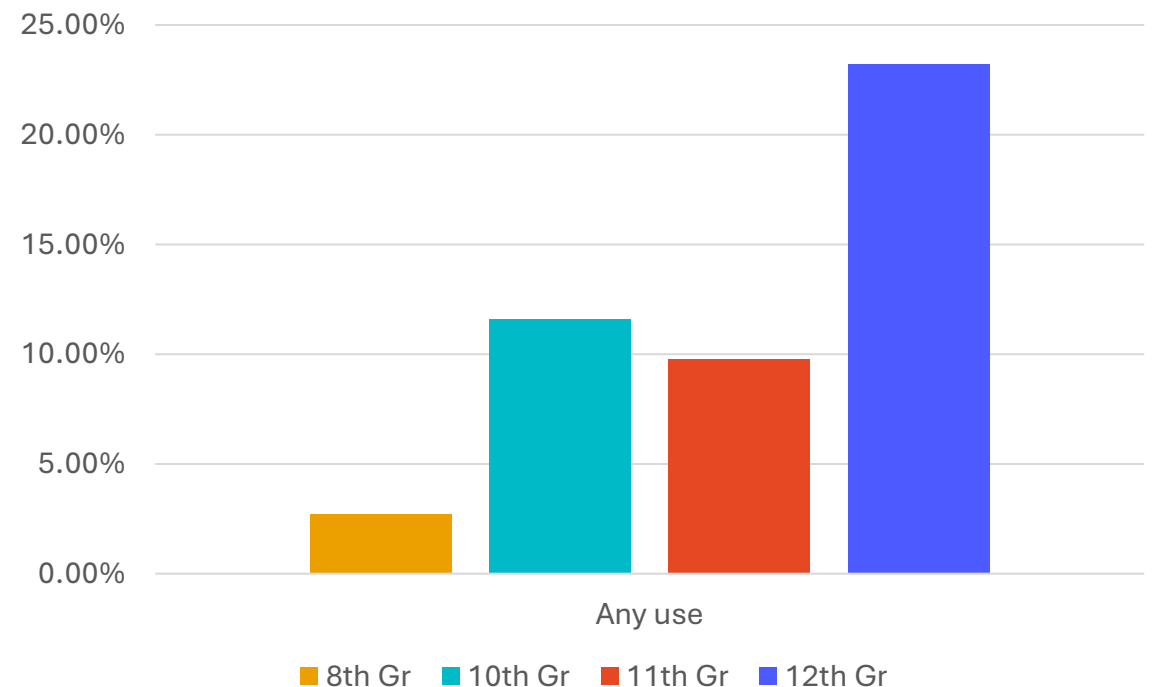
CLYDE
SURVEY

In your lifetime, on how many occasions (if any) have you...

had alcohol beverages (beer, wine, or hard liquor) to drink-more than just a few sips?

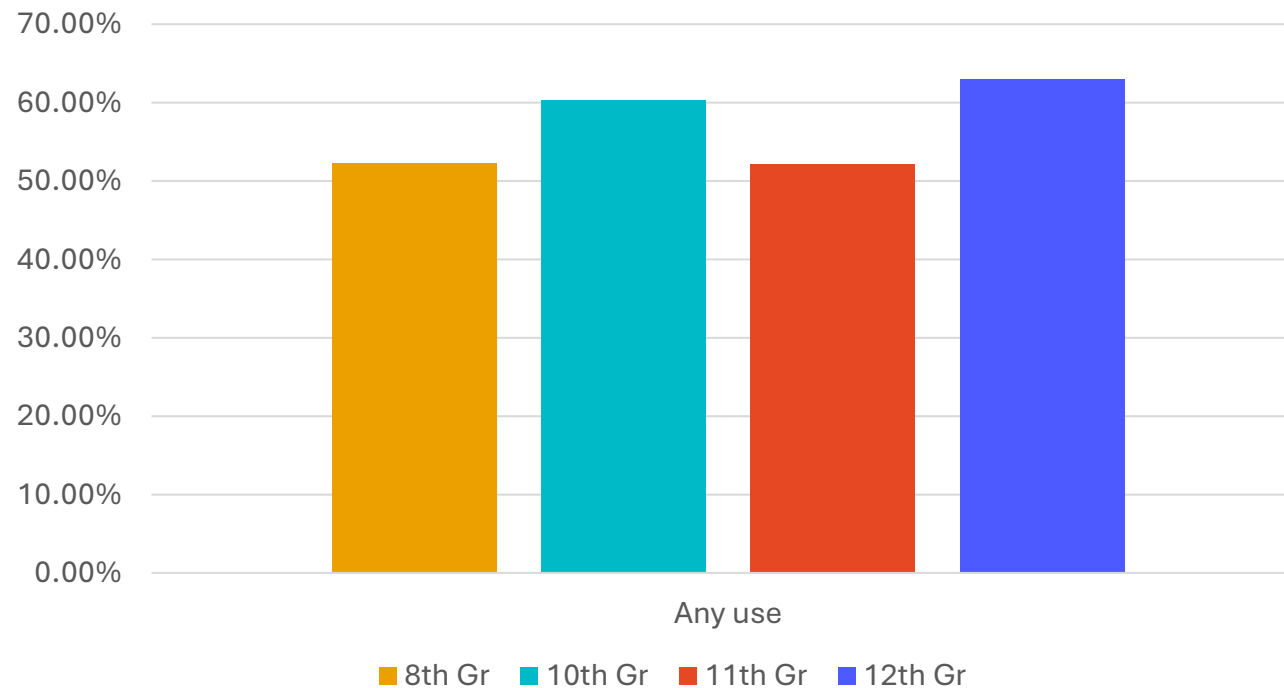


Used marijuana?



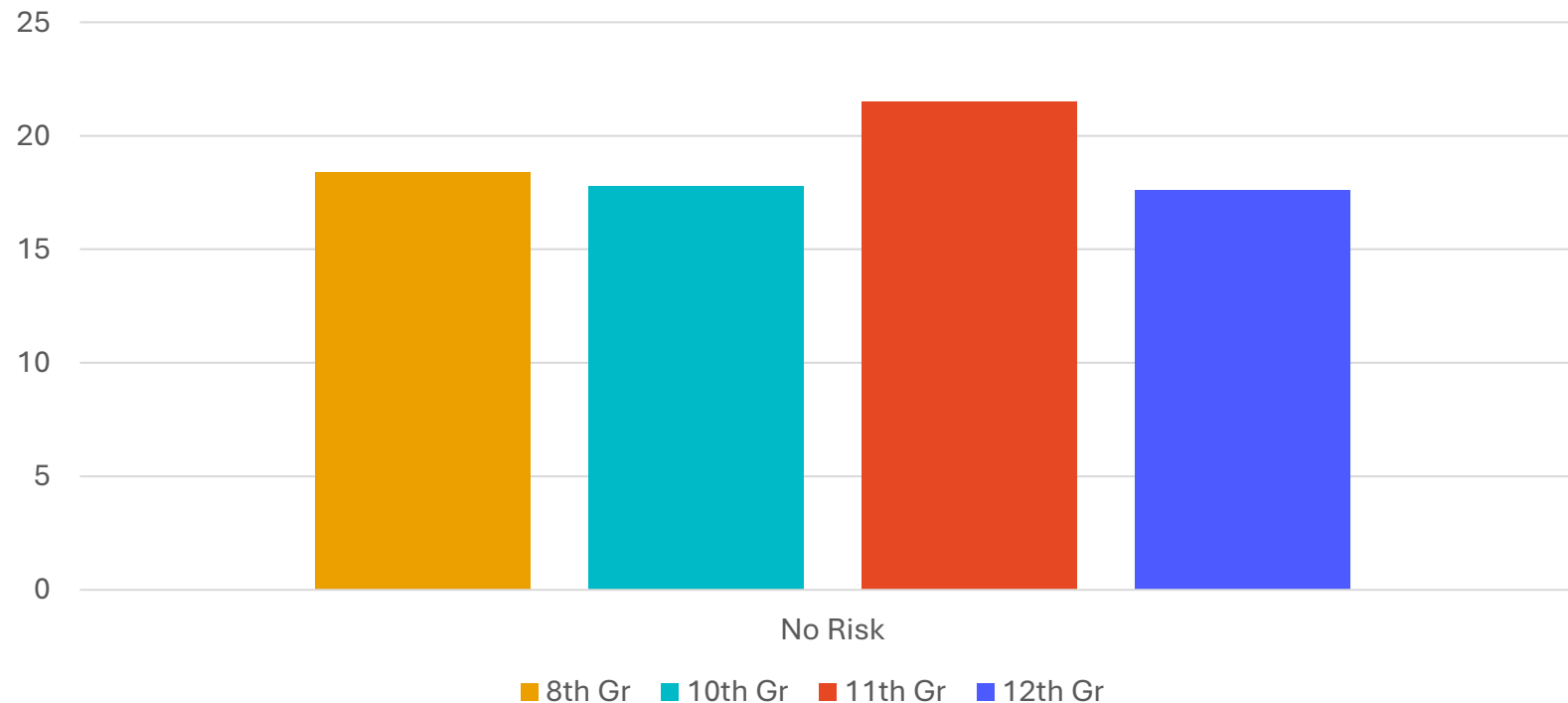
In your lifetime, on how many occasions (if any) have you...

Drank energy drinks with caffeine (like Red Bull, Monster, Rockstar, or 5-Hour Energy)?



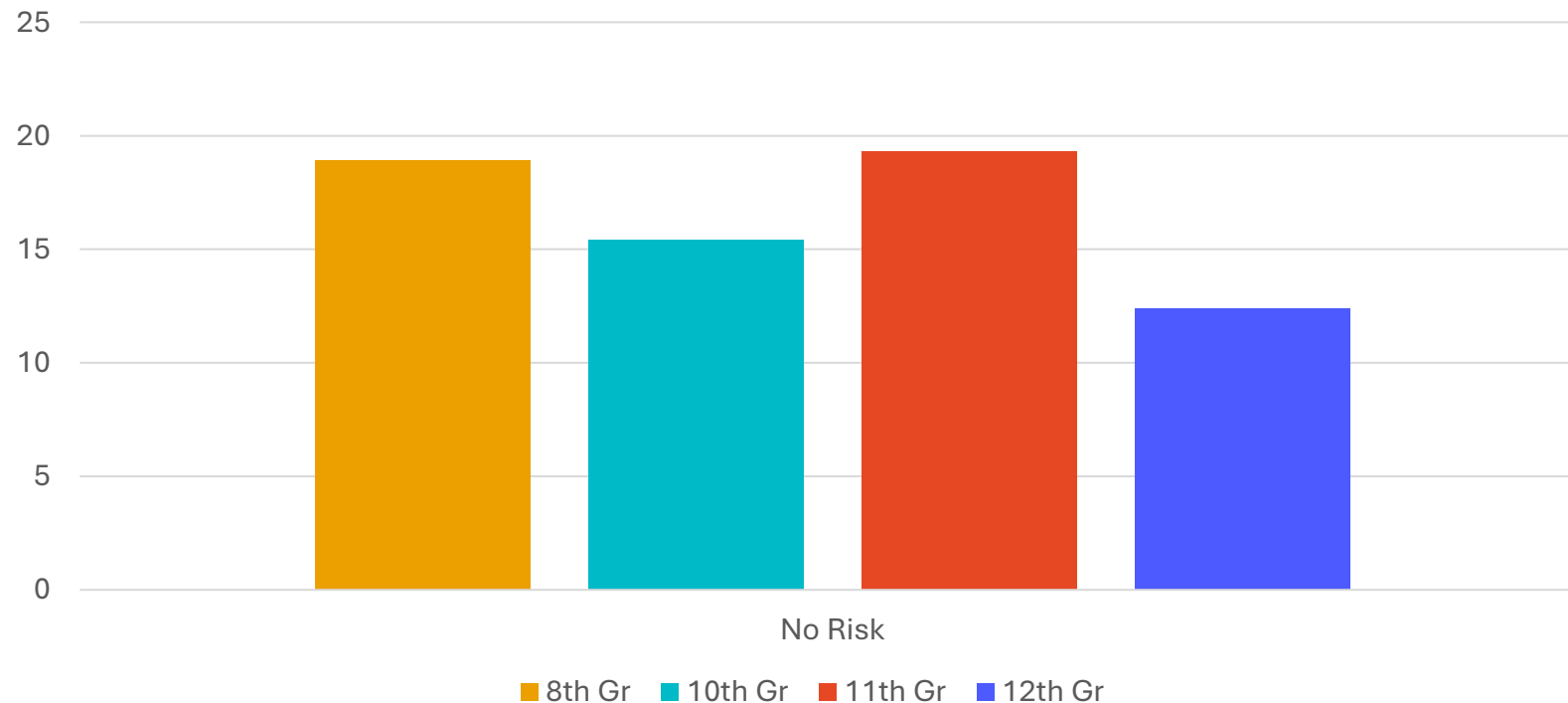
How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they...

Smoke marijuana regularly (once or twice a week)?



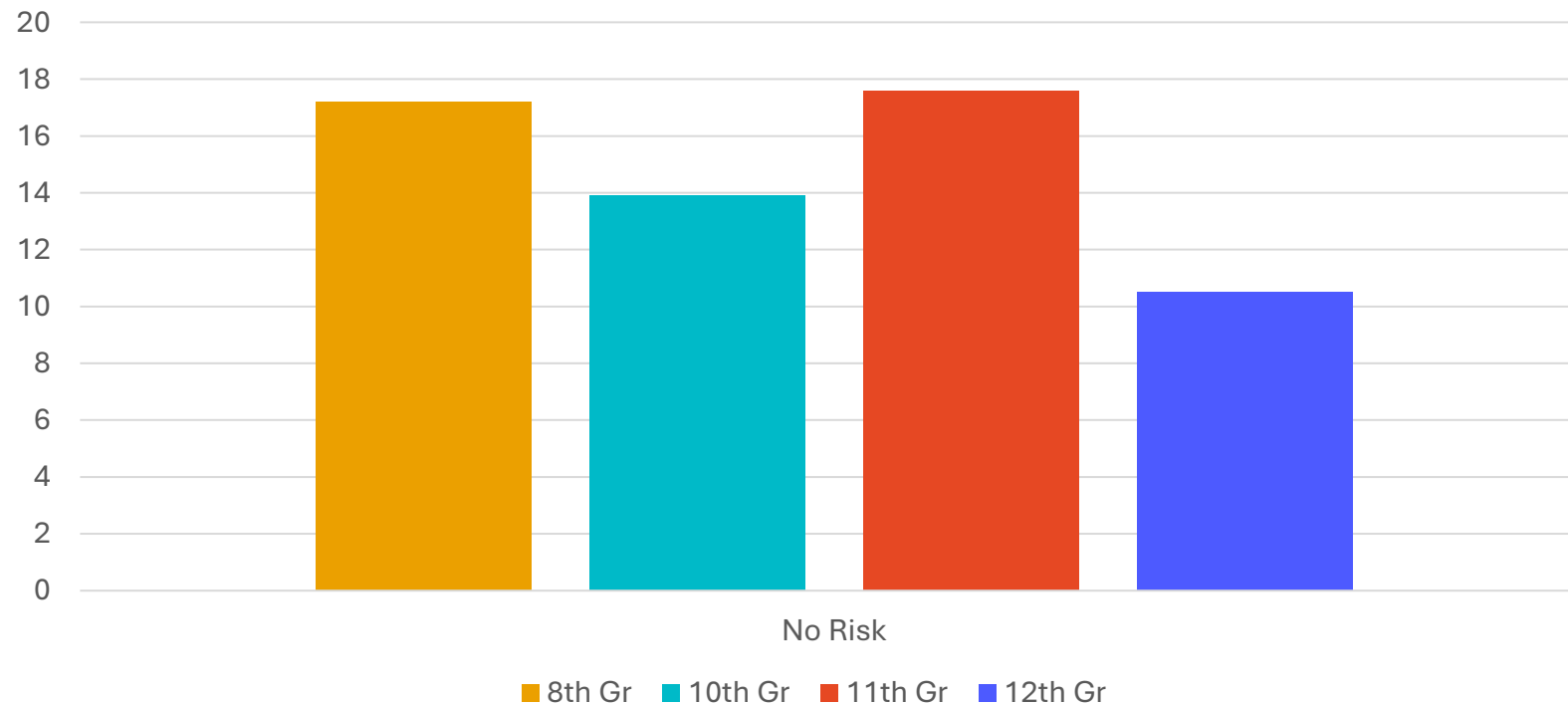
How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they...

Take one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage (beer, wine, liquor) nearly every day?



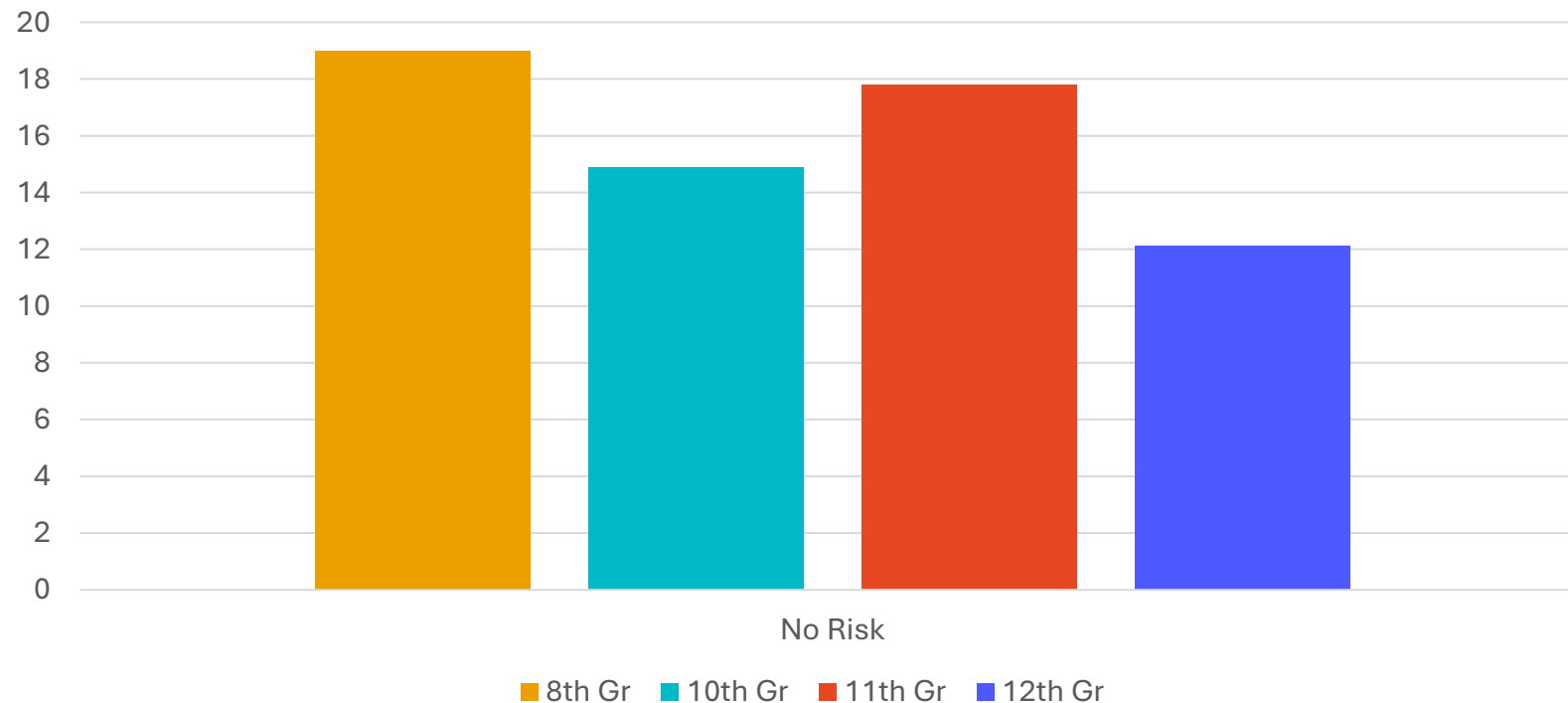
How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they...

Use electronic cigarette, e-cigarettes, vape pens, SMOKs, or e-hookahs?



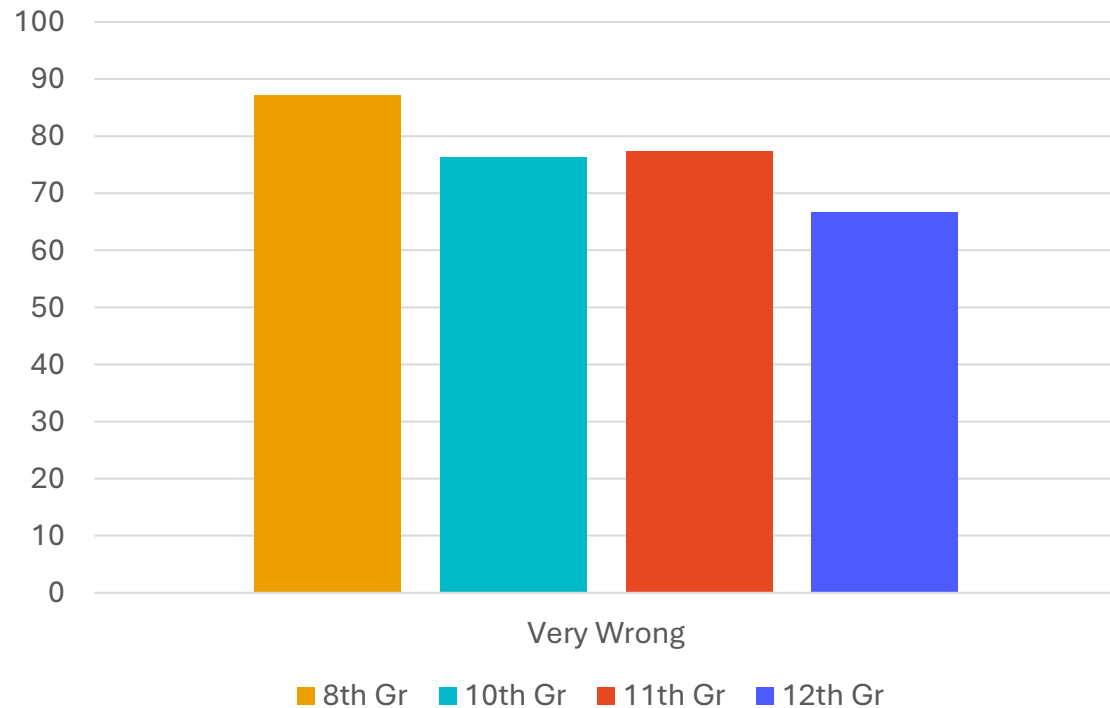
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Have five or more drinks of an alcoholic beverage once or twice a week?

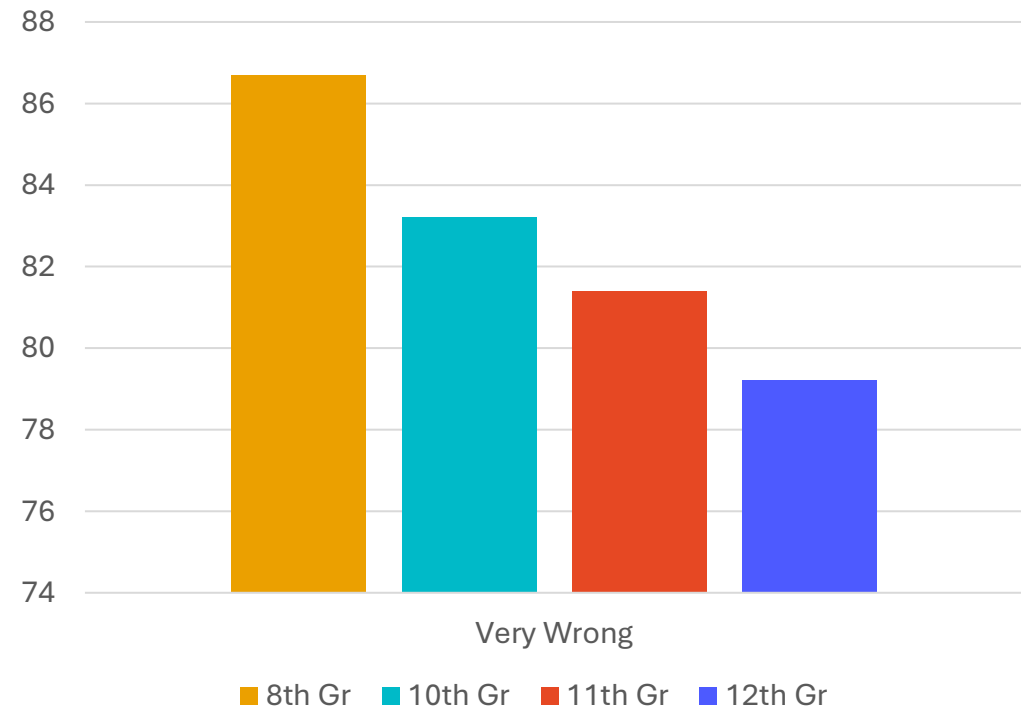


How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to...

Smoke marijuana

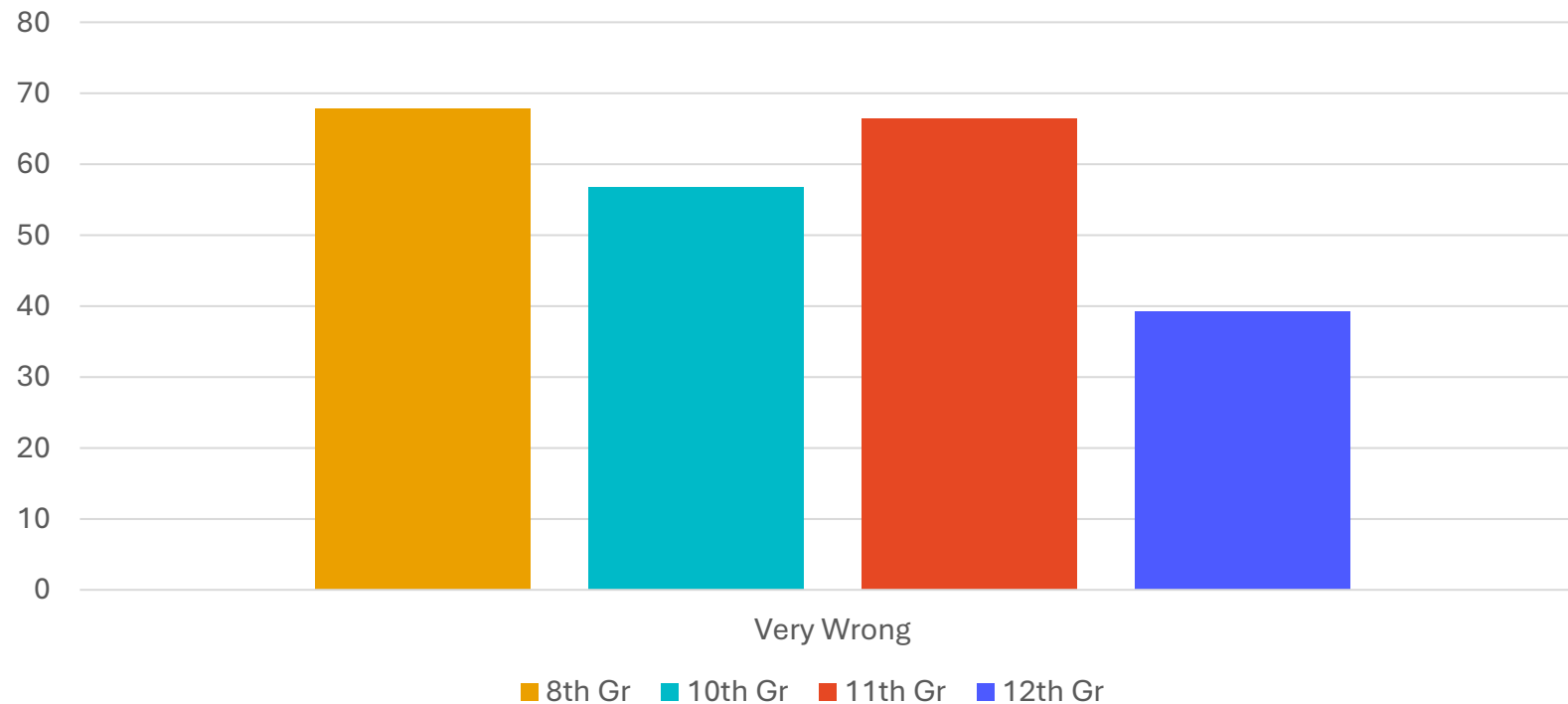


Use electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, SMOKs, or e-hookahs?



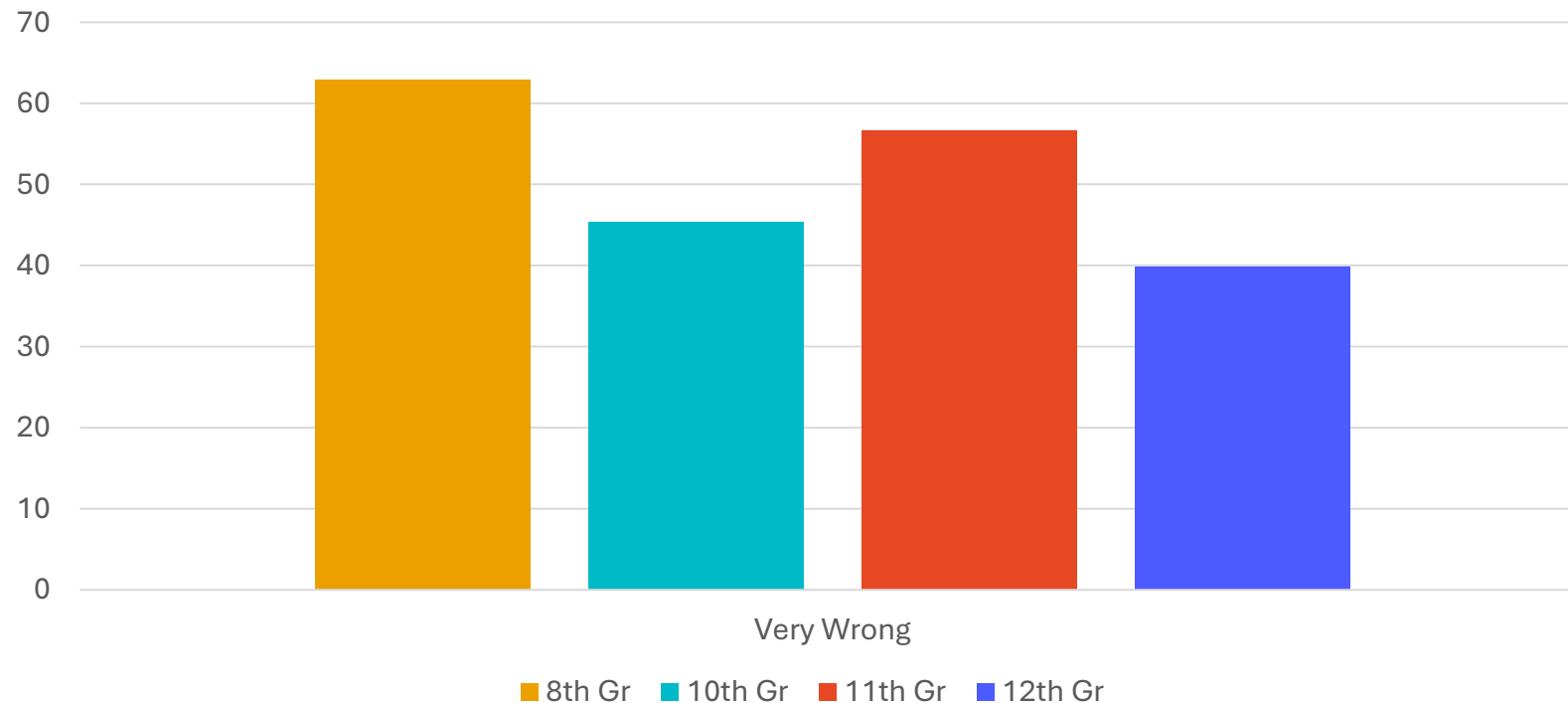
How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to...

Drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly (at least once or twice a month)?



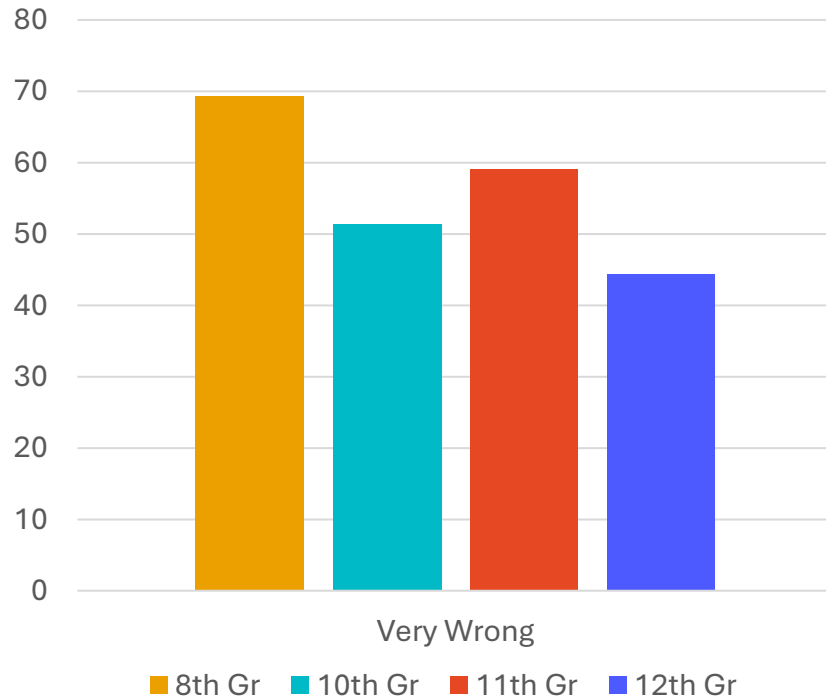
How wrong do your friends feel it would be for you to...

Have one or two drinks of an alcoholic beverage nearly every day?

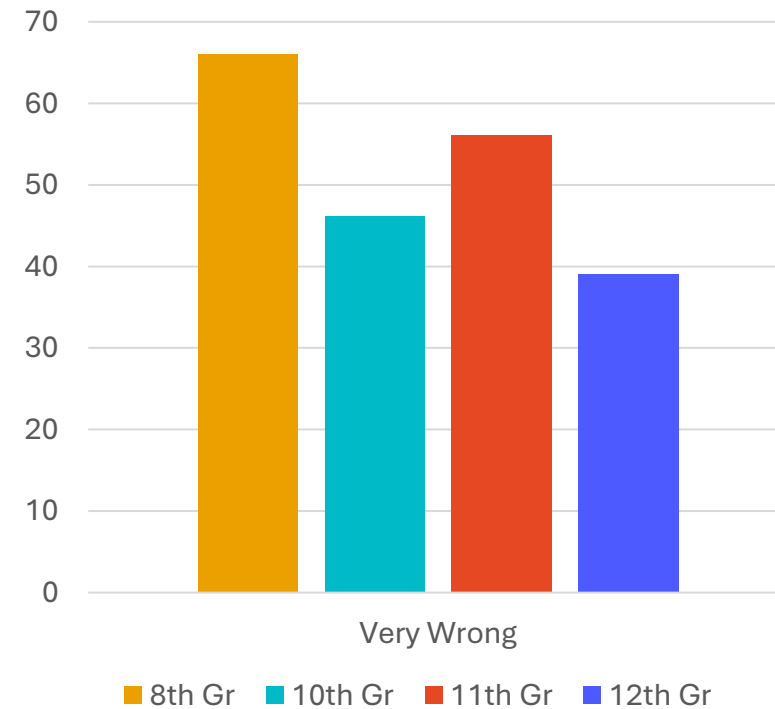


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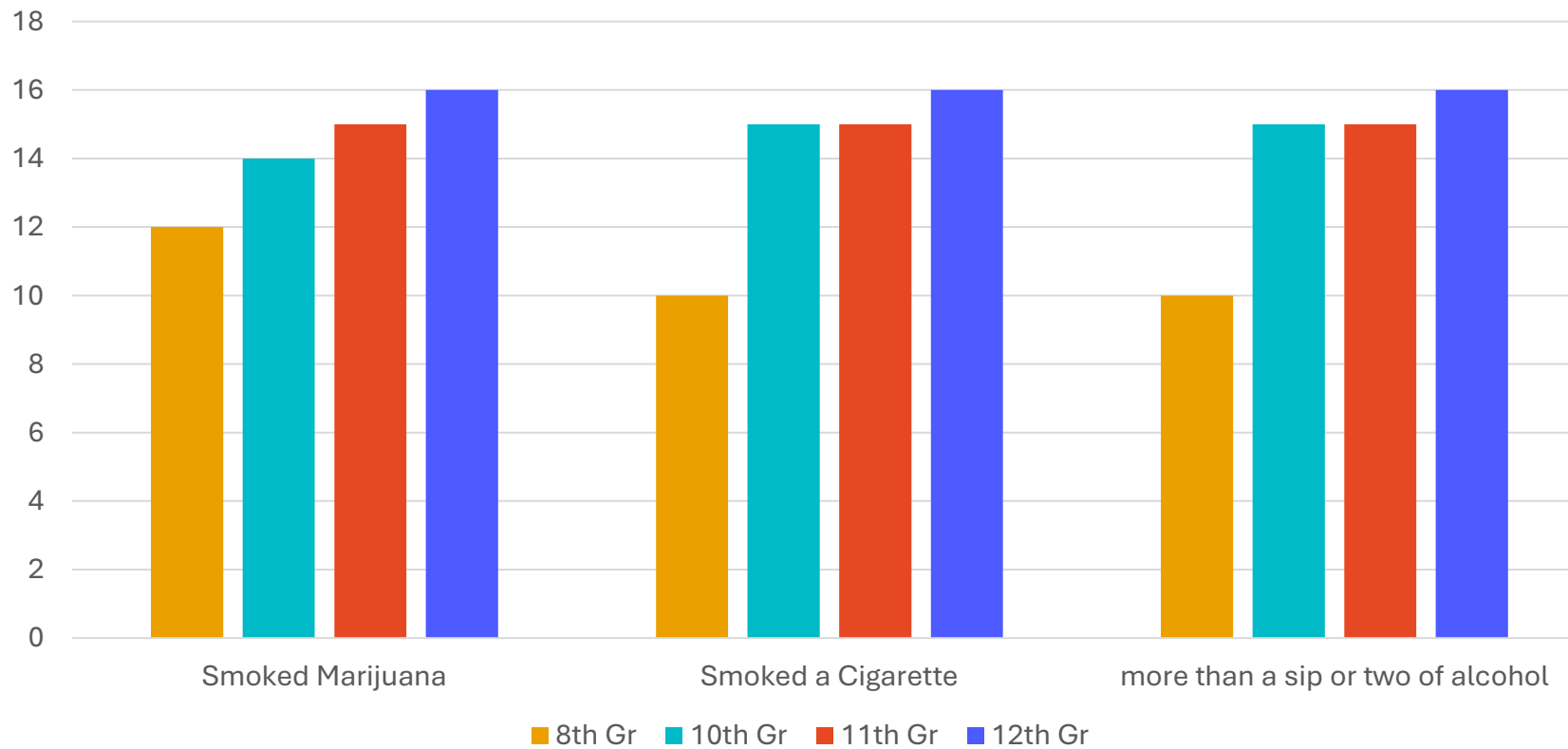
Smoke tobacco?



Use electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes, vape pens, SMOKs, or e-hookahs?

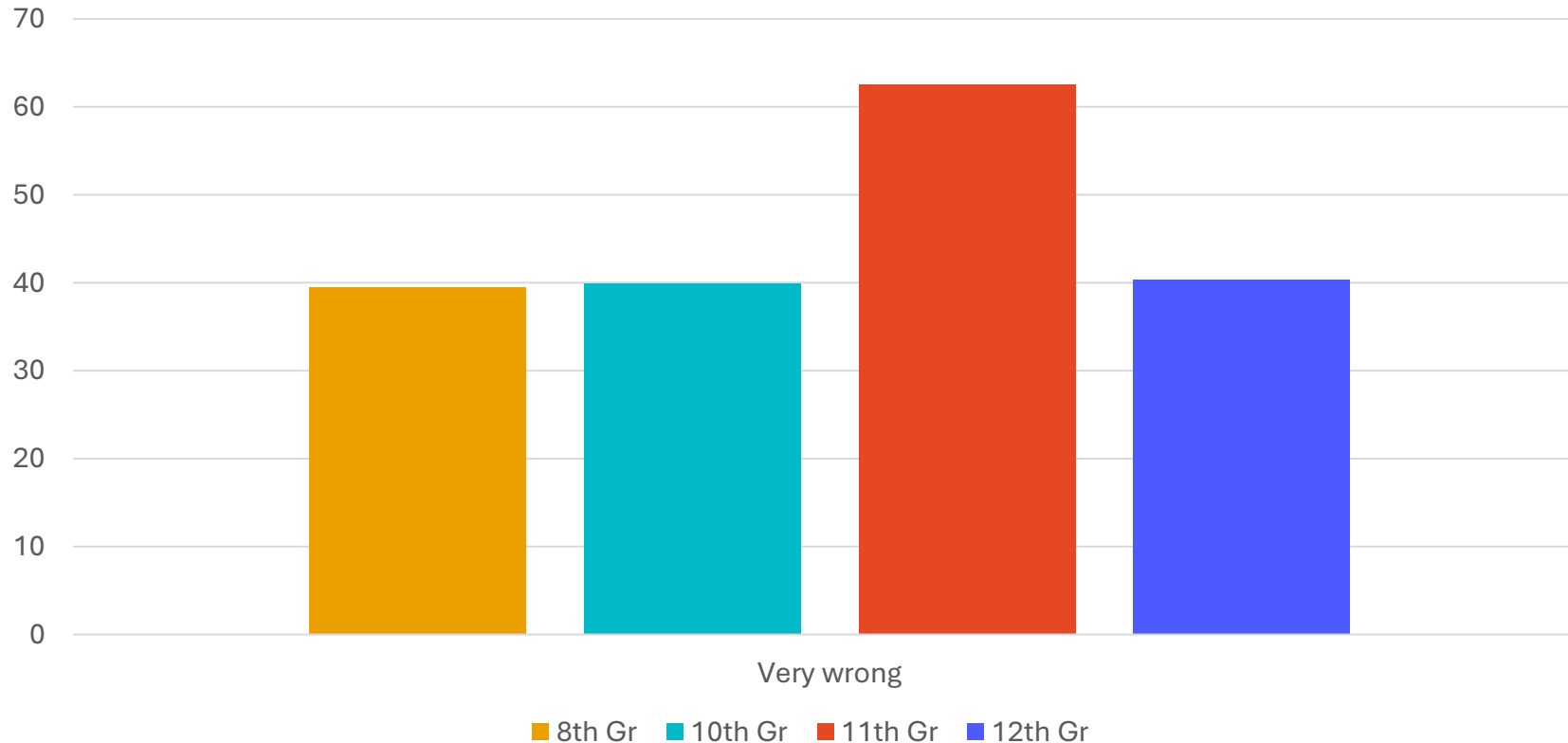


How old were you when you first...



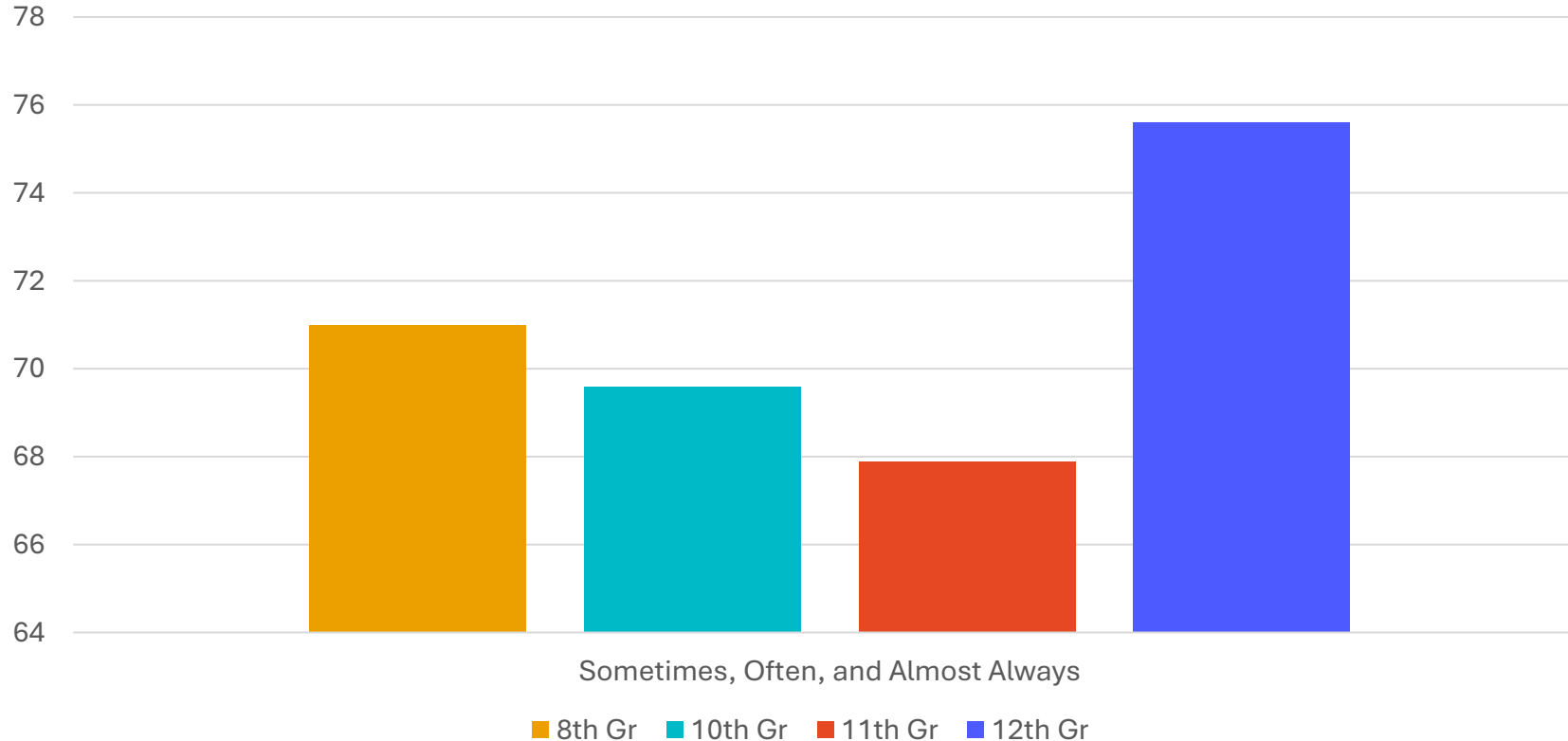
How wrong do you think it is for someone for your age to...

Pick a fight with someone?

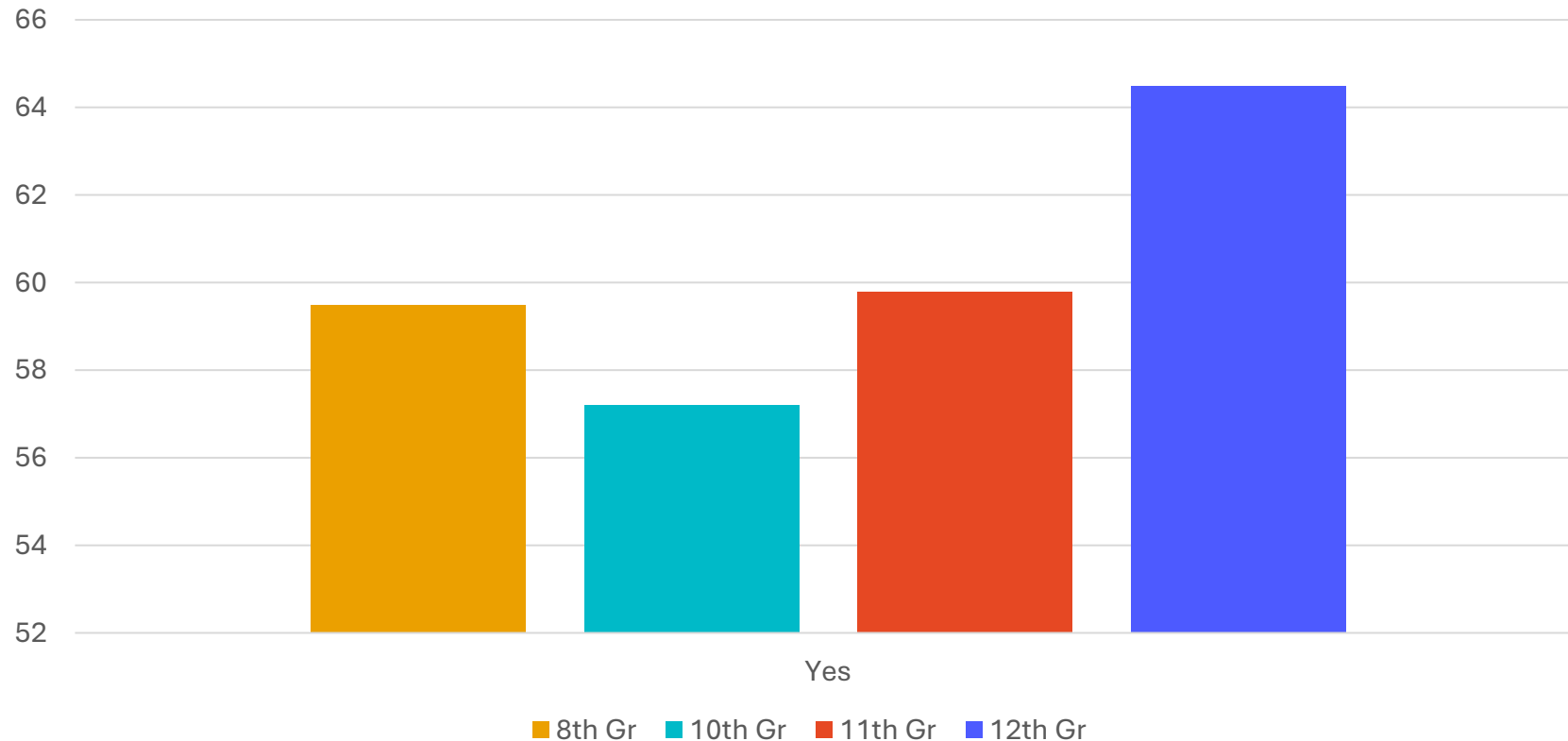


Now, thinking back over the past year in school, how often did you...

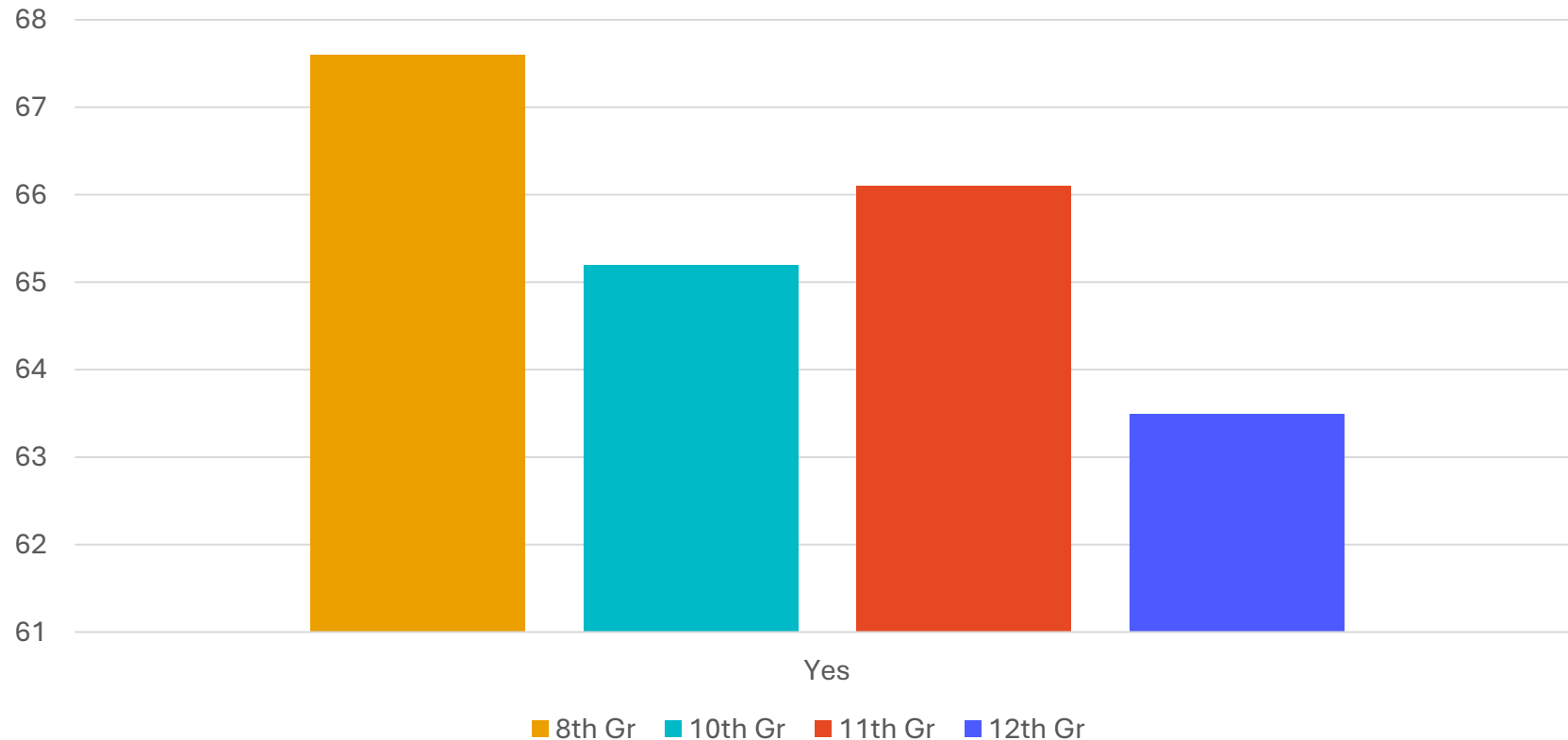
Enjoy being in school?



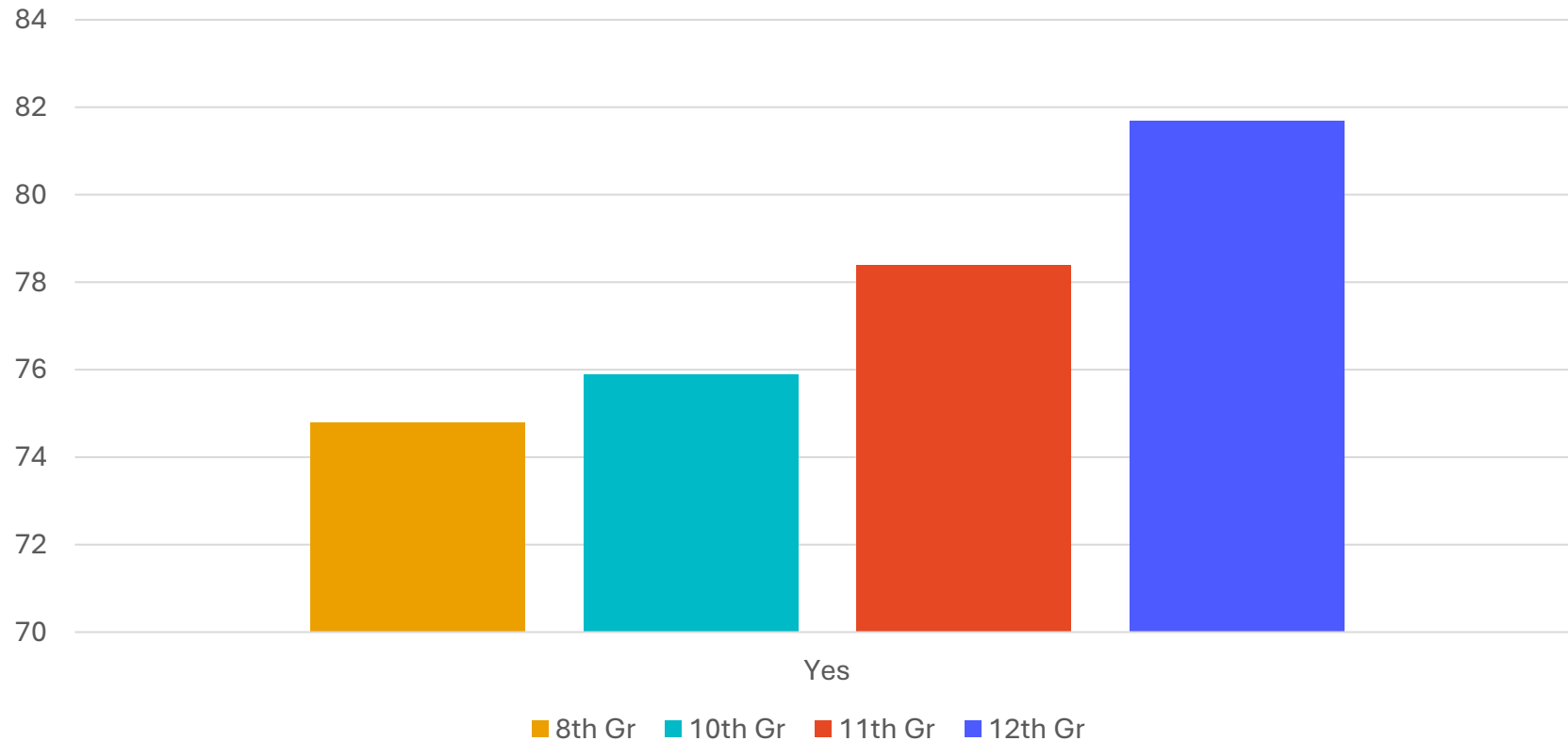
Are there adults at your school you could talk to about problems with alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs?



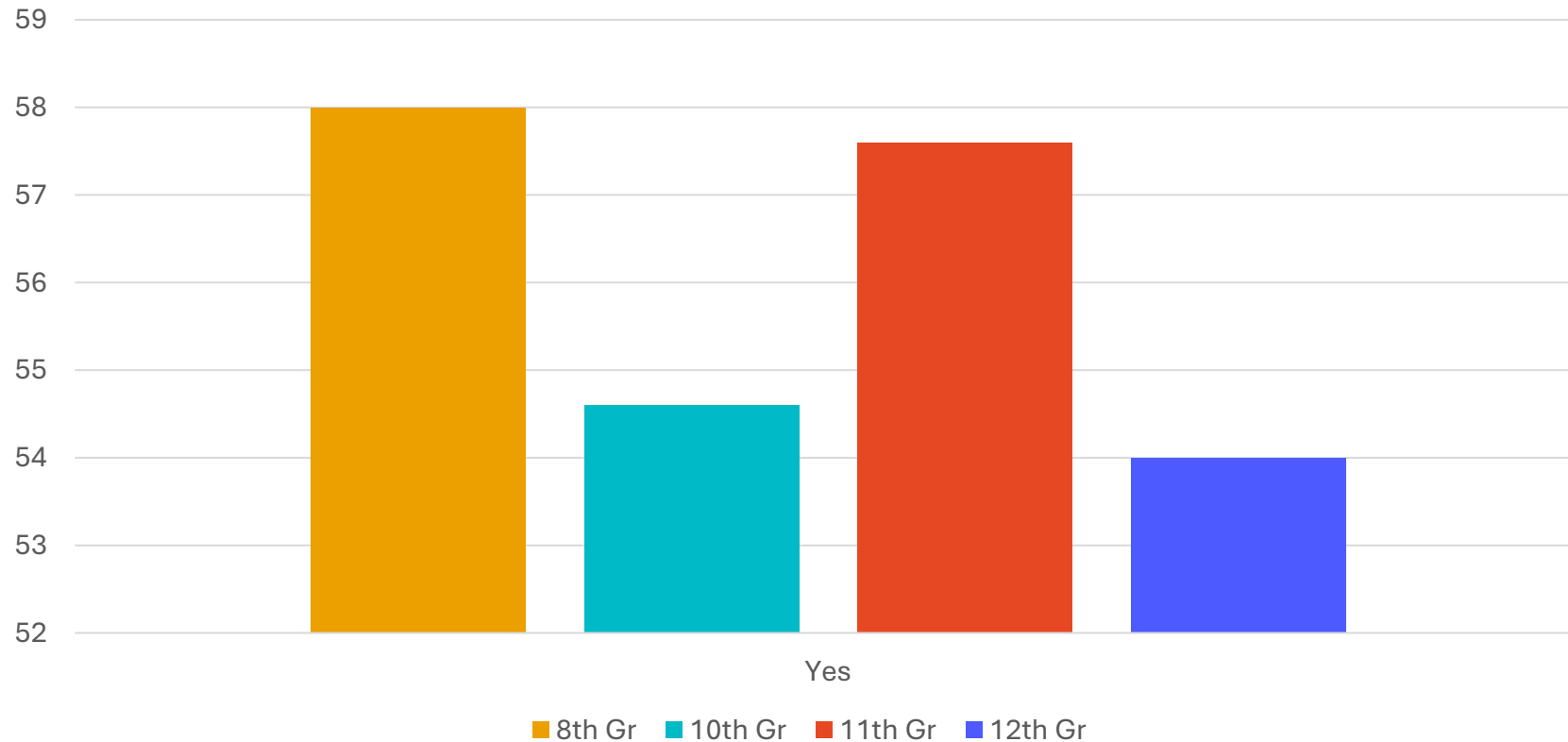
My teacher(s) notices when I am doing a good job and lets me know about it.



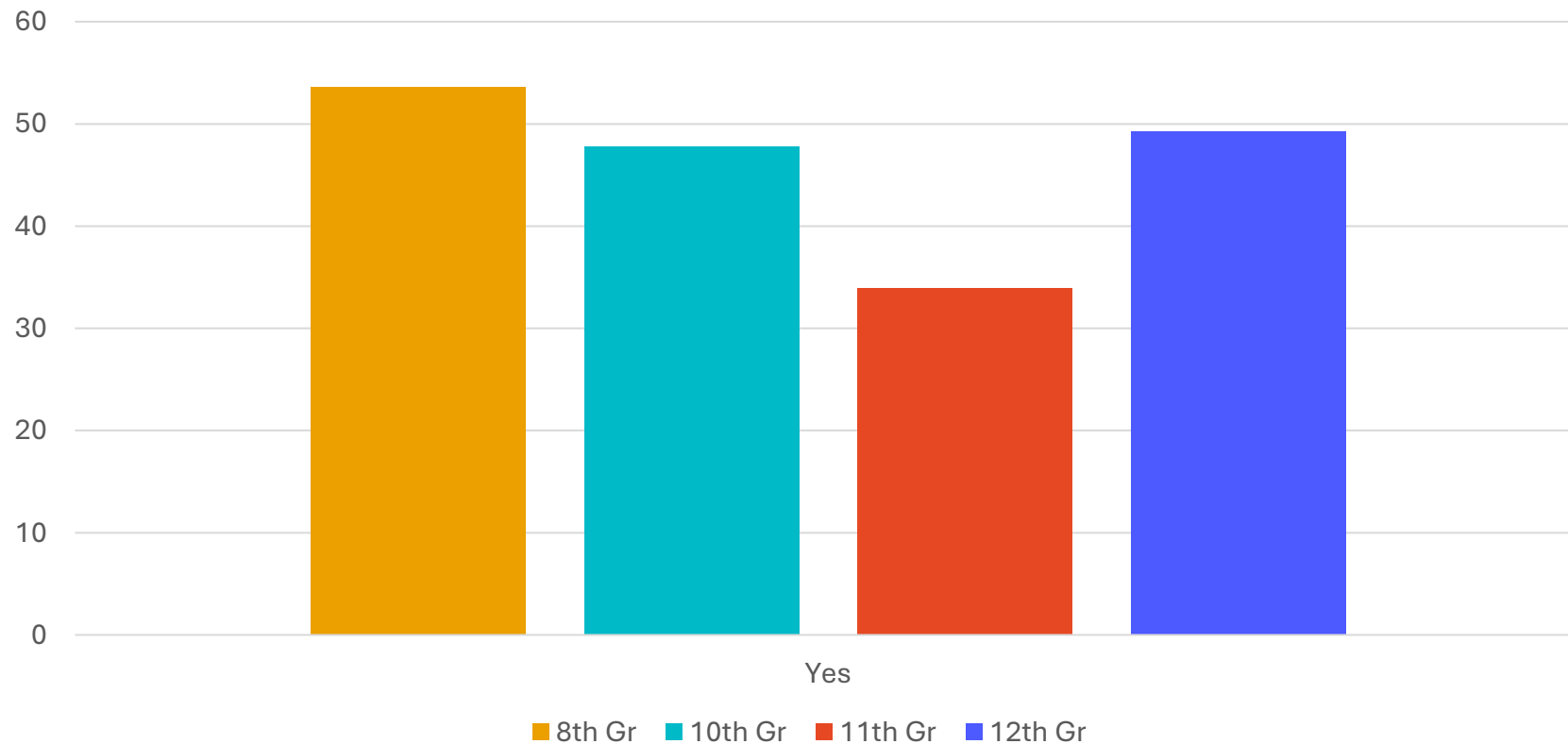
I feel safe at my school.



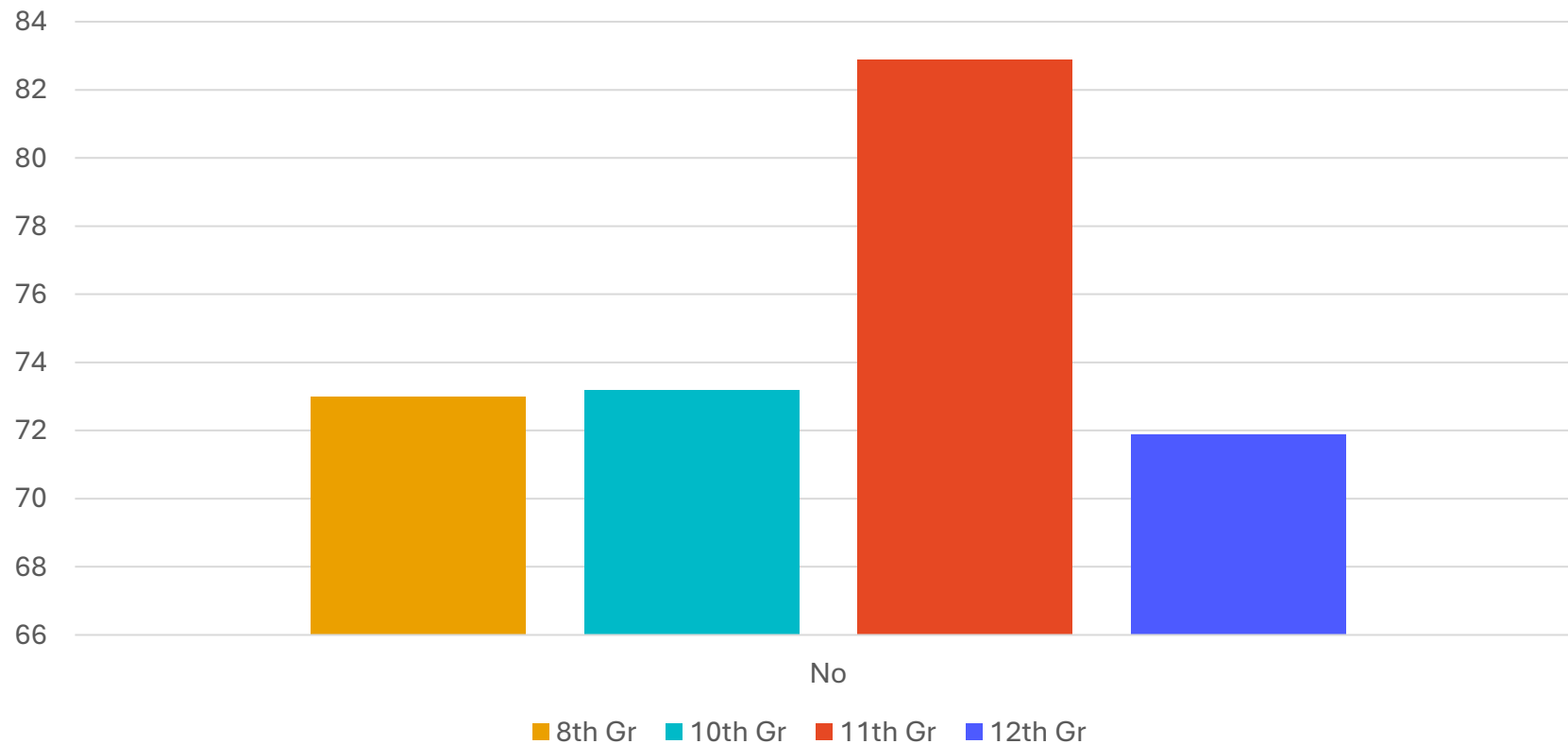
My teachers praise me when I work hard in school.



It is all right to beat up people if they start the fight.

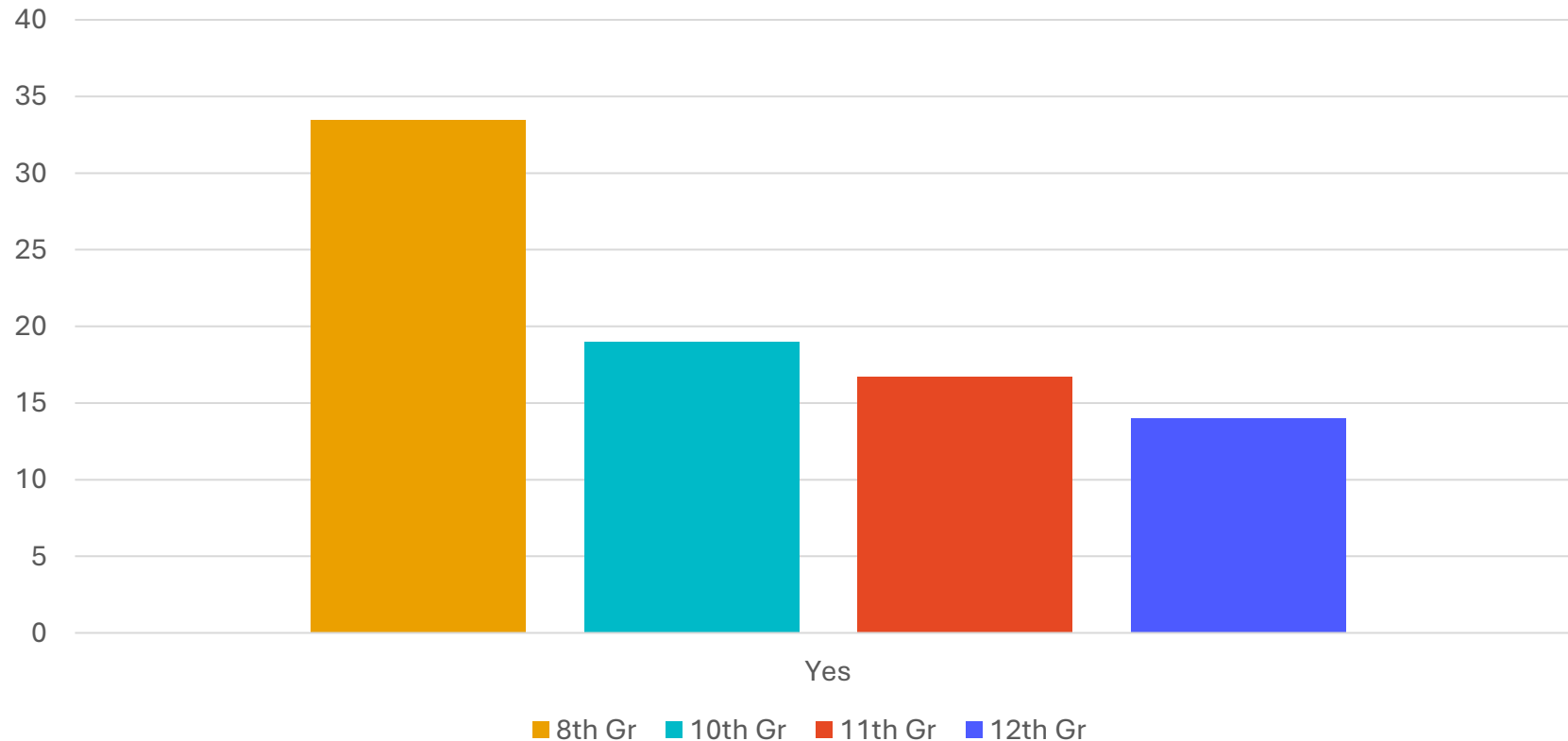


Sometimes I think that life is not worth it.



During the past year (12 months), have you ever...

- Been bullied on school property



Enlarged City School District of Middletown IMPACT Program Numbers

July 2025 thru April 2026

Teen Intervene Referrals

110

Information Awareness Events
(Spin the Wheels, Presentations, etc.)

231

Participants Reached

10742

Evidence Based Program Participants

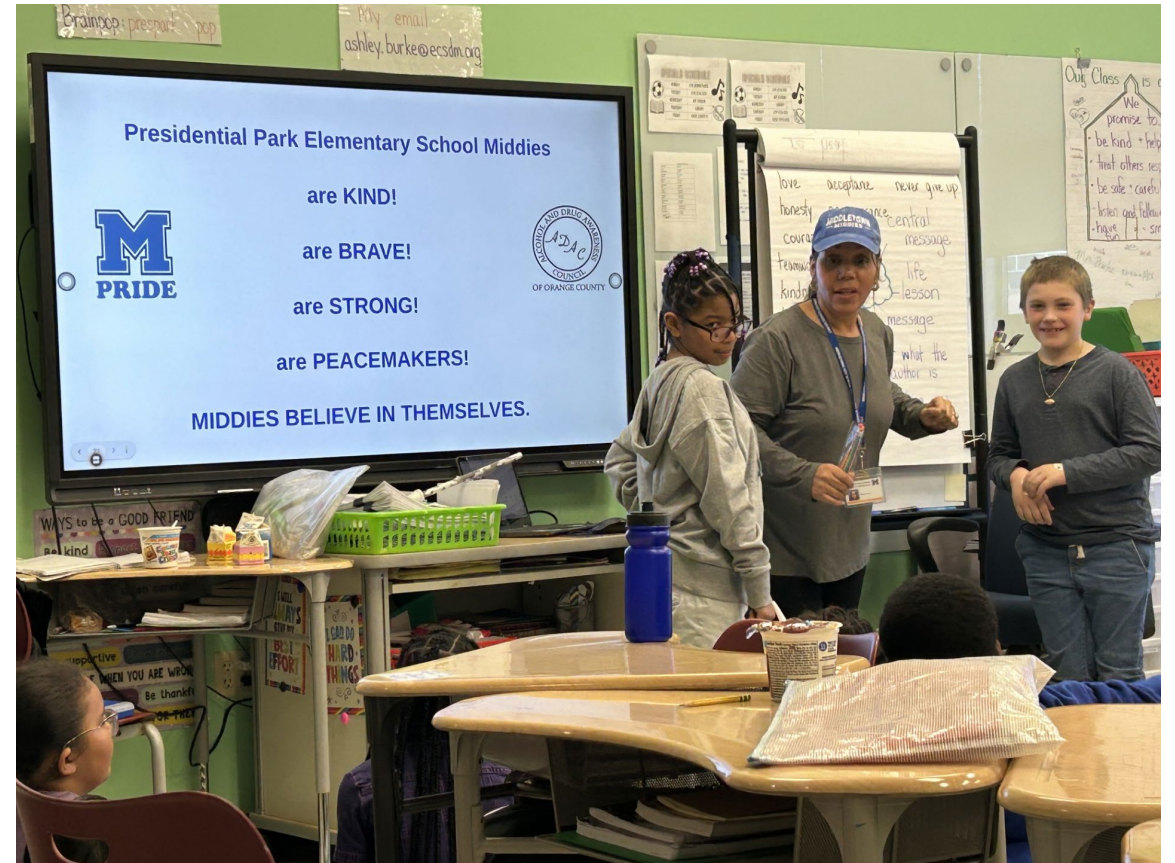
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Distracted/Drowsy Driving Simulator





8th and 9th Grade Transition Night

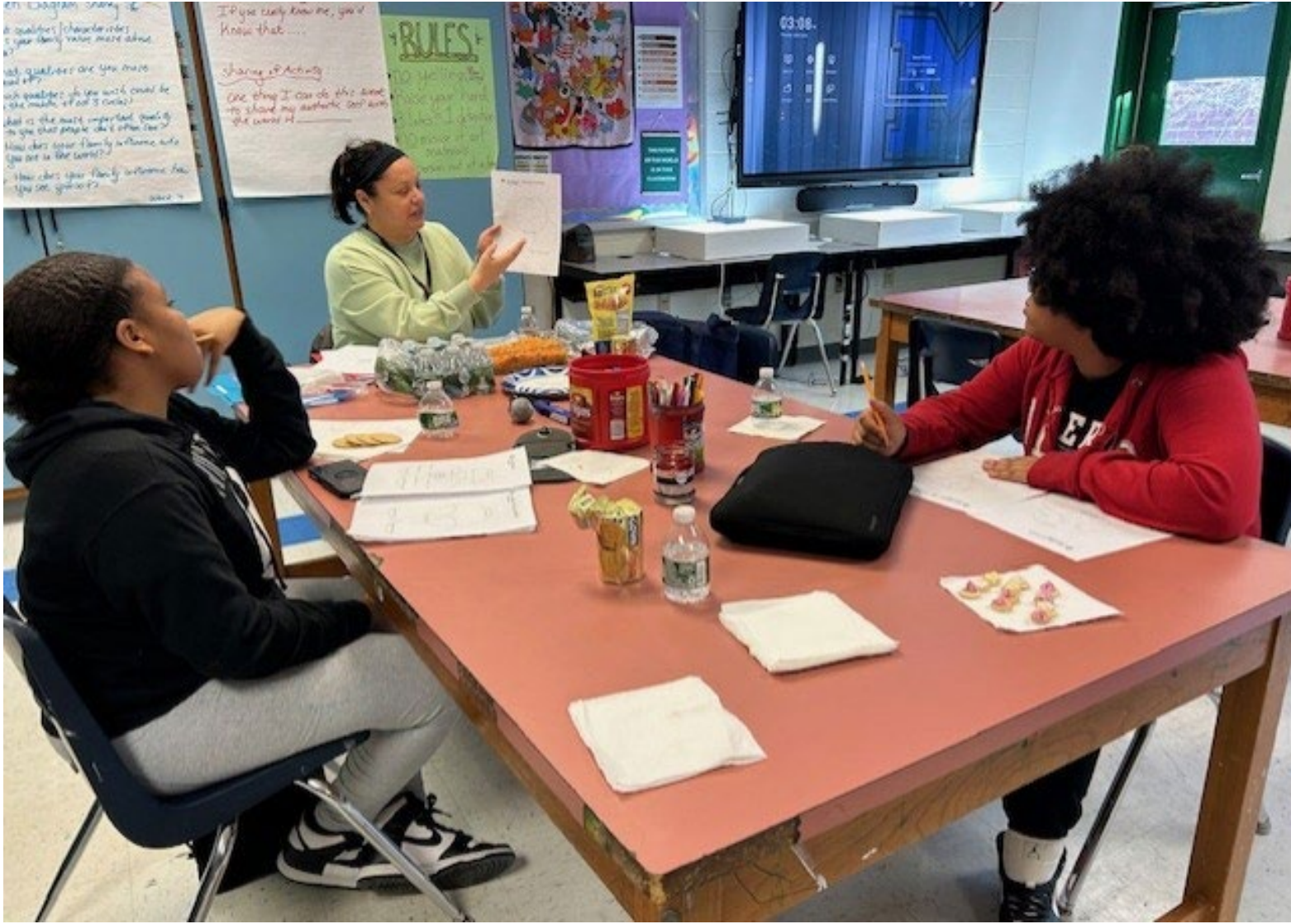


Antibullying: Be confident when saying no to substances!

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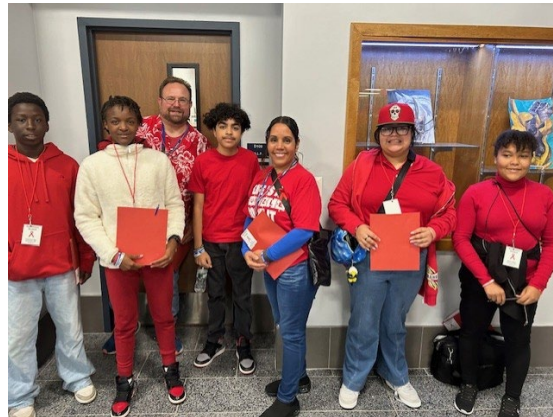
Ensuring Scholar Support





Girls Circle

Red Ribbon Week





Collaboration with PTA

PSA for Alcohol and Drug Prevention Awareness Month

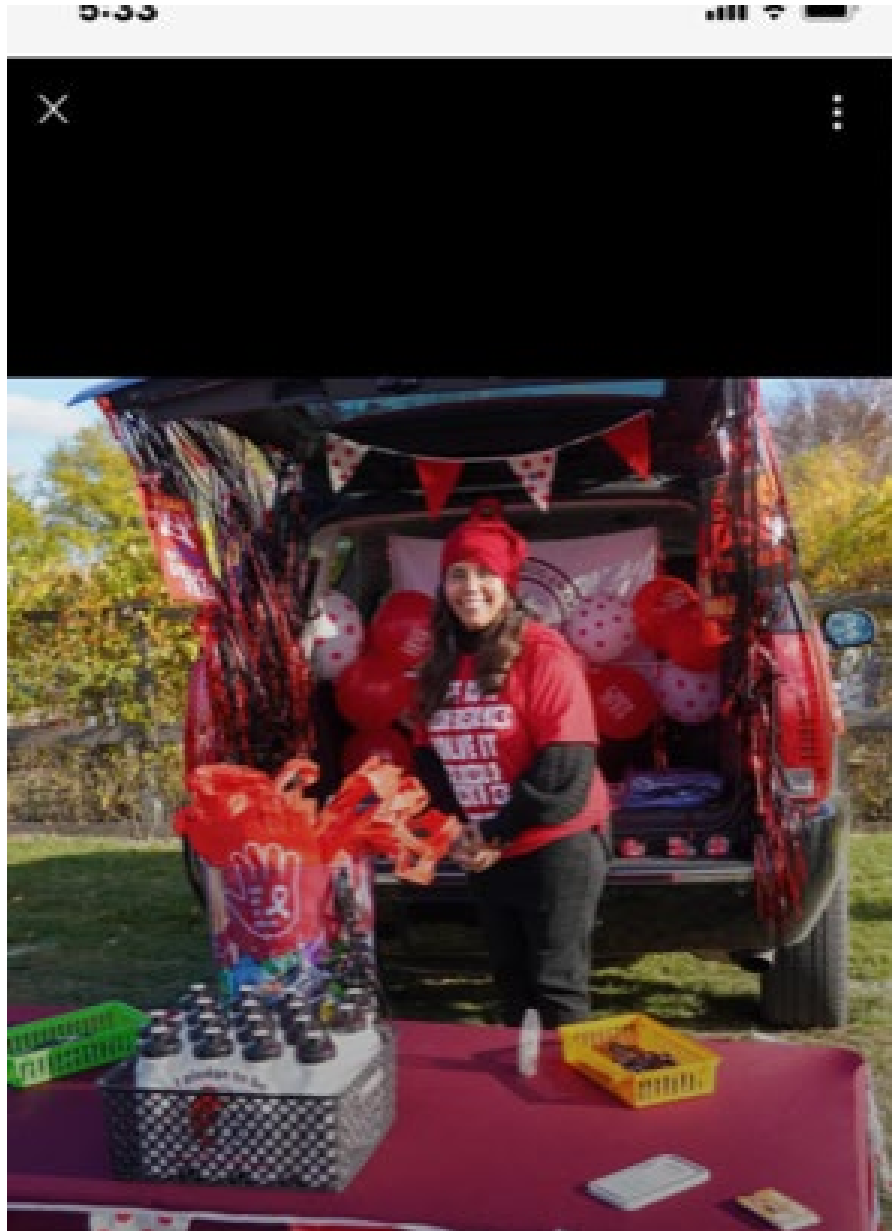


Family Night





It Takes a Village 2025



Trunk or Treat 2025

Introducing your Prevention Specialist: Wanda Febus Marrero

Wanda Febus-Marrero has been providing case management services for over 15 years to patients diagnosed with chronic, life-threatening debilitating illnesses. She served as patient services program director for HIP of greater NY ensuring authorization approval for patients in need of medical services. She was offered the opportunity to work at Patient Advocate Foundation as their New York Senior Case Manager, where she was quickly promoted to serve as the Foundations National Program Director serving underserved populations nationally. She served in initiatives promoting better healthcare outcomes spearheaded by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) Early Cancer Prevention Detection Screening program, LiveStrong Foundation, Cancer Care, Gilda's Club and American Cancer Society. She served as member of the New York State Cancer Consortium for 10 years and was asked to participate in the New York State hospital compliance and better billing practices initiative by a former New York State Medicaid Inspector General. Her commitment to underserved populations continued as she focused providing intensive case management services to families seeking services from the Office of Children and Family Services where she served Orange County, NY families for over eleven years.

She is now focusing her efforts on supporting the mission of the Alcohol and Drug Awareness Council of Orange County, NY (ADAC) and its IMPACT, Prevention Specialist program currently in collaboration with Orange County, NY school districts directly lending support to students, families and communities. This program empowers student's to make healthy choices, build resilience and resist peer pressure through evidence-based curricula.

Wanda is a proud Middie parent/grandparent, a Middletown resident of 19 years who has been married to her high school sweetheart of 34 years. She has two beautiful daughters and grandchildren whom she adores.

Upcoming Initiatives

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Thank you!