The DeKalb Prevention Coalition partnered with local school districts in 2018-19 to support the administration of a school-based alcohol and drug prevention survey. The survey assesses alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use attitudes and behaviors among 8th, 10th and 12th grade students.

PAST MONTH ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND DRUG USE

Past month use measures substance use in the 30 days prior to the survey administration.

- **1 in 61** or 1.6% of youth misused prescription drugs in the past month.
- 5% of students reported smoking part or all of a cigarette in the past month.
- 10% of students reported using electronic cigarettes in the past month.
- 7% of students reported drinking alcohol in the past month.
- 6% of students reported smoking marijuana in the past month.

13.1 was the average age of initiation for prescription drug misuse.
13.1 was the average age of initiation for cigarette use.
14.4 was the average age of initiation for e-cigarette use.
14.0 was the average age of initiation for alcohol use.
14.4 was the average age of initiation for marijuana use.

PERCEPTION OF RISK

Perception of risk measures the percentage of students associating substance use with "great" risk.

Perception of access measures the percentage of students indicating a substance is "very difficult" to access.

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COMMUNICATION ABOUT SUBSTANCE USE

- **39%**
  - In the past 12 months, 38.7% of students reported that they talked with at least one parent about the dangers of using prescription drugs not prescribed to them.

- **50%**
  - In the past 12 months, 49.8% of students reported that they talked with at least one parent about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, or drug use.

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