

what every **educator** should know about

MARIJUANA

some fast facts on the effects of drug use



one in six

Teens who use marijuana become addicted. (NIDA)



check their brain

Marijuana affects the developing brain, leading to an average of 8 point decrease in IQ in adults who used marijuana as teens. (NIDA)



10x the potency

Edibles such as cookies and chocolates made from THC concentrates are typically ten times more potent than traditional joints. (Poison Control Center)



perception

As perception of harm decreases, teen marijuana use increases. (Monitoring the Future Survey)



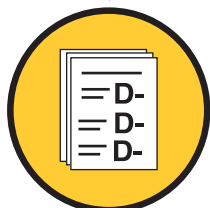
short-term memory

Marijuana can cause short-term memory problems, which can last for days or weeks. (NIDA)



easy to conceal

Marijuana concentrates (Butane Hash Oil) can be odorless and used in vaporizing pens.



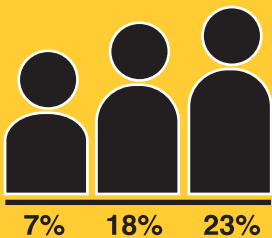
school performance

A teen that uses marijuana is much more likely to report failing grades. (SAMHSA.gov)



marijuana potency

THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana, has increased from an average of 1% (1970) up to 30% (2013). (Join Together)



marijuana use in the last thirty days

7% of 8th graders, 18% of tenth graders and 23% of 12th graders have used marijuana in the past month. (Monitoring the Future Survey)



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