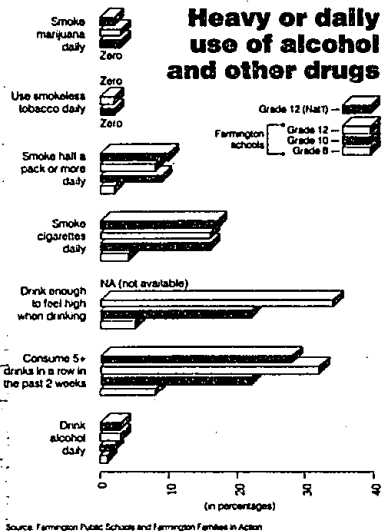


Heavy or daily use of alcohol and other drugs



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tried inhalants in the fifth grade or earlier. Inhalants are inexpensive and accessible, making it difficult to thwart their use. They can include anything from gasoline to typewriter correction fluid.

Their effects include nausea, dizziness and lack of coordination, though there have reports of teens dying from inhaling aerosol and other household products.

"People used to think it was just model airplane glue," Farmington Hills police Lt. Richard Murphy said.

Nancy Kring, president of FFIA, said her organization is going to warn parents and chil-

dren about inhalants. Like inhalants, tobacco and alcohol are often at their fingertips, students reported in the survey. Marijuana is also considered easy to get, according to the survey.

Most said they use alcohol, tobacco or marijuana outside of school at parties or other places.

Alcohol is still the intoxicant of choice. Kids are apparently drinking at a younger age, too.

Some 60 percent of Farmington area high school seniors said they had used alcohol in the past month, which is higher than the national average of 51 percent. Some 32 percent of seniors said

they had five or more drinks within a two-week period.

School officials think part of the reason might be that the emphasis has been put on drug education while the campaign against underage drinking has softened somewhat.

Also, parents' lax attitudes toward alcohol use contribute to the problem, they said.

"It's just the old cop out: 'It's only alcohol,'" said Farmington Hills police Lt. Richard Murphy.

Farmington Public Schools, FFIA and the Farmington and Farmington Hills police continue to address the issue in a number

of drug and alcohol awareness programs.

Some of the more well-known include the school's Student Assistance Program, FFIA's Talking with Your Kids About Alcohol (TWYKAA) and the police department's THINK program for fifth-graders and the officer liaison program for high schoolers.

Those involved don't think such drug and alcohol education efforts have failed. But, they admit there's only so much they can do.

"You can put the information out," Murphy said, "but you can't drag the parents there."

Principal finds crack at school; teen charged

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A Farmington High student has been charged with drug possession with intent to deliver after a principal found two rocks of crack cocaine.

Steven Sinadinovski, 17, was arraigned March 25 before Judge Fred Harris at 47th District Court. A not-guilty plea was entered.

Sinadinovski was released after posting \$5,000 bond. Preliminary examination was set for 8:30 a.m. today, April 4.

Upon conviction, the penalty for drug possession with intent to

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deliver can range from one to 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine or lifetime probation. A judge can lighten or stiffen the sentence if there is a compelling reason.

Police and school officials believe it's an isolated incident.

"It's the only incident that I can remember that involved crack cocaine at the high school," said

more."

Myers and assistant principal John Barrett confronted the student March 25 on a tip he was carrying drugs, according to the police report. The student was asked to empty his pockets when they noticed a plastic bag containing two rocks of crack cocaine.

Police said the student said he was carrying the packet for several days in Greetkown. The person instructed the teen to sell the packet for \$50 and bring the money back, according to police.

"He left it at that," Wiggins said.

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