

Perception vs. Fact
2008 Youth Survey Results
Saratoga Springs City School District (NY)

At the middle school level, kids in the Saratoga Springs City School District are much more accurate about whether their peers use alcohol or other drugs. Not many kids are using in middle school, and that fact is pretty well known.

These perceptions change drastically once kids enter the high school, which in turn affects the rate of use. Alcohol, binge drinking, cigarette and marijuana use more than triples between 8th and 9th grade.

% who believe that over half of peers use
vs. actual % of use

