## Stoughton Youth Health Survey

2024

### Key Findings





#### Considerations

-Balance Hope and Concern

-Data provides some insight but not all the answers

-Complex issues require complex and collaborative solutions



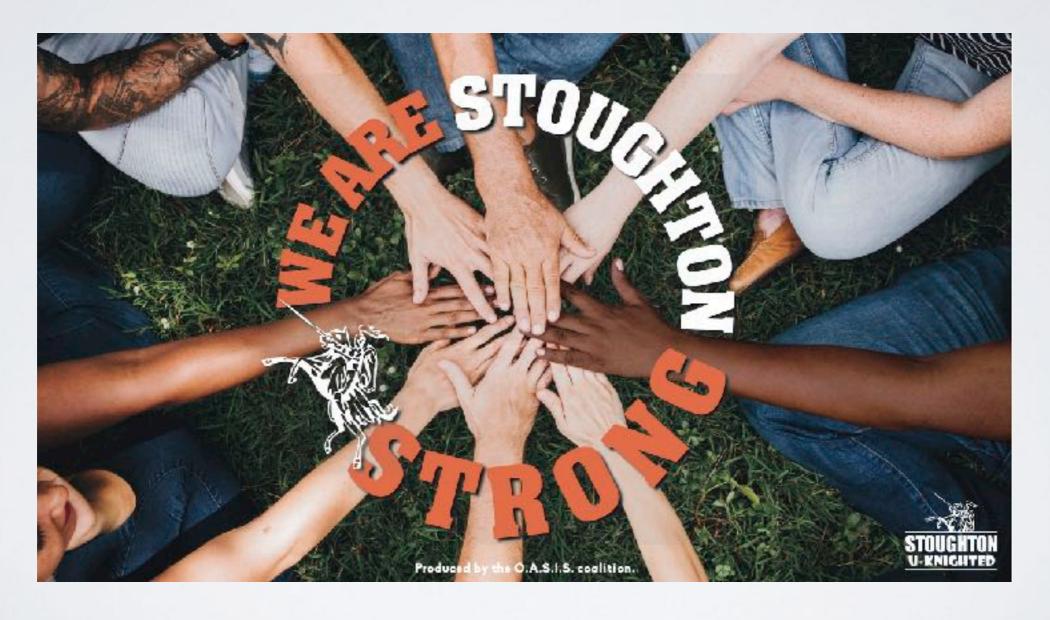


#### 2024 Stoughton Youth Health Survey

- Survey Date: February 8, 2024
   administered electronically at OMS and SHS
- Based on CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
- OMS sample: 690 valid surveys (82%)
- SHS sample: 742 valid surveys (67%)
- Anonymous & Confidential
- Offered in 4 languages (English, Spanish, Portuguese & Haitian Creole)



#### Connectedness





#### MOST students feel connected to school.

	OMS Agree / Strongly Agree	SHS Agree / Strongly Agree
There is at least 1 adult in the school I can talk to if I have a problem.	69%	78%
Teachers treat me with respect.	69%	82%
My teachers really care about me.*	55%	64%
I feel safe at school.	54%	58%
I feel I am a part of this school.*	63%	62%
School-wide behavioral expectations are meaningful or important to me.	65%	63%

# MOST students are engaged in some type of extracurricular activity.



### Alcohol and Other Drugs

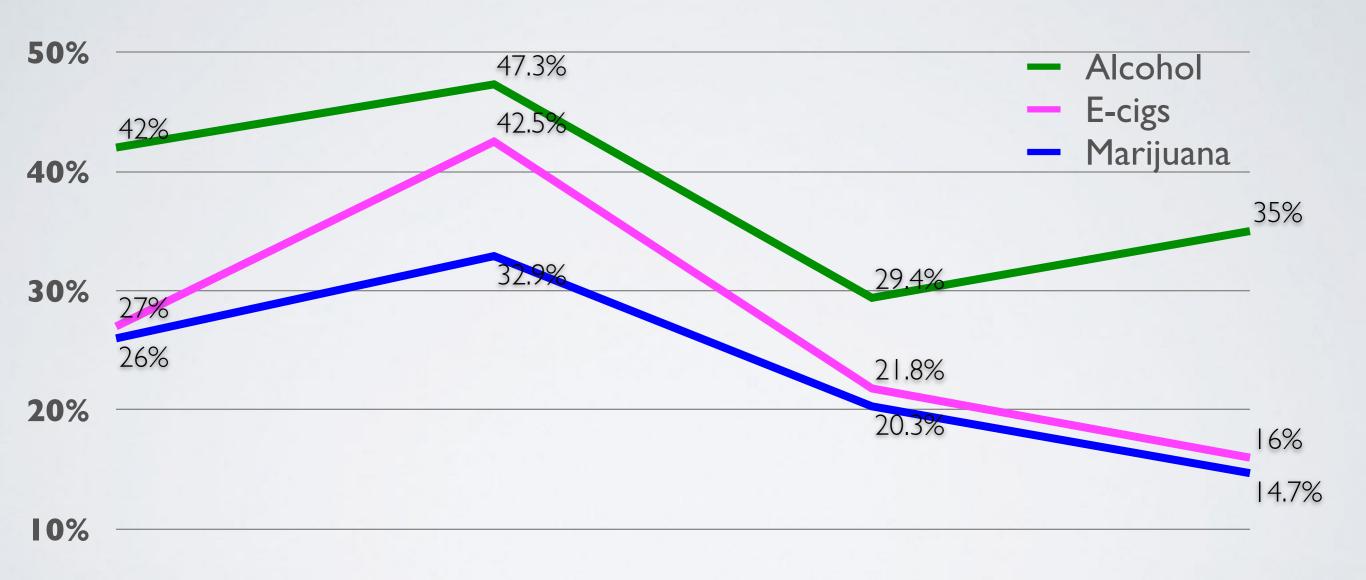






## Substance use is trending down, with the exception of alcohol.

#### Lifetime Use - SHS 2017-2024



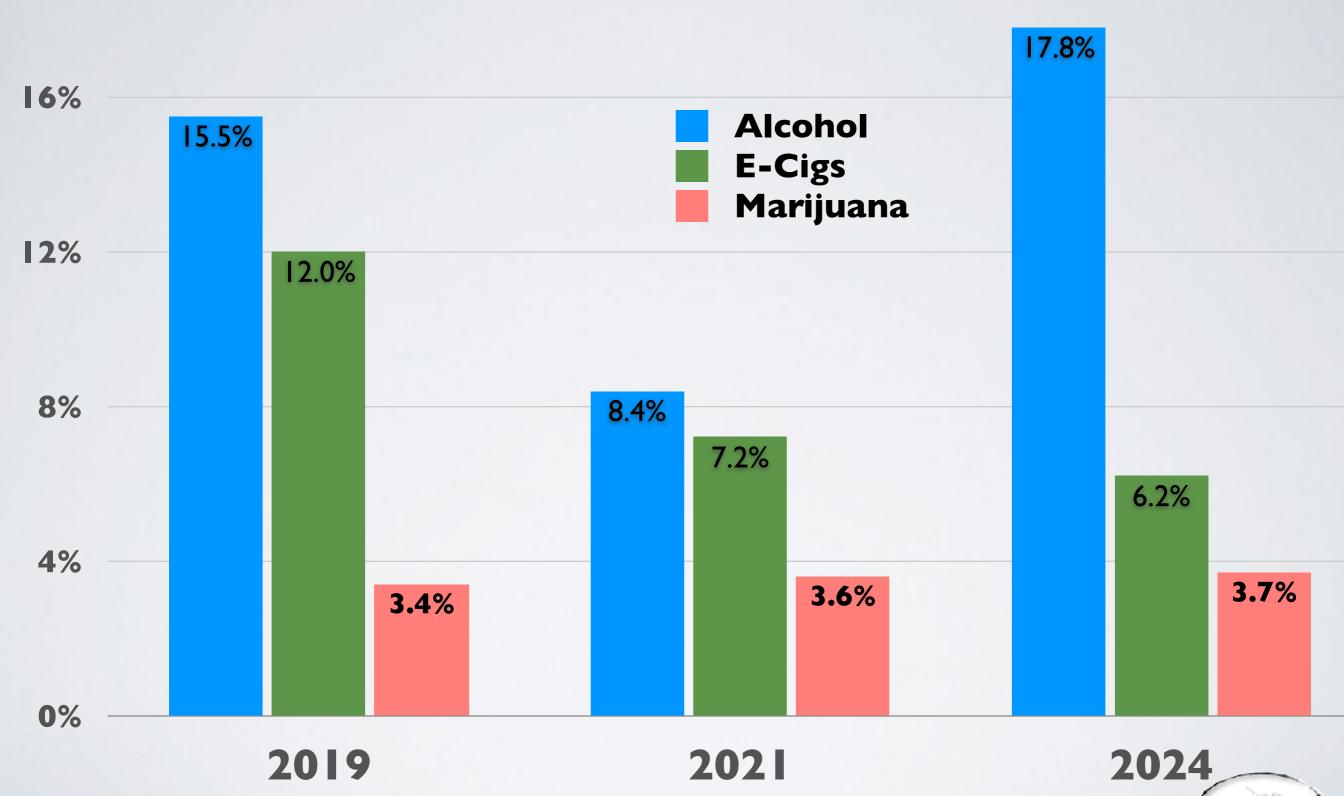


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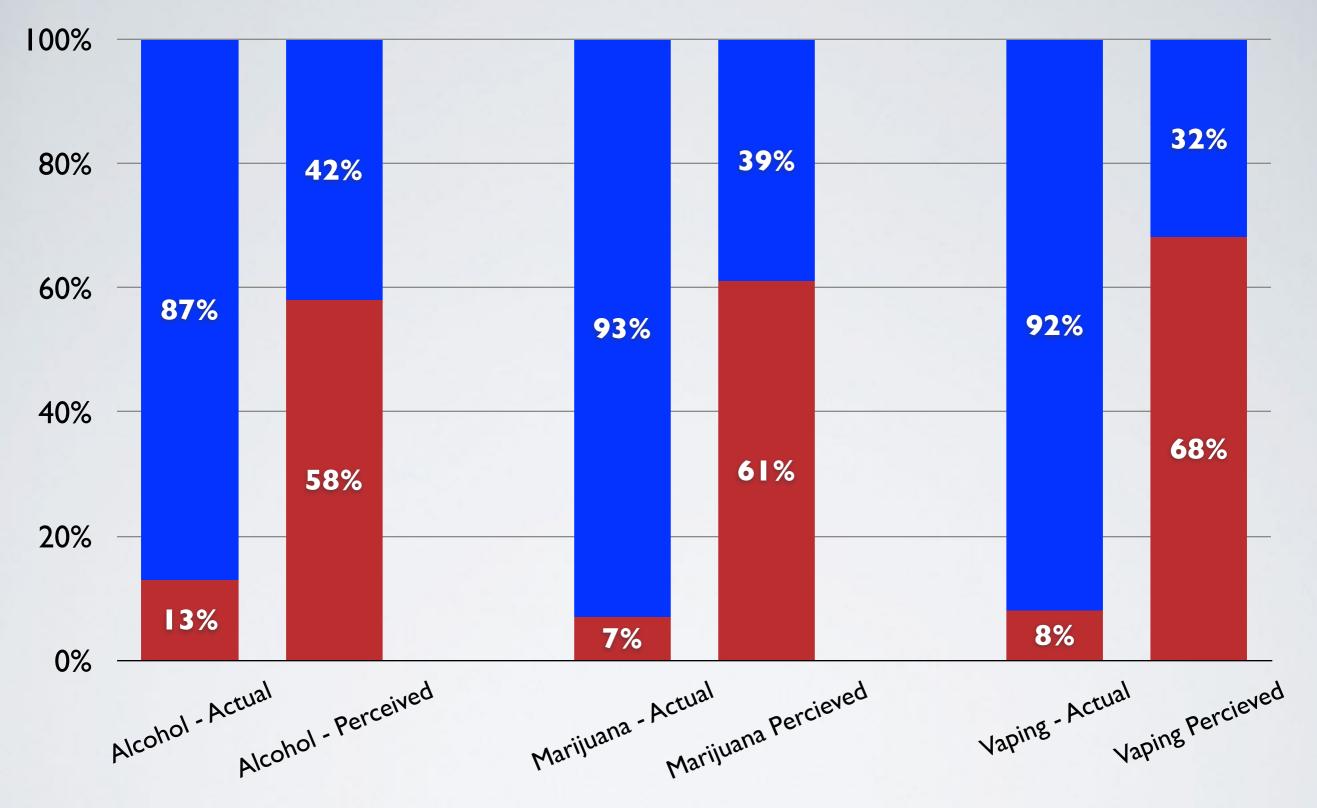
## Lifetime Use of Substances: OMS 8th Graders



## If rates are down, why do we feel like we are experiencing increased use?

	Lifetime	Past Year	Past 30 Days
Alcohol	35%	24.3%	13%
Marijuana	14.7%	13.9%	7.4%
Vaping	I 6%* In this case it specified nicotine	17.1%	8.1%





2024 - Truth & Perceptions, Current Substance Use at SHS

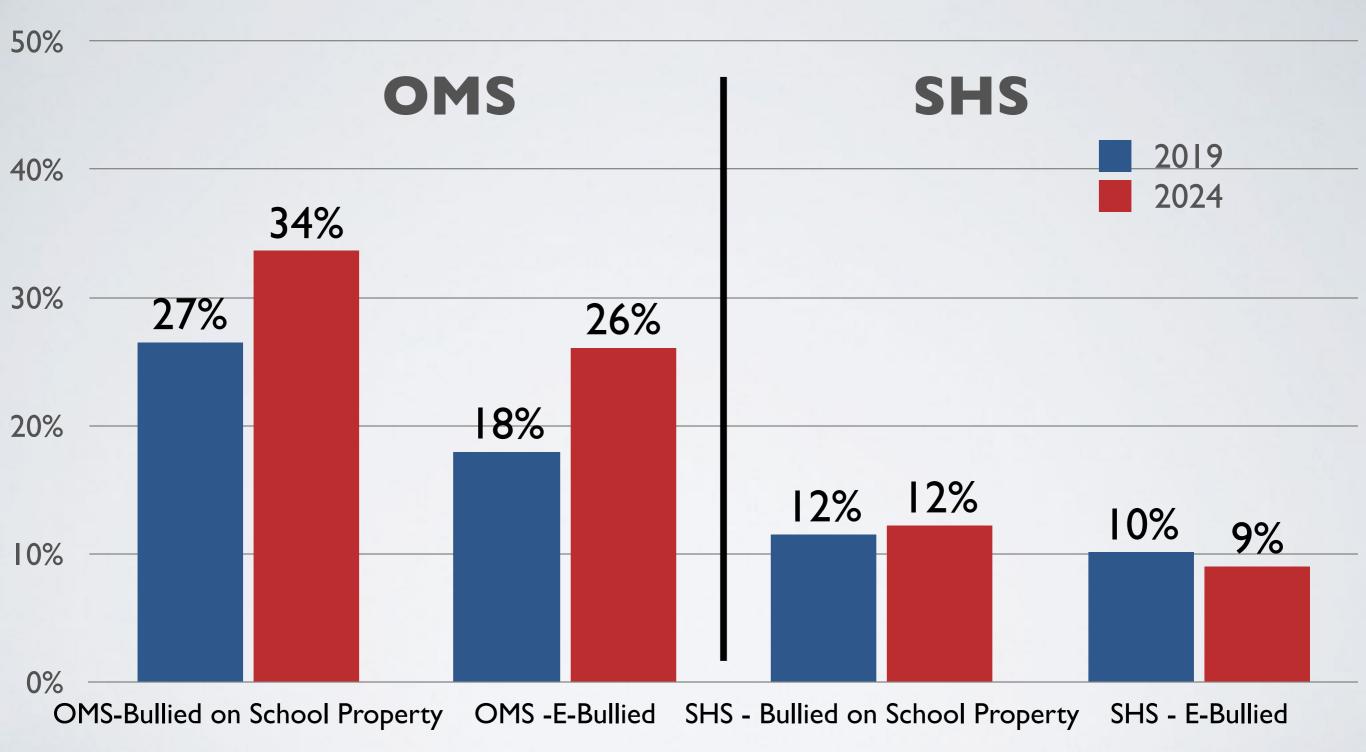


## Bullying & Fighting





## Bullying & E-Bullying 2019 & 2024





#### Fighting - Past 12 months

	2019	2024
In a physical fight	14.6%	17.6%
In a physical fight on school property	5.1%	9.7%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon	7%	10.5%
In a physical fight	14.6%	7.5%
In a physical fight on school property	5.1%	3.7%
Been threatened or injured with a weapon	4.1%	4.1%

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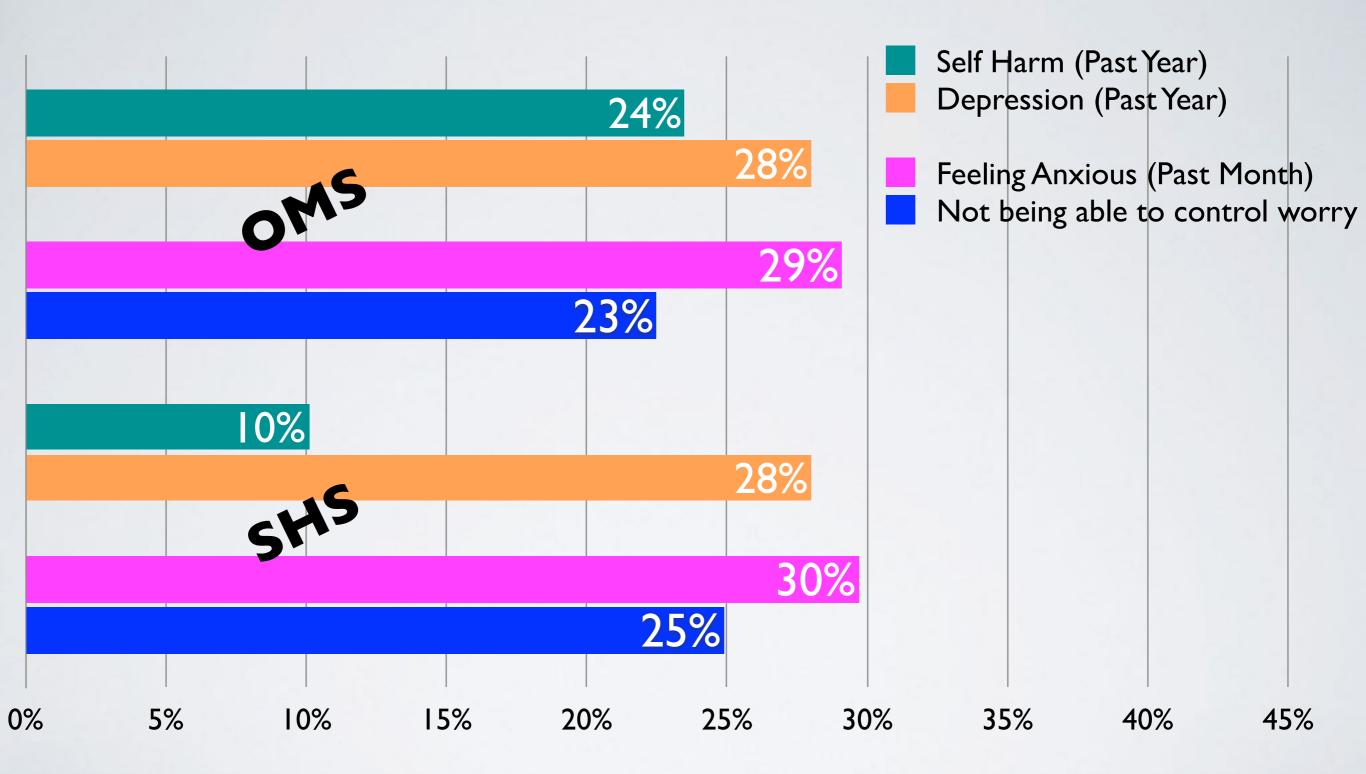
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#### Mental Health



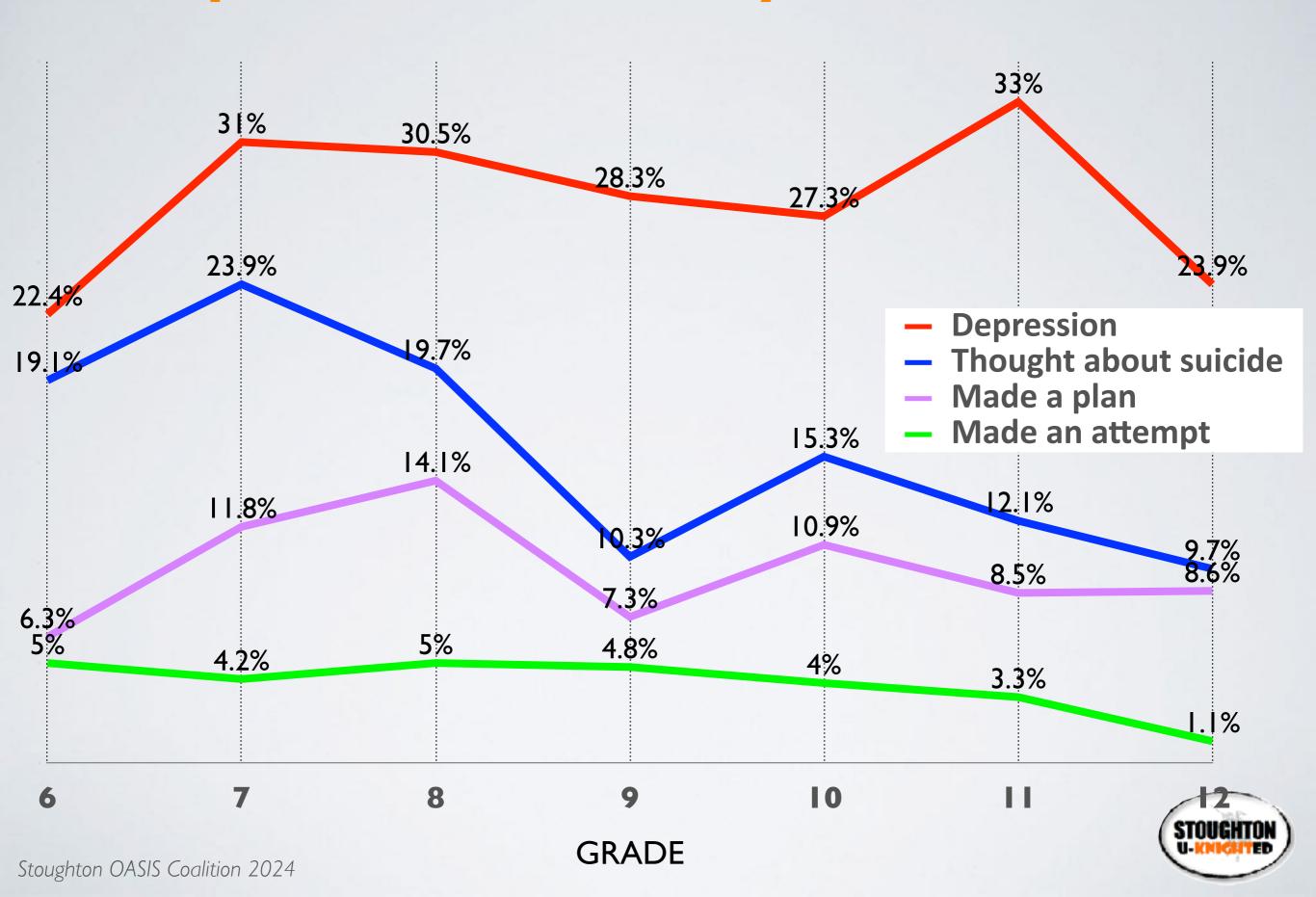


#### **Depression & Anxiety**





#### Depression & Suicide by Grade - 2024



#### Other Behaviors:

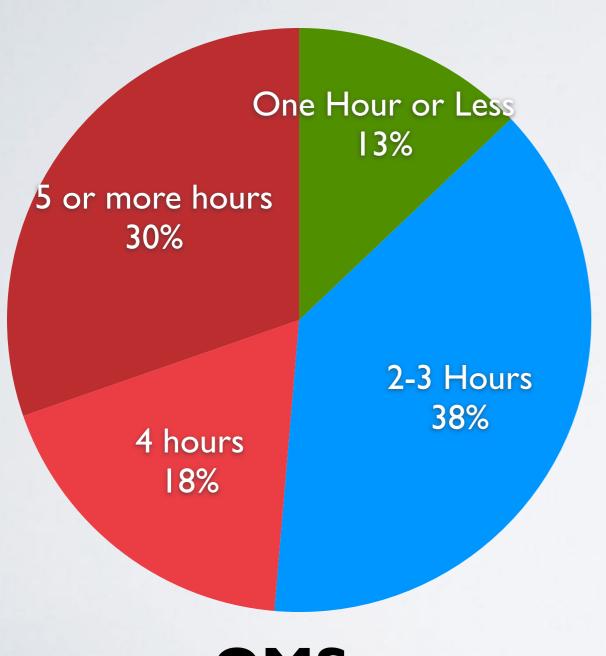


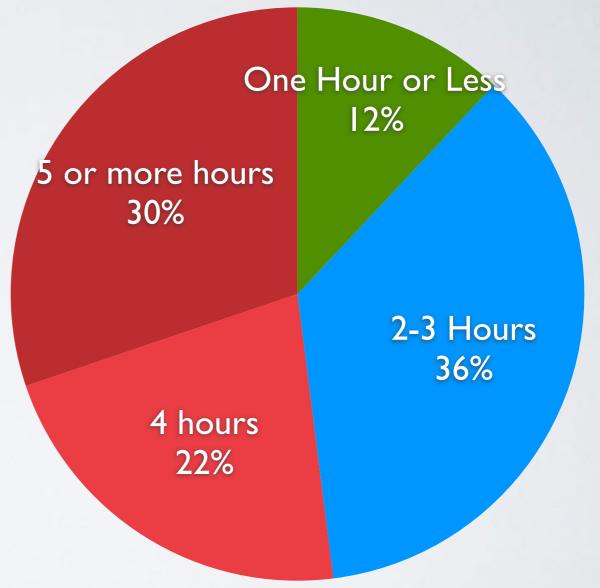




## Screen Time on School Days for 2024 (not for school work)







**OMS** 

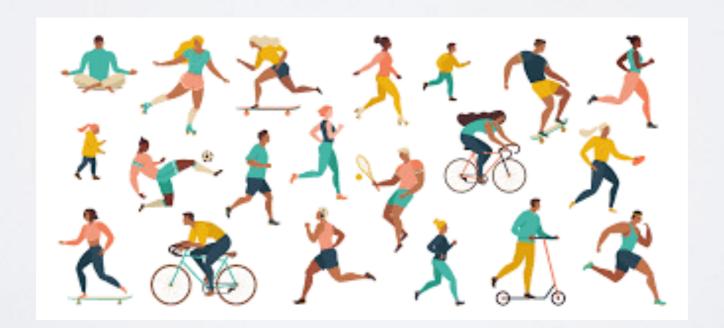
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#### **Physical Activity**

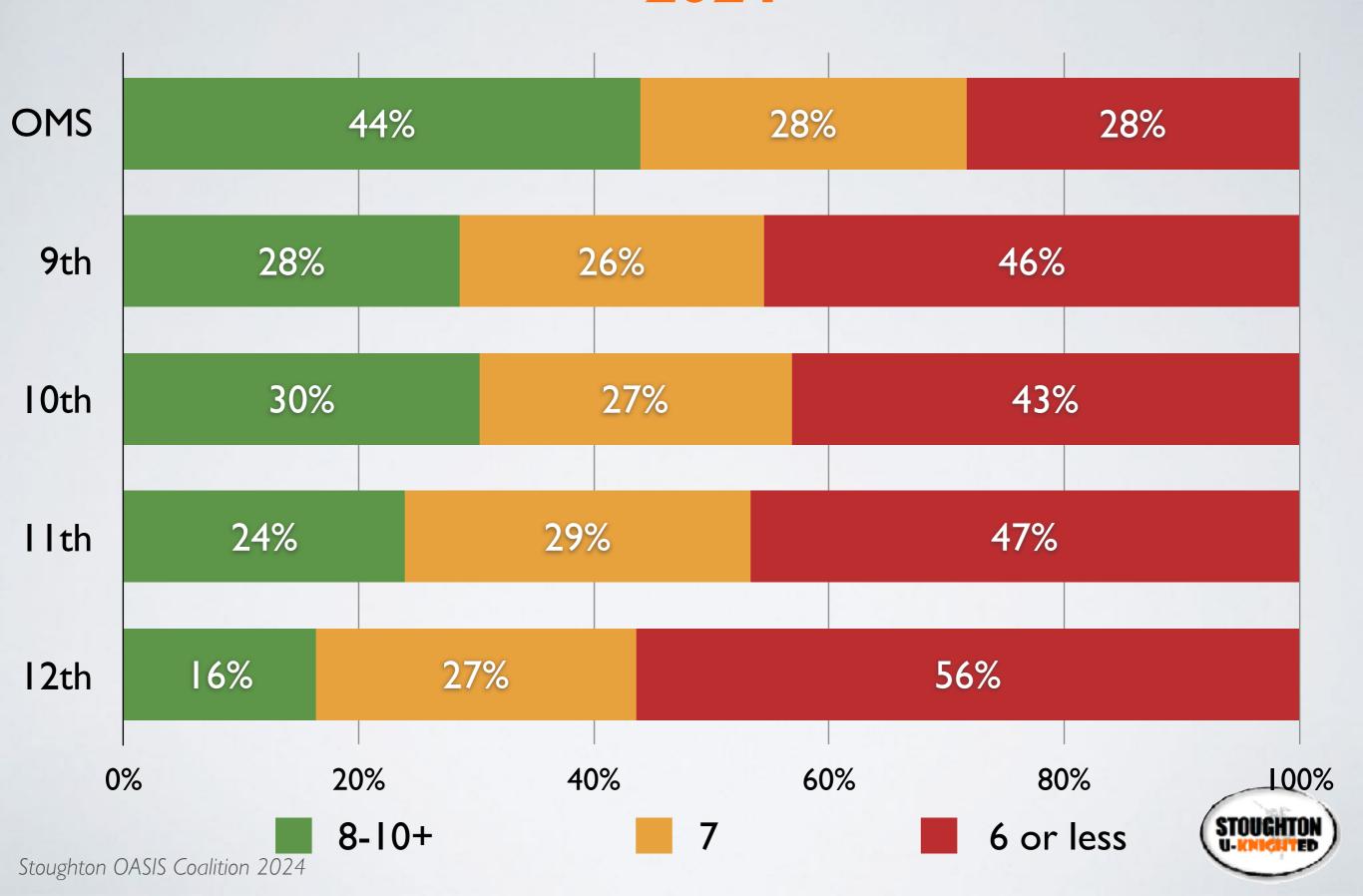
61% of SHS students report being physically active for 3+ days in past week ("made you sweat or breathe hard")

**62.1% of OMS students** report being physically active for 3+ days in past week





## Average Hours of Sleep (School Nights) 2024



**Stoughton Public Schools & OASIS Present:** 

2nd Annual

# HEALTH BY WELLNESS FAIR

Wednesday April 24, 2024 3-7 Stoughton High

For SHS & OMS students & SPS Parents / Guardians

Explore all things health and wellness with our community partners.

Come any time and stay as long as you want.

Attendance buy backs and other incentives for participation! Comfort Dogs
Mental Health
Fatal Vision Goggles
Self-Defense
Obstacle Course
(with Stoughton Fire)
Fun & Games
Food Trucks
and so much more!



#### **NEW PODCAST**

WHERE'S MY HANDBOOK?



**EPISODES AVAILABLE STARTING 2/28** 







ALL MAJOR PLATFORMS



## GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

FREE In Person, Weekly Drop-In Group

Every Tuesday 10-11AM Starting March 26, 2024

Location: Stoughton YMCA (open to all)
Child Care available

Questions?
Call Teresa Tapper, LMHC 781-232-9383



Sponsored by Town of Stoughton and Stoughton Old Colony YMCA





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