

Schools CAN Help Prevent Substance Misuse?

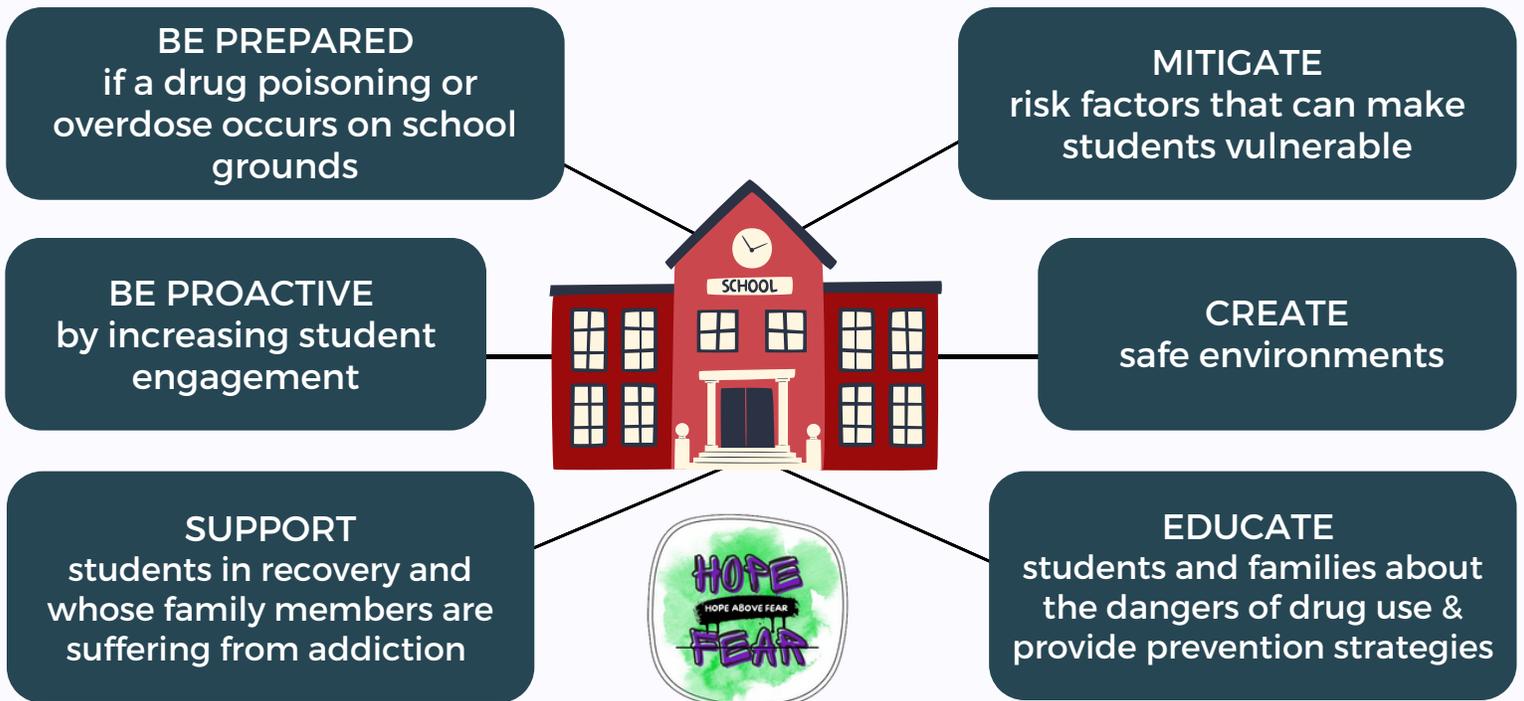


- Schools do not have it in their power to stop vaping, drinking, or substance-use.
- Schools should not be blamed when students engage in risk taking behavior.

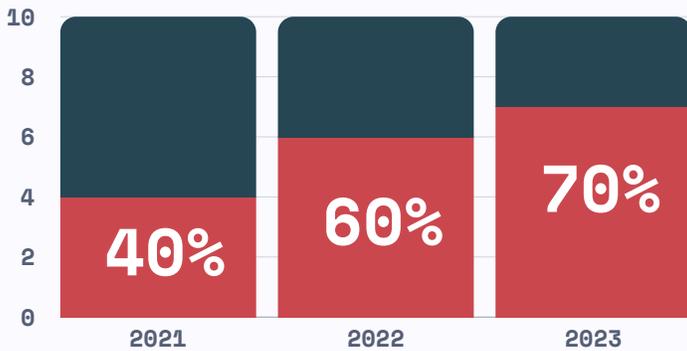


- Schools DO have it in their power to improve student knowledge and equip teens with strategies for navigating risky situations.
- Schools DO need to equip teens with the tools and knowledge to make informed decisions and cultivate a positive lifestyle.

According to the U.S. Department of Education SCHOOLS SHOULD...



KNOW THE FACTS



DEA laboratory testing in 2023 showed that 7 out of 10 pills contain a potentially deadly dose of FENTANYL. This is an increase from 4 out of 10 pills in 2021 and 6 out of 10 pills in 2022.

Drug related deaths are the 3rd highest cause of pediatric death. Drug education is a matter of LIFE AND DEATH.

Drug Awareness Education Model

- E Education**
Provide accurate information about the risks and effects of drugs.
- M Motivation**
Inspire positive behavior and healthy lifestyle choices.
- P Prevention**
Implement strategies to prevent drug use and abuse among youth.
- O Open-Dialogue**
Foster open communication between youth, peers, and trusted adults.
- W Well-being**
Promote overall mental and physical health.
- E Empathy**
Cultivate understanding and support for those affected by drug use.
- R Resilience**
Build skills to resist peer pressure and overcome challenges.

