

DEAR STATTY



Statty Countemup is an advice columnist who knows her numbers. To submit a question for Statty, visit the I-Team table when they come to your school!

Dear Statty: Sometimes I feel like I have the strictest parents in the world. When I go out, they're always asking me where I'm going, who I'm going to be with, etcetera, etcetera. Am I the only one? - *Perturbed by my parents*

DEAR PERTURBED: You are far from alone! As a matter of fact, according to our Fall 2005 Survey of Naperville and Indian Prairie School District parents, 94% of parents say they always ask who their teen will be with, 90% ask what their teen will be doing, and 94% ask where their teen will be going. So if your parents sound like an interrogator from Law and Order, you've got lots of company - Statty

Dear Statty: With spring coming up, I thought it might be fun to have some friends over for a party. What are some things I could do to get a big turn out? - *Hopeful Host*

DEAR HOPEFUL: What a great question! Again, looking at our surveys here are some things you can do to. First, make sure your parents are there - 95% of parents don't let their teens go to parties with no adult supervision. Second, do not have alcohol there. It is against the law, 99% of parents don't let their teens go to parties where alcohol is being served, and 60% of your peers prefer parties where people aren't drinking alcohol. Finally - don't let people smoke either. 76% of your peers prefer parties where people aren't smoking - Statty

Fact of the Month:

The April 2005 Power of Choice census survey of all District 203 and 204 students found that **89%** of students prefer to date someone who doesn't smoke, & **64%** prefer to date someone who doesn't drink.

12 Reasons To Believe that **66%** of your peers **haven't** had alcohol in the past 30 days. (part 5 of 6)

- Between University of Illinois, and all the agencies who are involved in designing and delivering the surveys, and then working to share the results, we're being given money by the state to be accurate and truthful with this project. Do you think we'd jeopardize our work by lying to you or creating a false number?
- If we were going to lie about the numbers, don't you think we'd pick an even bigger number than 66% of you who haven't had alcohol in the last 30 days?

(tune in next month for reasons #11 and #12)



Source: April 2005 survey of all District 203 and 204 High School Students -A project of NCO Youth & Family Services, Naperville School District #203, Indian Prairie School District #204, Breaking Free, Inc., the Naperville Police Department, DuPage County Health



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