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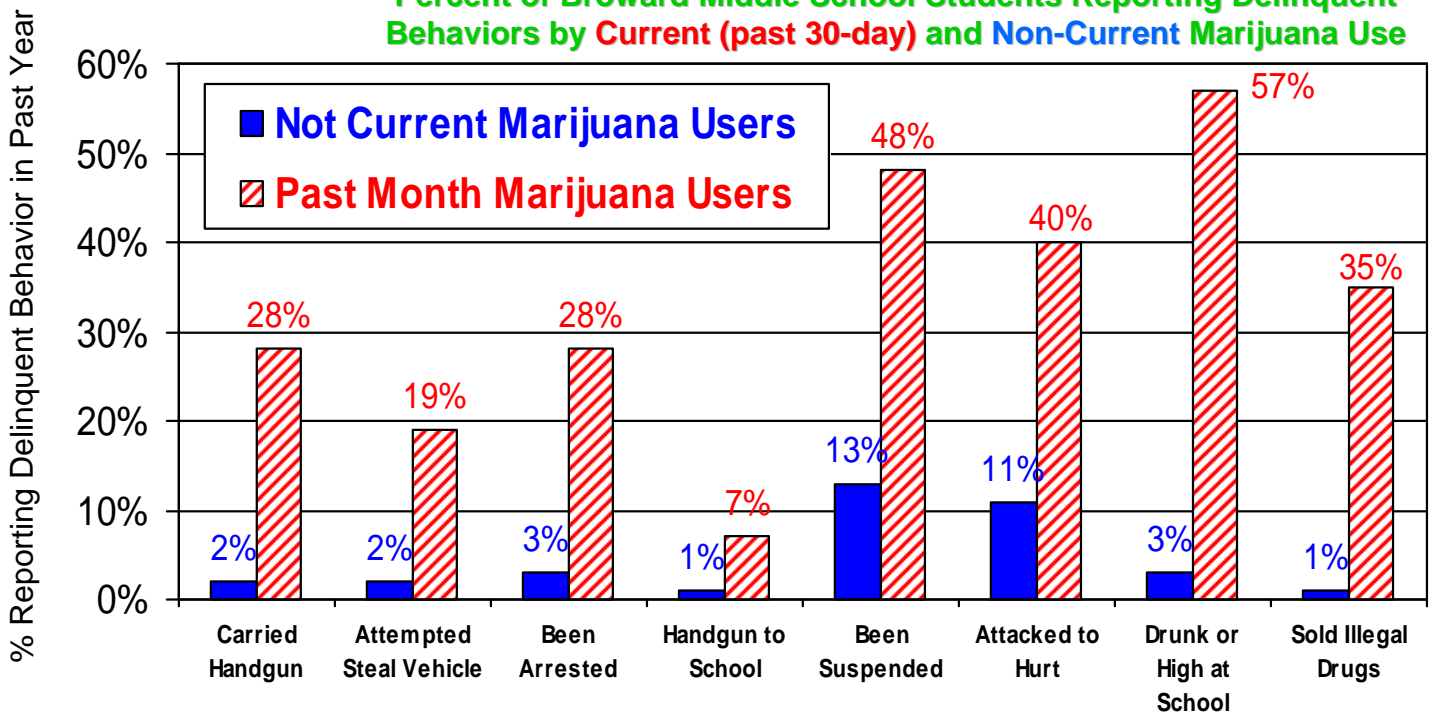
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Delinquent Behaviors Highest Among Local Middle School Marijuana Users

Broward County middle school students who self-reported using marijuana within the past 30 days (“current users”) on the Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey also reported higher levels of delinquent behaviors within the past year than even high school current marijuana users or any students who were current drinkers of alcohol, and those who were not current marijuana users. Rates of middle school students reporting they (1) carried a handgun, (2) attempted to steal a motor vehicle, (3) were arrested, (4) carried a handgun to school, (5) were suspended from school, (6) attacked someone with the intent to hurt them, (7) were drunk or “high” at school, or (8) sold illegal drugs were significant higher for middle school students who also reported any marijuana use within the past month with rates ranging from 2 to 3 times higher than those reported by high school marijuana users and far greater than non marijuana users.

Percent of Broward Middle School Students Reporting Delinquent Behaviors by Current (past 30-day) and Non-Current Marijuana Use



Source: FL DCF – 2008 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey Broward County.
 Sample= 4,142 Broward Middle School Students