Underage Drinking Can Detour Academic Success

- 60% of college students drink (ages 18-22)¹
- 25% of Sr. high students drink (ages 16-17)²
- 2% of middle school students drink (ages 12-13)³
- 11% of Jr. high students drink (ages 14-15)⁴

- 1 out of 4 college students missed a class and 1 out of 5 did poorly on a test or project due to alcohol use.²
- Students who binge drink (5+ drinks/occasion) are 3 times more likely than those who don’t to get mostly Ds and Fs on their report cards.²
- Alcohol harms the developing brain and affects learning.⁴
- Nearly 1 million youth under age 15 start drinking each year.⁵
- Drinking affects student performance at every level

Preschool/Elementary School: Behavioral problems can increase risk of alcohol use in later years.⁶


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¹http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/health-topics/alcohol-and-college-students