



# MARIJUANA AND EDUCATION

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, studies show that marijuana use interferes with attention, motivation, memory and learning. Students who use marijuana regularly tend to get lower grades and are more likely to drop out of high school than those who don't use.<sup>1</sup>

## MARIJUANA USE CAN CAUSE:

- ✦ Lower grades and exam scores
- ✦ Less likely to graduate from high school or college
- ✦ Less likely to go to college

# LOWERING IQ



Regular heavy marijuana use by teens can lead to an IQ drop of up to 8 points.<sup>2</sup>



The impact of teen marijuana use on learning is serious. It can cause youth the inability to learn social coping skills or make appropriate life-style choices.



For college students, regular marijuana use may directly affect academic achievement, as students may experience increasing difficulty in problem solving and poor long-term memory.<sup>3</sup>

## MORE INFORMATION



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