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Marijuana and the brain

In the Massapequas, 22% of twelfth grade students and 12% of eleventh grade students reported using marijuana in the past 30 days.*

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- Marijuana can cause permanent IQ LOSS - as much as 8 points – when people start using it at a young age. These IQ points do not come back, even after giving up marijuana (SAMHSA).
How might that affect teen SAT scores?
- Compared with teens who don't use, students who use marijuana are more likely not to finish high school or get a college degree (SAMHSA).
- Research shows that marijuana affects timing, movement, and coordination, which can harm athletic performance as well as impact activities like driving (NIDA).
- THC, the chemical responsible for most of marijuana's psychological effects, affects cells throughout the brain, including cells in circuits related to learning and memory, coordination, and addiction (SAMHSA).



For prevention tips, go to [mtacoalition.com](https://www.mtacoalition.com)



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