

GEAUGA PARENT ALERT

ACT Score: 27

Blood Alcohol Score: .1



Alcohol kills brain cells.

The American Medical Association reports:

- Adolescent drinkers perform worse in school, are more likely to fall behind, and have an increased risk of social problems, depression, suicidal thoughts and violence.
- Adolescent drinkers scored worse on vocabulary, general information and memory tests. Verbal and nonverbal recall is most heavily affected.

Our Geauga County 12th graders report:

- 79.6% used alcohol in their lifetime.
- 53.2% used alcohol in the past 30 days.
- 36.7% had five or more drinks in a row (binge drinking) in the past 2 weeks.

“Underage drinking is becoming a big problem in Geauga. Teenagers come into the E.R. every week with serious injuries, some deadly. Don’t become my next patient!”

Dr. Rob Zimmerman
MD FACEP Medical Director of the Emergency Department
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You’re the parent:

- Stay involved in your child's life by monitoring activities and friendships.
- Clearly state, then consistently enforce, your expectations, rules and related consequences.
- Trust your instincts. If you think your child is drinking, he/she probably is.

‘21’ is the legal drinking age



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