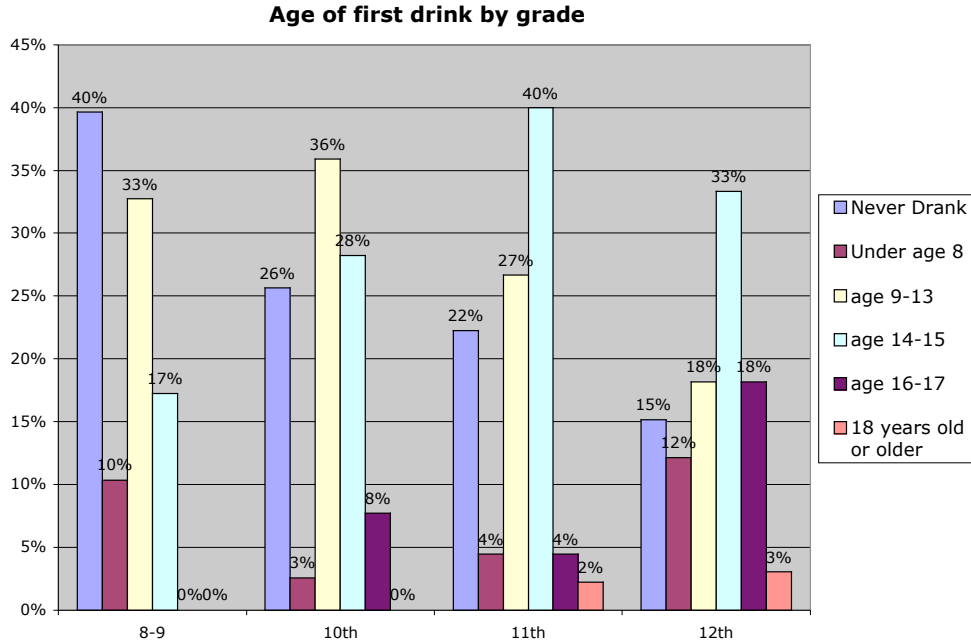
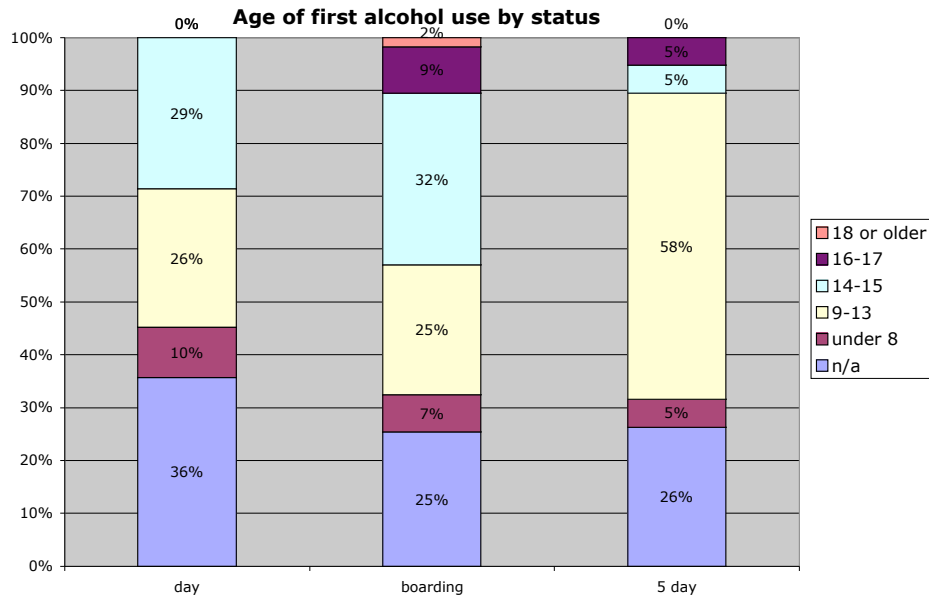


## Alcohol Use

At TSA ACADEMY, 7% of the student population had their first drink at age 8 or younger, while 28% have yet to use alcohol. When divided by grade it becomes clear that students are beginning to drink at an earlier age.



Students who had their first drink between ages 9 and 13, increase from 8th & 9th graders to 12th grade, with 36% of 10th graders reporting this age of onset of use. Statistics change across this graph as the number of students who have never used alcohol decreases. The populations also divide as no 8th or 9th grader is 16-17 years of age. The population of those who had their first drink under the age of eight is nearly equal between 12th graders and 8th & 9th with 12% and 10% respectively. This may also suggest that age of first use is decreasing.

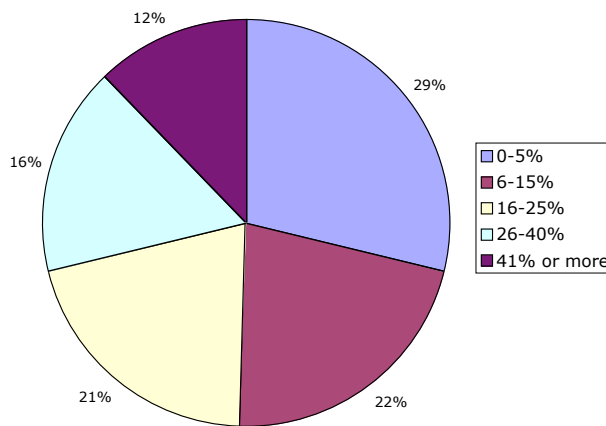


Across student status it is notable that 5-day boarders are over twice as likely as regular boarding students to begin alcohol use between that ages 9 and 13, while standard boarding students are most likely to begin use between ages 14 and 15 (32%). Use of alcohol does not appear correlated with GPA, except that students with a 3.0 GPA or greater are 4% more likely to have never used alcohol as compared with students with a 2.9 or lesser GPA.

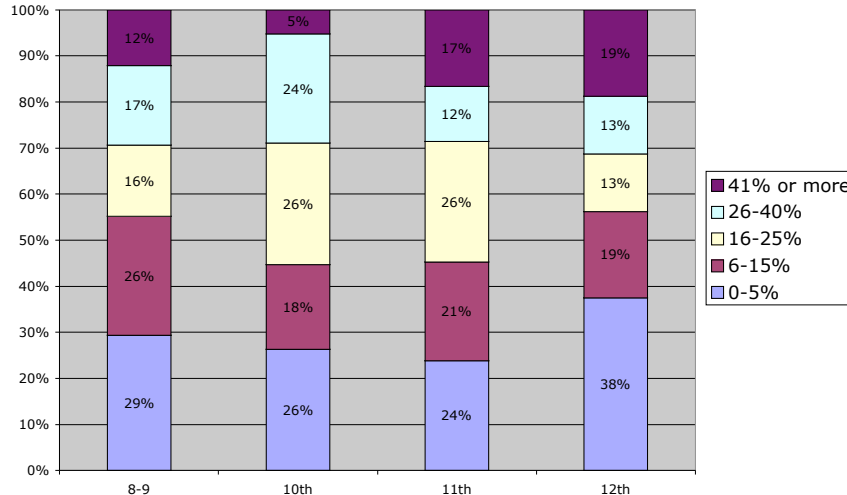
**Perception of alcohol use**

It is useful to determine students’ perception of alcohol use and how accurate it is to the reality of student use. Twenty-one percent of TSA ACADEMY students were correct at when they estimated that 16% to 25% of the student body (23%) became intoxicated at least one time in the past 30 days. This compares with 15% of 2003 respondents estimating the same. 12% of TSA ACADEMY students think 41% or more TSA ACADEMY students became intoxicated at least 1 time in the past 30 days, while 29% believe that less than 5% became intoxicated in the past 30 days.

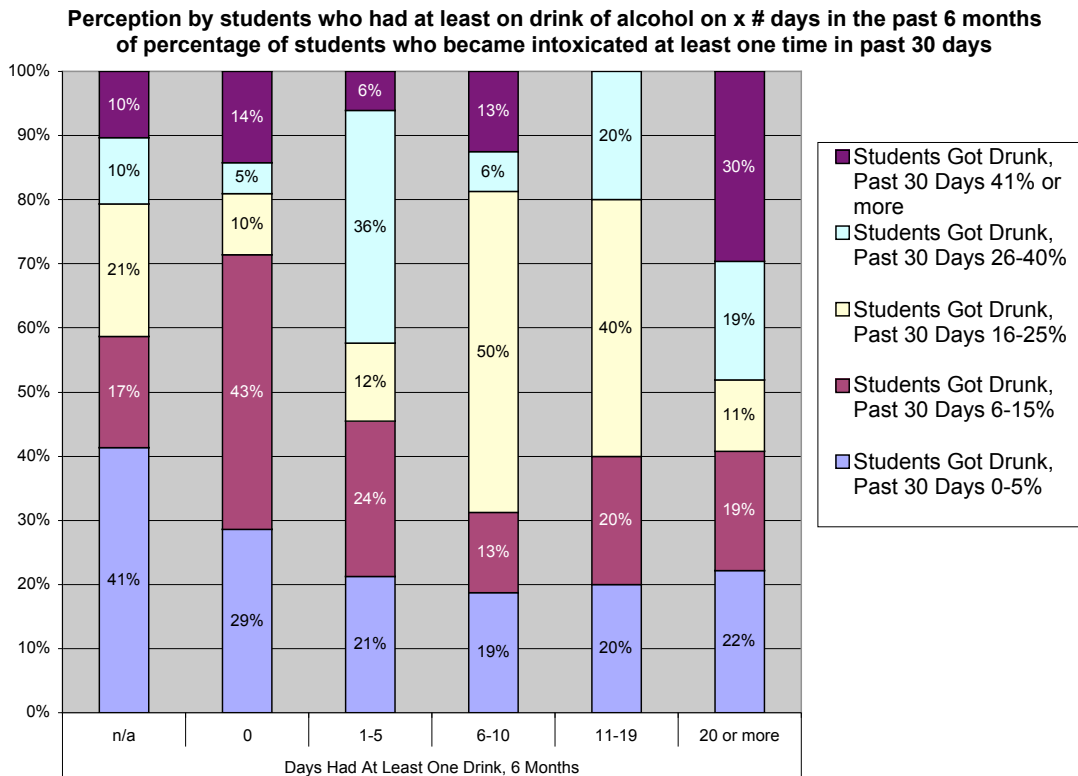
**Perception by total student body of percentage of students who became intoxicated at least 1x past 30 days**



**Perception by grade of percentage of students who became intoxicated at least 1x in the past 30 days**



Seniors and freshman estimated fewer students have used alcohol in the past 30 days, and sophomores were the least likely to estimate a large number of students had done so. In 2003 28% of seniors estimated that between 16% to 25% of students had used at least 1 time in the past 30 days, as opposed to 13% of this year’s senior class. By GPA, 17% of those who reported a GPA 3.0> believe that over 41% of student became intoxicated at least 1 time in the past 30 days, as compared with 6% of those who reported a GPA <2.9, who estimated the same way.



As the above chart indicates, the percentage of TSA ACADEMY students who became intoxicated at least one time in the past 30 days, was accurately estimated by students who had used alcohol on 6 to 10 days (50 %). Again the least accurate (10%) were those students who, did not claim to not use alcohol, but who reported not having had anything to drink over the past 6 months. However, those students who drank a lot were also not very accurate with only 11% estimating correctly. Those who had become intoxicated over 20 times in the past 6 months appear to think many more students drink like them than the data indicates.