

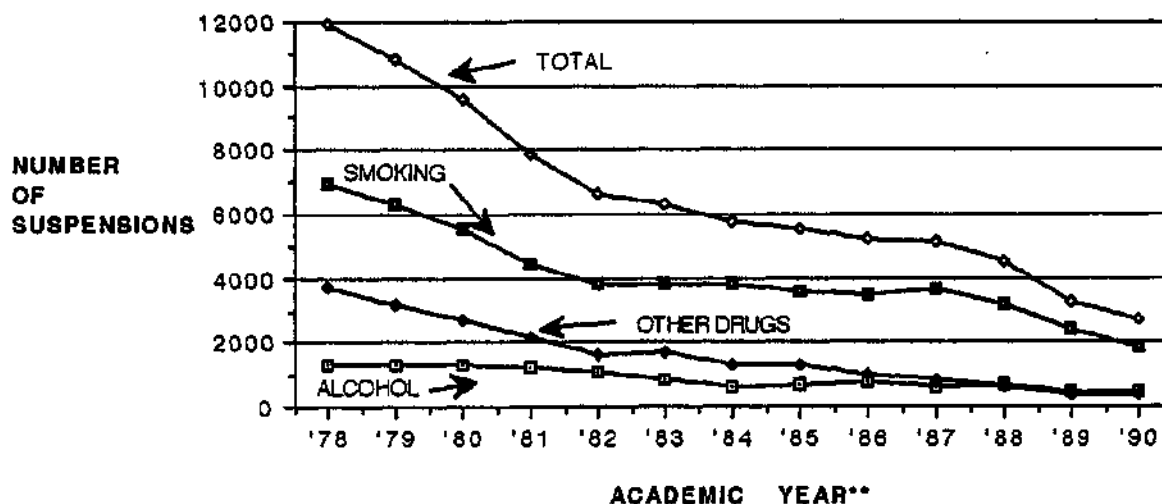
**A Weekly FAX From the Center for Substance Abuse Research**

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## *Maryland Public School Suspensions for Substance Violations Continue to Decline*

Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) records for suspensions show a continuing decline in suspensions due to possession, use, or distribution of dangerous substances. The total number of public school suspensions for dangerous substances in 1990 was the lowest number since record-keeping began in 1978. According to MSDE there were 2,734 suspensions for dangerous substances (including alcohol, cigarettes, and other drugs) in 1990. These suspensions included 1,866 suspensions for smoking, 483 suspensions for alcohol, and 385 suspensions for other drugs. MSDE information for suspensions is updated annually in the Maryland Compendium of Drug Abuse Indicators, which is published by CESAR.

**SUSPENSIONS FOR DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES IN MARYLAND  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, ACADEMIC YEARS 1978 - 1990**



\*\* Academic year refers to the year in which the school year began.

SOURCE: Maryland State Department of Education and Maryland Compendium of Drug Use Indicators.

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