



Data Results from the Tobacco Youth Action Plan Peer Event

As part of the Tobacco Youth Action Plan, a peer event engaging 128 6th grade students at West Holmes Middle School took place on Wednesday, February 18th, 2026. The goal of the event was to increase the knowledge of the 6th graders on the risks of using tobacco and vaping products. 28 high school students participated in the event by leading a group of 6th grade students through a pretest, a short online game that asked questions about tobacco, and a posttest. The pretest and posttest consisted of five true or false statements about tobacco and vaping. After completing the posttest, all 6th graders were encouraged to take a pledge card, pledging to be tobacco and vape free. 6th graders were also provided with an opportunity to ask their peer leaders any questions.

78.9% of the students chose to take a pledge card (Figure 1). Overall, students' scores improved from pretest to posttest, with an average pretest score of 3.6/5 and average posttest score of 4.0/5. A greater number of students scored higher on the posttest than the pretest. (Figure 2). The percentage of correct answers for each question on the posttest also increased for most of the questions (Figure 3). The largest change from pretest to posttest was seen for questions 3 and 4.

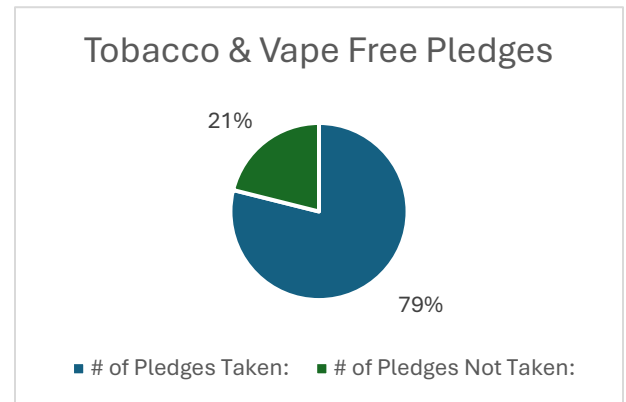


Figure 1 Students Pledging to be Tobacco Free

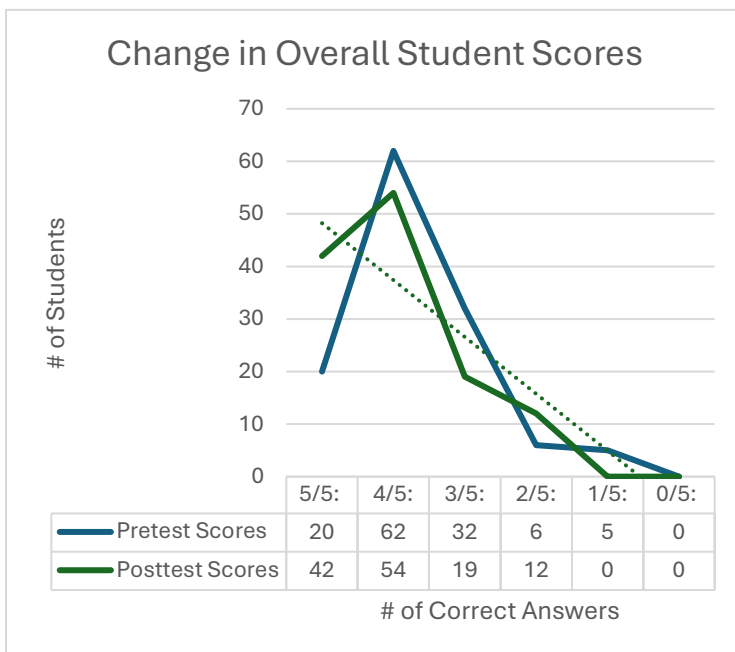


Figure 3 Student Improvements in Overall Scores

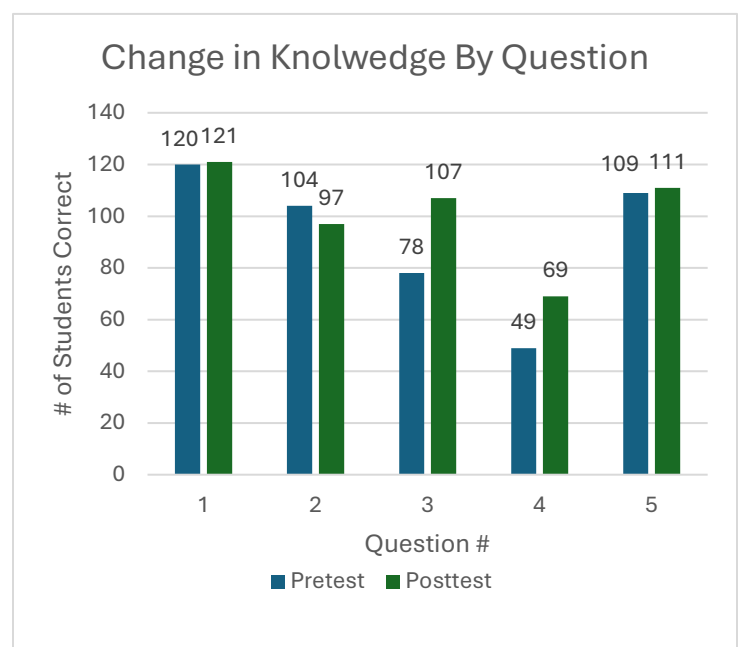


Figure 2 Changes in Correct Responses from Pretest to Posttest