

# Cultivating Knowledge: Highbridge Students Dive into Cannabis Education

## Addressing Accessibility and Misconceptions

“Where marijuana and cannabis is everywhere, they know where they can get it and they can get it in minutes,” said Nicole Jennings, WHEDco program founder and coordinator.

## Just Ask Me Program Introduction

The Just Ask Me program, part of the Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDco), has expanded its curriculum to include drug education alongside sexual and reproductive health.

## Cannabis Education Initiative

Students in Highbridge, specifically those at P.S. 218, recently received a comprehensive lesson on cannabis as part of the after-school health education program.

## Dispelling Misconceptions

Middle schoolers were educated about the drug, its various forms, and were provided with accurate information to dispel common misconceptions.

## Understanding the Landscape

“Cannabis is so readily available, and students really need to have an understanding of what is out there, what’s on the market, and what it looks like so they can make informed decisions,” emphasized Jennings.

## Importance of Education

With cannabis legalization in New York state, accessibility has increased, making education more crucial than ever in empowering students to make informed choices.

## Classroom Facilitation

Jennings, along with assistance from high school seniors, facilitates open discussions in the classroom, providing students with a platform to voice their questions and concerns.

## Conclusion

The Just Ask Me program serves as a vital resource in equipping students with the knowledge and awareness necessary to navigate the complexities of cannabis and drug use in today's society.

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