



# Facts about Marijuana and the Teen Brain

The brain is a “work in progress”, not fully developed until the mid-20’s.

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## ***What Research Tells Us:***



**If marijuana is smoked regularly during the teen years, it can lower intelligence (IQ) significantly, by up to 8 points in adult life.**

NIDA (2014) *Facts Parents Need to Know*



**Marijuana’s negative effects on attention, memory, and learning can last for days and sometimes weeks - especially if used often.**

NIDA (2013) *Facts for Teens*



**Marijuana use can negatively affect learning and school performance. Users are MUCH more likely to get lower grades and drop out of school.**

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