

FOR EDUCATORS: SIGNS OF A POSSIBLE GAMBLING PROBLEM IN STUDENTS

- Unexplained absences from school
- Grades are dropping
- Asking for/borrowing money from peers
- Large amounts of money in student's possession
- Intense interest in gambling conversations
- Displaying money or other material possessions (e.g., cars, clothes, jewelry)
- Behavior change (e.g., is day dreaming, anxious, moody, less participative appears tired in class)
- Using gambling "lingo" in his/her conversation (e.g., bookie, loan shark, point spread, underdog or favorite, exaggerated use of the word "bet")
- Spending unusual amount of time reading newspapers, magazines, and/or periodicals having to do with sports
- Selling personal belongings
- Bragging about winnings
- Lying, cheating, or stealing in school

If you suspect your student has a gambling problem, contact:



Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling

Helpline: 800-522-4700

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