# Lesson 8: Marijuana and Your Developing Brain

## Content
- The function of the endocannabinoid system within the developing brain
- How marijuana affects the endocannabinoid system
- How marijuana use can affect health
- How to practice healthy decision making

## Student Objectives
**Students will be able to:**
- Identify the three parts of the endocannabinoid system and understand its function
- Communicate the way in which marijuana affects the endocannabinoid system
- Understand the risks associated with youth marijuana use including addiction and mental health issues
- Demonstrate the ability to make healthy decision making

## Classroom Activities
- Video and class discussion
- Health discussion
- Endocannabinoid Key-Coding Activity
- Decision Making Activity

## Assessment
**Formative:**
- Written discussion questions
- Classroom discussion
- Vocabulary discussion

**Formative/Summative:**
- Decision Making worksheet
- Key Coding Activity

## Standards

**CCSS:**
- RI.5-7.1
- RI.5-7.2
- RI.5-7.4
- RI.5-7.10
- RST.6-8.1
- RST.6-8.2
- RST.6-8.4
- RST.5-7.10
- W.5-7.10
- WHST.6-8.10
- L.5-7.1
- L.5-7.2
- L.5-7.4
- L.5-7.6
- SL.5-7.1

**NHES:**
- 1
- 5

**NGSS**
- MS.LS1.2
- MS.LS1.3
- MS.LS1.8
- MS.LS1.5

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How Alcohol Affects Your Developing Brain

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