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Report: Minnesota girls have lower self-esteem, use more alcohol, and score lower on tests - compared to boys

by Jim Maurice, WJON.com

UNDATED -- Some startling statistics on the status of girls in Minnesota.

New research from the **Women's Foundation of Minnesota** indicates that despite the fact that girls generally get better grades, do more chores around the house, and have better jobs than boys -- they still tend to have a lower self-esteem. The report says 20-percent of teen girls in Stearns county have thought about suicide in the past year.

Women's Foundation President and C-E-O Lee Roper-Batker says girls are using more alcohol than boys as well.

Girls also tend to study harder, get better grades, and enjoy school more than boys. But when it comes time to take the standardized tests, the boys score higher.

You can learn more about this study, during a presentation tomorrow (Wednesday) at the St. Cloud Civic Center. It begins at 11:00 a.m.

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