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SHAH ALAM: Drugs and gangs remain the top disciplinary concern in schools for police and the state Education Department, with 50 cases recorded in the first 10 months of this year.

Most of the arrested students were aged 16 to 17, but one of them was as young as 13, said Selangor police chief Comm Datuk Mazlan Mansor.

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"Of the 50 students, 25 were arrested with syabu, 17 with marijuana, six with ketum water and two with heroin," he said at a press conference after a meeting with the state Education Department here yesterday.

The meeting, which is held quarterly, aims to tackle social ills facing students, including gangsterism and violence in schools.

Comm Mazlan also warned parents and students about the dangers of a new synthetic drug called NPS (new psychoactive substances).

"It is very dangerous and the side effects are very serious," he said.

Comm Mazlan said, however, that the number of arrests was lower this year compared to last year, which saw 116 arrests.