

VOLUNTARY RANDOM DRUG TESTING PROGRAM AT MID-PACIFIC INSTITUTE

What

As the name implies, the program is *totally voluntary*. Both the parent(s) *and* the student must agree to be in the program in order to be enrolled. Students who are randomly selected for testing would only be from those enrolled in the program.

Why

This Voluntary Random Drug Testing Program will supplement our overall drug education and abuse prevention program. Society has a drug abuse problem, and our youth are most vulnerable. This program will enhance parental involvement and further empower students to say “no” to drugs.

How

At the beginning of each school year every family will be required to submit a form indicating their choice to enroll or not enroll in the program. The ID numbers of the enrolled students will be forwarded to an outside drug-testing laboratory. Periodically, we will select a day to perform testing and the lab will randomly select students from among those enrolled. Parents will be notified by the lab if the test results are negative. In the event of a positive test result, a medical doctor from the lab will contact the parents. MPI will *not* be informed of the test results, thus no disciplinary action will be taken on our part.

Where

The testing will be done on campus by technicians from the lab in a secure, private area.

When

Testing will be conducted during the regular school day and every effort will be made not to disrupt classes.

Cost

There will be no charge to the families who wish to participate in the program. The cost, which Mid-Pacific will cover, is approximately \$25 per test.

Voluntary Random Drug Testing Program Frequently Asked Questions

What happens if a test result comes back positive?

Parents are contacted by the Medical Review Officer (MRO) from the testing company. The MRO is a certified medical doctor (M.D.) who works for the testing company to validate all findings and determine the cause of a positive test result. The school will *not* be notified of any results - positive or negative.

What about “false positives”?

Actually, there is no such thing as a “false positive”. An initial screening of the urine sample is done by the testing company. If this initial screening indicates that the urine sample contains abnormalities (i.e. the presence of something other than the chemicals found in normal urine), further testing is done to determine specific chemical contents of the sample. This is referred to as a “non-negative” urine sample. The MRO will then contact the donor to determine what may have contributed to the non-negative result. A non-negative result may be explained by such things as the use of certain medications, consumption of poppy seed muffins or second-hand smoke. This is often mistakenly referred to as a false positive.

Will MPI ever receive results from a test?

The testing company will *never* contact the school about the result of an individual drug test. However, parents may willingly opt to inform the school about the result of their child’s test. In this case the school will provide support and resources for that family, but there will be no punitive consequences.

I understand that this program is purely voluntary, but what will happen if we choose not to enroll?

Nothing. Upon receipt, the enrollment forms will be separated into two piles: a “yes” pile and a “no” pile. Once all the forms are received, the “no” pile will be discarded.