

## Why Have a School Drug Testing Program? (SDTP)

- Drug testing is a proven deterrent to drug use.
- Schools with SDTPs have seen violence and other disruptions decrease.
- Testing gives students a tangible excuse to say “No” when approached to use drugs.
- Students and faculty report better morale in school.
- Faculty report a safer school atmosphere.
- Testing gives parents an opportunity to intervene and seek treatment for a child using drugs.
- SDTP is not biased. All students have an equal chance of being tested.

## Implementing a Student Drug Testing Program

- Establish a policy with input from school administration, faculty, parents, and students.
- Educate the administration, faculty, parents, and students on the SDTP and the effects of drug abuse.
- Implement the Student Drug Testing Program.
- Refer students with positive drug tests to counseling and treatment in accordance with the established policy.

## Students Who Can Be Tested

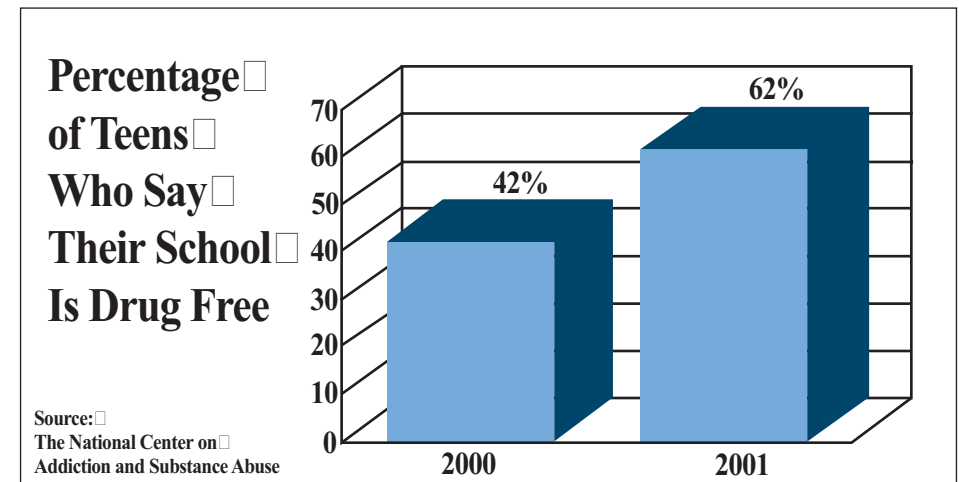
- All students enrolled in athletic or extracurricular activities as part of compulsory, pre-season athletic physicals or qualifying rounds.
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- Random testing of students participating in these extracurricular activities in accordance with a school’s predetermined guidelines.

## Elements of An Effective Program

- Students privacy is protected in the way samples are collected.
- Test results are kept strictly confidential and not shared outside of the school.
- Disqualification from participation in the group or activity should be the only negative consequence for a refusal to participate or for a positive test result.
- Results of testing are not turned over to law enforcement.

## Funding Options for a Student Drug Testing Program

- Any school that receives federal education funding may use federal funds for Student Drug Testing Programs under the *No Child Left Behind Act*.
- Schools may also seek private sources, e.g., corporations, foundations, or student tuition (for private schools), for funding drug testing programs.



## For Information on Drug Abuse Prevention

**Drug Enforcement Administration**  
[www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov)

**Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**  
[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

**No Child Left Behind Act of 2001**  
[www.NoChildLeftBehind.gov](http://www.NoChildLeftBehind.gov)

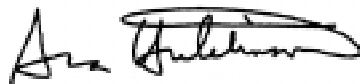
**Office of National Drug Control Policy**  
[www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov)  
1-800-666-3332

**National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)**  
1-800-729-6686  
1-877-767-8432 (toll free, in Spanish)  
[www.health.org](http://www.health.org)

**National Institute on Drug Abuse**  
[www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov)

**Substance Abuse Treatment Facility Locator**  
[www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov](http://www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov)

*“Student Drug Testing gives schools, families, and communities another tool to ensure all children have the opportunity to grow up drug-free.”*



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## *What You Should Know*

