

Consent Form for Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy

ST. MARY'S COLGAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Drug/Alcohol Testing Policy. The following policy applies to any SMC High School student. Students who have not signed, and whose parents have not signed, the Policy Consent Form will not be allowed to attend SMC. This policy has been put in place to assist families while encouraging and promoting a drug free environment.

Agreement. By signing the Policy Consent Form, students and their parents agree to the student being enrolled in the SMC Random Drug/Alcohol Screening Pool. The Policy Consent Form must be signed each year to continue the agreement.

Procedure.

1. The Policy Consent Form shall be read, signed, and dated by the student, parent, and/or guardian.
2. Students will be required to provide urine, saliva, or hair samples either:
 - a. On a random selection basis, from a list of all students. Approximately eight High School students will be drawn at random to provide a urine, saliva, or hair sample each month. Sample collection will take place at the school.
 - b. At any time requested by the administration, based upon reasonable suspicion, students will be tested for illegal or performance-enhancing drugs and/or alcohol.
3. Any drug test will be administered by a laboratory chosen by SMC, using scientifically-validated toxicological methods.
4. Students attending school-sponsored extra-curricular activities may be required to submit to an alcohol breath analyzer test to determine the presence of alcohol.

Privacy. All aspects of the drug use testing program, including the taking of specimens, will be conducted so as to safeguard the personal and privacy rights of students to the maximum degree possible. The test specimen shall be obtained in a manner designed to minimize intrusiveness of the procedure. If at any time during the testing procedure the monitor has reason to believe or suspect that a student is tampering with the specimen, the monitor may stop the procedure and inform the principal, who will then determine if another sample should be obtained.

Positive Test. If the initial drug test is positive, the initial test result will then be subject to confirmation by a second test of the same specimen. A specimen will not be reported positive unless the second test is positive for the presence of an illegal drug or the metabolites thereof.

The laboratory will report the results to the President of Schools or designated Assistant Principal who will then be responsible for contacting the parents of the student with the results and solicit information regarding any medications the student may be taking. If needed, school administrators will contact a certifying scientist, at the laboratory, regarding any drug interactions. If requested, a Medical Review Officer is available to confirm the results and report the findings to the President of Schools.

Cost. Laboratory costs associated with the random testing of students will be paid by SMC. If a student, due to a positive test result, is required to undergo further testing, the additional costs will be paid by the student's parent/guardian.

Refusal to Submit to Drug Use Test. If a policy-signor refuses to submit to a drug/alcohol use test authorized under this policy, such student shall be considered "positive" for drugs and subject to the consequences outlined below. Any student who has a positive initial test and refuses to complete the required paperwork for a confirmation test will be treated as a refusal to submit to testing.

Consequences. Any student who tests positive in a drug/alcohol use test under this policy shall be subject to the consequences described under *Consequences for violations of Scope II of the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Policy* as found in the 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook.

Disclaimer. This policy shall not supersede or be in conflict with any state and/or federal law.