



# Redlands Unified School District Voluntary Student Drug Testing Program Frequently Asked Questions

## What about confidentiality?

The results of the voluntary drug testing program are completely confidential. This program is to help you and your student. Therefore, the Redlands Unified School District and your students school staff will not receive notification of your student's test results. Student Services will contact the parent directly by whichever method the parent has chosen on the sign-up form (e.g., e-mail, phone, mail).

## Who will conduct the testing?

A counselor with the Student Services Office will administer the testing and the processing of all test results. The procedures Student Services uses are listed in the document "Procedures/Protocols," which is available on the RUSD website.

## How will students be selected for testing?

Student Services will randomly select students each month. Because selection is made randomly by a computer, it is possible that your student may be tested more than once during the school year.

## I didn't take advantage of the early enrollment – can I enroll later in the year?

Yes. Enrollment forms will be available on the district website and at your middle and/or high school. Forms can also be directly submitted to Student Services using the following email: [jon\\_best@redlands.k12.ca.us](mailto:jon_best@redlands.k12.ca.us)

## Can a principal, teacher, coach, or other school employee select or send my child to be tested?

No. School district personnel do not have the authority or the ability to send any student to be tested. Student Services computer database randomly selects students from the list of sign-up forms from parents who have authorized their student to be tested.

## Can my student be tested more than once?

Yes. Every student in the program has an equal chance to be selected each month. The Student Services computer database randomly selects who will be tested from the entire list of students enrolled in the program. Even if a student has been tested previously, the computer could randomly select them again.

## Who will know the results of my student's test?

Only you, the parent, and Student Services will know the test results. When you signed your student up, you were asked to create a password and select how you wanted to be notified of the results (e.g., e-mail, telephone, mail). When Student Services contacts you, they will verify you are the parent via your password. Then, and only then, will they discuss the test results with you. The school will not be contacted at any time regarding test results.

## How is the urine tested?

Student Services will use a "dip stick" for the initial test. If a drug is detected, parents/guardians have can if they choose to have the sample sent to a lab to have a medical review officer review the test results at the parents/guardian's own expense.

## What drugs will be tested for?

- Marijuana (THC)
- Amphetamines
- Cocaine
- Methamphetamines
- Opiates

## How long do certain drugs stay in a person's system?

Amphetamine.....	3-5 days
Cocaine.....	2-5 days
Opiates.....	2-4 days
Methamphetamine.....	3-5 days
Cannabinoids (Marijuana).....	14-45 days

## What does a "positive" drug test mean?



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A positive result for a drug test means that the individual providing the sample ingested or used a drug at some point in time prior to sample collection. There are several things that a positive result cannot tell us, including:

- The amount of drug ingested
- The exact time of ingestion
- The route or mode of ingestion (i.e., oral, snorting, intravenous injection, smoking, etc.)
- The frequency of ingestion
- The purity of drug ingested
- Whether ingestion was deliberate, accidental, unknowing, or legitimate.

### **What if my child refuses to submit to the test?**

If a student refuses or avoids taking the test, parents will be notified.

### **What if I have questions about the detailed lab analysis?**

Drug Testing Medical Review Officer information can be available to parents/guardians at your own expense, usually through your insurance.

### **What will happen if my student tests positive for drugs?**

You will be contacted by Student Services and sent a follow-up letter. The letter will identify the drug for which your student tested positive and include information about that particular drug. Please know the school site will never be notified of your student's results, nor will a positive test result in disciplinary action.

### General Guidance

[www.parentingisprevention.org](http://www.parentingisprevention.org)

[www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

[www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov)

### Prevention

[www.health.org/links](http://www.health.org/links)

[www.afterschool.gov/cgi-ginh/home.pl](http://www.afterschool.gov/cgi-ginh/home.pl)

[www.ncadd.org](http://www.ncadd.org)

### Getting Help:

[www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov](http://www.findtreatment.samhsa.gov)

Or call toll free: 1-800-729-6686