

Mandatory Drug Testing Philosophy, Policy, and Procedures

In 2005 Saint Patrick implemented a drug testing program as a service to our families and in response to the many pressures our young men navigate in the greater community.

Mandatory Drug Testing

- Saint Patrick High School has partnered with Psychedics to screen hair samples of our students.
- Negative results are communicated by mail to the parent.
- Should a student test positive, parents/guardians will be contacted by the Dean of Students to discuss the results and communicate the procedures of our drug policy.

First positive

1. Contact with the Parent by the Dean of Students and a Counselor.
2. Formal assessment done by an outside counselor (due to insurance coverage, the parent may select the agency or Saint Patrick refer counselors with whom we regularly work).
3. Students will again be tested in 90 days. If negative, the student will resume random testing; if positive, the student enters the second protocol.

Second positive

1. Meeting with the Parent, Dean of Students, and a Counselor
2. Formal assessment by a certified drug counselor (students cannot return to school until the Dean is notified of the findings and recommendations of that evaluation).
3. Required formal treatment from an outside professional (this can take the form of regular office visits, intensive outpatient support or, in the extreme case, residential care.)
4. Continued weekly group sessions at school.
5. Signed Release of Information provided to Saint Pat's so that there is consistent communication between the school and counselor.
6. Students will again be tested in 90 days.

Third positive

May result in dismissal from Saint Patrick High School.