

INDEPENDENT DECISION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

PROGRAM DETAILS

The Independent Decision (ID) Program is approved by the Auburn City Schools Board of Education. It is a voluntary student drug testing program that aims to reinforce a positive drug free lifestyle by providing incentives to the 7th through 12th grade students who refrain from using drugs. Students who are in the program receive a photo ID card that entitles them to discounts at participating local businesses and other special events. Students participating in the program agree to undergo random drug screening on any school day. Students are assigned a specific number for use in the ID Program. Students will remain eligible for incentives unless he/she has a positive drug test. After joining, students are in the ID Program until they graduate. To withdraw a student from the program, the parents/legal guardians must submit a written request to the Project ID Director.

Students who withdraw from the program must relinquish their ID card and will not be eligible for further incentives. Students' ID Program files are maintained in a secure file at the Board of Education office and will be kept separate from permanent student records. All students in the program are eligible to be tested at anytime. On the day of testing, an effort will be made to notify parents that their child has been tested.

DRUG TESTING PROCEDURE

Aperian Laboratory Solutions (East Alabama Forensic Toxicology Lab) a certified testing agency will conduct the drug testing procedure. They will use the student's specific ID number to randomly select the students for testing. The Project ID Director will then match the selected numbers to the name of the student. Students participating in the ID program will be randomly selected and notified when to report to a designated location at his/her school to provide a urine specimen for drug testing. Trained Aperian personnel, under split-specimen collection guidelines, will perform all specimen collections. The entire process, from specimen collection through specimen analyses and reporting of results, will be performed in a professional manner with emphasis on maintaining student confidentiality. All drug testing analyses will be performed at Aperian Laboratory Solutions. The testing laboratory will use unique specimen identification numbers to identify the urine specimens during the testing and for reporting results. All analysis performed on the specimens will follow strict forensic laboratory guidelines using state of the art equipment for both the screening, and if necessary, confirmation of drugs.

All negative drug screen results will be forwarded directly from the testing laboratory to the Project ID Director. In the event of a positive test result for an illegal drug, the Medical Review Officer (MRO) will inform the Project ID Director. The Project ID Director will then contact and inform the parents/ legal guardians.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATIONS

Students who are taking prescribed medications are encouraged to participate. If the drug screening results show the presence of a prescription drug or over the counter medication and there is any concern about the drug or the level of the drug then the MRO will contact the parents/legal guardians of the student. The MRO will determine whether the positive test result was due to legal or illegal use of the reported substance. If a positive drug result is verified by the MRO to be a result of legal drug use, the MRO will contact the Project ID Director and report the results of the analyses as NEGATIVE. If, however, a positive drug result cannot be verified to be a result of legal drug use, the MRO will contact the Project ID Director and report the results of the analyses as POSITIVE.

POSITIVE DRUG TEST RESULTS

Project ID is a non-punitive drug testing program. In the event of a positive test result neither the school or law enforcement agencies are notified. The Project Director will notify the parent and student privately, offering information on counseling and treatment. The re-testing of the student as soon as possible will be a major goal at this point. In order to re-enter the program successful completion of an outside counseling program and re-testing with a negative test result will be required. The amount and intensity of the treatment will be determined by the professional counsel or and/or MRO. The student will also be required to surrender the ID card and/or will not be eligible for further incentives, until a negative test result is obtained on subsequent urine specimens. All requests for additional testing (at parent/legal guardian's expense) must be directed through the Project Director and not directed to the testing laboratory. The un-opened split container of urine will be utilized for the purposes of retesting in the event of any challenge. A parent may challenge any confirmed positive result, but any additional testing performed will be at his/her expense.

It is important to emphasize that the purpose of the program is to reward positive, healthy behaviors. Testing of drugs in the ID Program is in **no** way an investigative tool of a law enforcement agency. Positive results will **not** result in criminal prosecution.

AUBURN HIGH SCHOOL PARKING PRIVILEGES

In February 2009, the Auburn City Schools Board of Education approved an additional guideline for student parking. The additional guideline is that a student must now be a member of the ID Program in order to obtain a parking permit for Auburn High School. This is just one of the requirements a student must meet in order to have the privilege of parking a car on campus during the school day.

If a student with AHS parking privileges has a positive drug test, the AHS parking privileges will be revoked until the student meets the requirements listed above in order to be re-enrolled into the ID Program. This New policy does require the AHS administrator in charge of parking permits to be notified of a positive drug test result.

If you have questions please call the Board of Education Office.

DO NOT FILL OUT THIS FORM IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER OF THE ID PROGRAM GRADES 7-12

PROJECT ID VOLUNTARY DRUG TESTING CONSENT FORM

I have read and understand the Project Independent Decision (ID) Voluntary Drug Testing information and have a copy of the information to keep for my records in the Pupil Progression Plan and Statement of Responsibilities. I understand that by signing this form, I agree for my child to participate in Project ID. Student information will be kept confidential. Parents/legal guardians may submit a letter to the project director of Project ID, at anytime to withdraw my child from this program.

***In order for this form to be valid, all lines must be completed.**

*PRINTED Student's Name _____

*Student's SIGNATURE _____

Student's School _____

Grade Level _____ Date ____/____/____

*PRINTED Parent or Legal Guardian's Name _____

*Parent or Legal Guardian's SIGNATURE _____

Email Address (if applicable) _____

Date ____/____/____

Sign up forms are available at DMS, AJHS, AHS, and the Central Office
Online at: www.auburnschools.org/SDFS - Drug Testing Consent Forms