

Voluntary Student Drug Testing Program



Simi Valley Unified School District is partnered with Simi Valley Hospital to offer a drug testing program to all 7th -12th grade students in the District. It is voluntary, and enrollment requires parent permission.

What is the Voluntary Drug Testing Program?

Voluntary Random Drug Testing is designed to provide parents with a tool to prevent and intervene when drug use is discovered, and it gives students a reason to say “No.”

What is the cost for the Voluntary Drug Testing Program?

If your child is randomly selected, the drug testing cost is paid for by the Simi Valley Unified School District. There is no charge to parents or students. For \$10, parents of students enrolled in the program can elect to test their child at any time.

The Drug Testing Program is designed to:

- Give parents a say in preventing and treating students who use illegal substances.
- Promote safe, drug-free schools by giving students a reason to say no.
- Help establish a stronger culture of disapproval of drug use by minors.
- Encourage responsible decision making.

The Drug Testing Program is not designed to:

- “Catch” current drug users
- Punish those who have used drugs.

Does my student have to participate in the program?

The Drug Testing Program is completely voluntary. Enrollment forms are available on the Simi Valley Unified School District website at www.simivalleyusd.org/substanceabuse. Parents can print the enrollment form, sign it along with their student, and mail it to 101 W. Cochran St, Simi Valley, CA 93065. Enrollment forms are also available at all District Middle and High Schools and parents are welcome to drop off the completed form at their student’s school main office. Both parent and student must sign the form. Parents and students can withdraw from the program at any time by providing a written notice signed by BOTH the student and parent.

How does the program work?

After students are enrolled, they are placed in a lottery by number. Each month, ten students are selected at random. The school-site administrative contact will receive a list of students selected from their school. Parents of selected students will be contacted, asked to pick-up the Drug Testing Participation Form from their student’s school, and take their student to the Simi Valley Hospital for testing (*at their convenience*). Hospital staff will test for the presence of controlled substances including marijuana, steroids, and prescription medications. **School or District personnel are not notified of student results.** Results are mailed home to parents and can be accessed at MyAdventistHealth.org (*Select: Sign-in, Enroll Here, & Follow prompts to set-up your account*).

If you have any additional questions, please contact your student’s school main office or:

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