

## ***WHY DO WE DRUG TEST***

CBC High School is drug testing for your son's benefit. We want to be proactive, rather than reactive, in addressing this issue. According to the National Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse ([www.ncada-stl.org](http://www.ncada-stl.org)), 1 out of 2 high school students will have tried marijuana by the time they graduate. Our goal is to help reduce this number as well as the number of students using any illegal drug.

## ***WHY HAIR TESTING***

Hair analysis has consistently proven to be more effective than urinalysis and other methods in correctly identifying drug use. Hair testing is far less invasive than other methods, provides superior detection, and is the most cost effective and efficient method of drug testing.

CBC High School has contracted with Psychemedics Corporation because it is one of the nation's leading drug testing companies using hair testing. Laboratory procedures are designed to detect the presence of illegal drugs in the cortex of the hair and to eliminate the possibility of "false positive" test results.

## ***HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS***

All students are randomly selected and tested for drug use at least once per year. Once a student is tested, his name is returned to the collective pool for further selections. Typically, about 30% of the student body is tested a second time.

The test involves a small sample of hair about 1.5 inches long. If a student tests positive, the family is contacted by the site administrator to schedule a meeting that addresses the following:

- Explanation of test results
- Counseling options
- Retesting
- Consequences of a second positive test

## ***FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS***

Does CBC have a problem with drugs?

- No. We deal with a small number of cases each year and we are not naïve enough to think that some students have not, or are not, experimenting with illegal drugs.

Do the screening results appear anywhere on a student's permanent record?

- No. The Family Educational Right and Privacy Act (FERPA) restricts the information on transcripts to include only academic grades and standardized testing results.

Will my son be expelled from CBC if he tests positive on the hair test?

- With a first positive test result, families are given the opportunity to work with the school in finding resources that are most appropriate to help the student. If a student tests positive a second time during his years at CBC, then the student will be subject to dismissal.

Who is aware of the results of the test?

- Our program is successful because of the confidentiality factor. The test results are returned to the site administrator and no other member of the administration, faculty, staff, or student body has access to this information. If a student tests positive, the site administrator meets with the family to discuss the results and help the family find suitable treatment options.

For what drugs does the test screen?

- The test screens for marijuana, cocaine, opiates, methamphetamine, PCP, and ecstasy. The test does not screen for alcohol or steroids.

For information about CBC's Drug Testing Policy, please call 314-985-6031.