

Pope John XXIII High School

Students are Proud to

STAND TALL

In 1998, the Pope John community initiated a highly successful program called STAND TALL, a mandatory approach to drug prevention that is open to all students and staff of Pope John XXIII High School. By joining STAND TALL, members pledge to remain drug free and agree to submit to an initial drug testing in September and throughout the school year.

In the programs first year, 52% of Pope John's student body enrolled in STAND TALL. By 2007 enrollment jumped to 99%. Current enrollments expect 100% participation in the program.

Although the administration and staff of Pope John have a zero tolerance policy for the distribution, sale, use or ingestion of drugs/alcohol on school property or at school related activities, STAND TALL encourages students to take a stand against drugs and model drug free behavior in a supportive setting. Participation in STAND TALL can also benefit those students applying for employment or college.

Frequently Asked Questions ...

Is testing Anonymous?

The testing is anonymous and each participant (9th-12th) is assigned a confidential number known only to the nurse and the program coordinator. Eighth graders who are suspected by a staff member of being under the influence fall under New Jersey State 18A Regulations and we are obligated to test them. We will notify the parents as a courtesy before testing any 8th grader. All rules and regulations apply for any 8th grader who tests positive.

What is the process?

- To join the STAND TALL program just complete the application below.
- All members submit to an initial urine test, saliva or hair sample in September.
- Random testing occurs thereafter.

How will random testing be conducted?

Each week, numbers are randomly drawn from the student pool and the corresponding students will be called to the nurse or coordinator's office where they will test by either a urine sample, hair sample or saliva sample. These numbers will be returned to the pool of participants so a student can be tested more than once in a given year.

What is a student tests positive?

If a student tests positive with saliva, a second more sophisticated test will be conducted by a licensed laboratory. If the lab confirms the sense of a drug, the student and his/her parents/guardians must attend a conference with school administration.

The parent and student will then be asked to sign a contract requiring the student to submit to a comprehensive drug/alcohol evaluation provided by a school approved counseling service and also to periodic random testing. Failure to comply will result in dismissal.

What if a student is taking medication?

At the time of the test, the student should inform the administration of any medication he/she is taking.

Are students required to sign each year?

The student and his/her parents/guardians need sign only once.

Whom do I contact if I have any questions about the program?

Questions may be directed to the Principal of Pope John XXIII High School at 973-729-6125.

An Approach to Drug Prevention

"A child who reaches age 21 without smoking, abusing alcohol or using drugs is virtually certain never to do so."

- Joseph A. Califano, Jr.

Center on Addition and Substance Abuse, Former Chairman and President

STAND TALL APPLICATION

I voluntarily agree to join STANDTALL and submit to random drug testing:

Student Name (please print)

Graduation Year

Student Signature

Date

I give permission for my child to join STAND TALL and submit to random drug testing:

Parent/Guardian Name

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature