THE VOLUNTARY (RANDOM) DRUG TESTING PROGRAM
EDISON HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Parents:

In 2009, according to the California Healthy Kids Survey statistics indicated the following percentages of Edison ninth and eleventh grade students have used drugs in the past 30 days:

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I am very alarmed about these statistics. Since drugs are inexpensive, easily available, and widely used, it is obvious that our young people need an excuse to say “NO” when they are “dared” to experiment with drugs throughout their high school years. The aim of the EDISON Voluntary Drug Testing Program is to enlist the aid of the parents to help their children win the fight against drug use.

Drug testing is a proven form of deterrence; military drug use has decreased 77% since the military began testing in 1980. Random testing has been shown to be the most economical method and this program incorporates the latest drug testing information.

Some people worry that parental encouragement to participate in a drug testing program will destroy the trust between the student and his/her parents. PARENTS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO GUIDE THEIR CHILDREN. Those parents who involve themselves in our program will be drawing the line on drugs and giving their child a reason to just say “No.”

If the drug test results are positive, handling the situation may be difficult for both the parents and the student. However, if a parent remains “in the dark” of their child’s drug use, the problem can manifest itself and have serious consequences down the road. It is the responsibility of the parents to set boundaries for their children; this program will help accomplish this in a very serious and sensitive area. There are community resources available to help them deal with the problem.

This program is not designed to keep students out of athletics or other school activities or to remove them from school. The school will have no knowledge of the results; any problem that may surface will be resolved where it belongs, between the parent and the student.

You MUST return the enclosed form with an answer of “no” or “yes” to the EHS Supervision Office by September 30th please.
Thank you in advance for your support on the critical school matter.

D’liese Melendrez, Ed.D.
Principal
SUMMARY PROCEDURE OF VOLUNTARY (RANDOM) URINE TESTING PROGRAM

1. All applications regardless of support or non-support MUST BE RETURNED to the EHS Supervision Office (mail or drop off).

2. A representative of the testing company will randomly select names throughout the school year for Voluntary (Random) Drug Testing.

3. A site at Edison High School will be provided for urine specimen collection.

4. Students will provide the urine specimen in private.

5. The specimen will then be transported to the laboratory following standard “Chain of Custody Procedures.”

7. Due to the short time some chemicals are retained in the body, the student will test on the assigned date to assure accuracy. Parents will be notified if student chooses not to be tested.

8. Results of the urinalysis test will be available within 24 hours. Results are strictly CONFIDENTIAL and are NEVER communicated with EHS or representatives thereof.

   a. Negative Result: Notification of a negative result will be mailed home. Complete Drug Testing will attempt to make contact by phone as well. No contact will be made with Edison High School.

   b. Positive Result: Notification of a positive result will be made by a representative from Complete Drug Testing; this will occur after the specimen has been sent to the lab for further testing to confirm the result. No contact will be made with EHS.

9. Information on follow-up counseling is available for any student having an illegal substance in his or her urine. If you need additional information please contact the Student Support Specialist.

10. All results are confidential, and you (the parent) will be given the only copy of the results with the student’s name attached.

11. The drug screen will be free of charge during the 2013-2014 school year - regardless of the number of times tested. However, you may attach a donation to assist the school fund this important program.

REMINDER: No school administrators, teachers, or coaches will have knowledge of the test results. All results are strictly confidential.