

## **MOUNTAIN BROOK SCHOOLS**

### **Voluntary Random Drug Testing Program**

#### **Information and Consent Form**

Mountain Brook Schools requires participation in the random drug testing program for “activity students.” "Activity Student" means a member of any junior high (7-9) or high school (10-12) Mountain Brook City Schools sponsored extra-curricular organization which participates in interscholastic competition. This includes any student who represents Mountain Brook City Schools in any extra-curricular activity in interscholastic competition, such as, but not limited to, Academic Teams (Debate, Math, FBLA, Scholars Bowl, JUNA), Band, Choral, Dorians, Spartanettes, Cheerleaders, Majorettes and Athletics.

The school system works with an outside agency which administers, analyzes, and determines which students are selected from the pool of students eligible for drug testing. School officials do not make the random selection and does not add or subtract students from the randomly selected list. Because the selection is random, some students will not be tested in a given year, some will be tested once and, because the process is random, some may be tested more than once.

Mountain Brook Schools offers voluntary inclusion in the drug testing program for those students who are not activity students as defined above. This voluntary program is currently offered at no cost to students in grades 9-12. Students who enroll in the voluntary program will be included in the pool of students randomly selected for testing, following the same procedures as if the student were in a qualifying activity. As noted above, Mountain Brook Schools cannot determine whether a given student will be selected and tested. Volunteering for the program only includes the student’s name in the pool of students eligible to be selected for testing.

Both the student and his or her parent/guardian must consent for the student to be enrolled in the voluntary program. The student and/or the parent/guardian may withdraw consent at any time. However, if a student requests to be withdrawn from the program, his or her parent or guardian will be immediately notified of his or her withdrawal request.

If a student tests positive for substance use/abuse, the following procedures will be followed.

1. The student’s parent or guardian shall be notified and asked to confer with appropriate school professional personnel.
2. During the conference, the parent or guardian shall be given all relevant information concerning the student’s test results.
3. The student and parent or guardian shall be referred to appropriate community agencies which can offer counseling and support services.
4. Students testing positive under the voluntary program will be subject to suspension of privileges related to driving to and from, or parking at any school or school property in the Mountain Brook Schools system.

