

Middle School News Release

The Paradise Valley Unified School District surveyed parents of middle- and high-school students in the spring of 2005 to ask for input about expanding the district's current drug-testing program. Nearly 90 percent of the parents and guardians who responded to the survey were in favor of expanding drug testing to a broader student population, with parent permission.

Based on the survey response, district personnel contacted the Maricopa County Attorney's office about funding an expanded program. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office provided such funding for the last two years for the expanded drug-testing program. . We will continue the program this year as we have for the last two years.

As a result of this grant, parents and guardians of Paradise Valley Unified School District middle school students may request a home drug testing kit from their child's principal or assistant principal. This kit tests for marijuana (THC), cocaine, opiates (heroin) and methamphetamines and is done in the privacy of your home.

Middle school parents may also request a voucher for Southwest Labs, which offers a more expansive drug test. With this format, the parent can take their student to a laboratory near 40th Street and Bell Road and receive the results of the test from their principal within three to five school days. Additional information on this new program is available from your middle school principal, assistant principal and counselor.