



## ISM DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

In line with ISM's mission to build a community of reflective learners, a drug testing program was initiated several years ago. Contrary to common belief, it aims not to apprehend but to help students, as early as possible, to get rid of the horrible effects of illegal drugs and continue with their roles as passionate, caring and responsible contributors to the world in which we live. In one way or another, it also prevents students succumbing to temptation to try them.

Randomly selected students from the Middle School and High School are selected each day for testing. Urine or hair samples are collected by our qualified personnel after proper identification of the student. Each sample is assigned a specific code number and custody control form to assure confidentiality of each student tested and that no sample switching will occur. Samples collected are then sent to accredited laboratories in Metro Manila and in the United States to be tested using immunoassay techniques. Results are received within a week (urine) or a month (hair) after the date of collection.

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### Drug Testing Procedure

- Names of students to be tested are submitted to the Middle School and High School offices.
- Students are escorted by security personnel to the Drug Testing unit located in the Clinic where they sign in on the logbook.
- Student's identity is verified. A brief explanation of the procedure is given by the Drug Testing Nurse.
- Urine or hair sample is collected. *Note: For hair samples, a small sample of hair 1 layer thick is taken from a discreet area of the head.*
- After collection, sample is sealed in the presence of donor (student).
- Custody Control Form and Urinalysis or Hair Analysis Information Form are filled and signed by the student. *Note: the Information Form should be given to the student's parents for signature and returned to the Drug Testing unit the following day.*
- Students will sign out of the logbook on their way out.