

Mandatory Drug Testing: Questions for Discussion

- 1 . With mandatory drug testing common practice in professional sports and many workplaces, are schools a next logical step?
2. How can students in activities and sports be assured that they peers and opponents are drug free?
4. If a district utilizes drug testing in its schools, what safeguards should be in place to keep personal information such as the results of those tests from becoming public knowledge?
5. What messages, if any, does mandatory drug testing send to students who participate in school activities?
6. With the serious physical, emotional, behavioral and social problems of drug abuse in schools today, to what extent does mandatory drug testing of students in sports and activities address the problems?
7. Should all students in high school be required to undergo periodic drug tests? What about middle school? If only certain groups, what criteria should be in place to select the groups to be tested?
8. How much time, effort, and expense should be invested to test for drugs in the absence of symptoms that a school has a serious drug problem? Is requiring all Illinois high schools, regardless of the level of drug use, a good use of public funds?