FORM 8

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM

Student - Parent/Guardian Consent Form

We, (Parents and Student), know that it is necessary to eliminate drug and alcohol use in high school.

We grant the Administration of St. Thomas Aquinas High School the right to test students at random for drugs and alcohol use. Student specimens (urine) will be collected by the nursing staff at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and tested by a laboratory commissioned by St. Thomas Aquinas High School. We also authorize the release of information concerning the results of such tests to the Administration and/or designated personnel (Student Assistance Counselor).

We understand that the results of the testing will be provided to the Administration and Student Assistance Counselor within a specified period of time to be stated at the time of testing. Parents will receive results upon request.

We understand that positive results will require the student to attend outside professional counseling, be randomly drug or alcohol tested by a federally certified lab and meet with the Student Assistance Counselor. Removal from school activities may be necessary.

We are aware that non-compliance with this policy will be treated as a positive result and the student will be mandated to be drug tested at a certified laboratory immediately. Failure to comply with the mandated drug/alcohol testing policy will result in the student's immediate dismissal from St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

Please note State of New Jersey Chapter 40A – Substance Abuse

Article 2. Prevention and Treatment Referral Programs

18A:40A-22 Findings, declarations relative to substance abuse testing policies in public school districts.

1. The Legislature finds and declares that there are many school districts within the State with a growing problem of drug abuse among their students. The Legislature further finds that federal and State courts have held that it may be appropriate for school districts to combat this problem through the random drug testing of students participating in extracurricular activities, including interscholastic athletics, and students who possess school parking permits. The Legislature also finds that a random drug testing program may have a positive effect on attaining the important objectives of deterring drug use and providing a means for the early detection of students with drug problems so that counseling and rehabilitative treatment may be offered.

<u>L.2005,c.209,s.1.</u> *Private school law allows for St. Thomas Aquinas High School to extend random drug testing to its entire school population.

Student Name (print)	Student ID#
Student Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Name (print)	Day Time Phone #
Parent/Guardian Signature	Date