

# ID PROGRAM INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM



**Please sign and return this form to the homeroom teacher**

## **Program Background**

The Independent Decision (ID) Program, approved by the Autauga County School Board and administered by PASS: The Noble Idea, Inc. (PASS), aims to reinforce a positive drug free lifestyle by providing incentives to students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades who refrain from using drugs. Students who test negative for drugs receive an ID card that entitles them to discounts at participating local businesses and to program-sponsored social events. Students participating in the program agree to undergo initial drug screening and periodic random follow-up drug testing. The ID program is voluntary. Once in the program, students remain until they complete their 12<sup>th</sup> grade year. Students may discontinue the program at any time, with parent consent. Students who withdraw from the program must relinquish their ID cards. Students under the age of 18 are permitted to participate in the ID program only with written consent from the student and parent or legal guardian.

## **Drug Testing Procedure**

All drug tests will be performed under the direction of Drug Test Services, Inc. Montgomery, Alabama. Students participating in the ID program will be notified when to report to a designated place at his/her school site to provide a urine or saliva sample for the initial screening. The screening will be conducted in a confidential manner. If preliminary screening is negative, the student will receive the ID card within a few days of the screening. Students' ID Program files are locked and maintained at the Pass Office to protect confidentiality. To maintain the integrity of the program, random follow-up re-testing will occur periodically.

In the event of a positive test, samples are sent to a lab for analysis and review by a Medical Review Officer (MRO). The MRO then contacts the parents to determine if the positive screen is due to prescribed medication or illegal use. In the event of a positive test, either when the initial screening takes place or when re-testing occurs, the school coordinator will notify the student and parent privately and the student will be asked to surrender the ID card until a negative sample is collected. A parent may challenge confirmed positive results at his/her expense. The challenge test will be sent to a different laboratory.

It is important to emphasize that the purpose of the program is to reward positive, healthy behaviors. Students who are taking prescribed medications are encouraged to participate. Testing of drugs in the ID Program is in no way an investigative tool of a law enforcement agency. Positive results will not result in criminal prosecution.

The Autauga County School System and PASS cannot guarantee that students participating in the ID program will not share information with other students either within or outside of the ID program.

**I have read and understand the above information and have received a copy of this form. I may withdraw at any time. I understand that by signing this form, I agree to participate in the ID program.**

**Student Participant's Name (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Participant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's School** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Legal Guardian's Name (print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Legal Guardian Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Legal Guardian's Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent or Legal Guardian's Phone Number(s)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Home)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Work)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_