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Dear Parent/Guardians(s),

We at Auburn Career Center are excited to announce that Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA) will be available to our students this year. This unique club combines the efforts of schools, parents, and the community into one prevention tool to protect students from experiencing the spiraling consequences of teenage drug abuse. DFCA promotes and rewards healthy decisions by creating excitement with a drug free culture. Positive peer pressure can replace the negative.

Each club member successfully enrolled will receive discounts from local businesses. Additionally, Auburn Career Center will offer benefits to student members. In the end, students will be able to validate their participation in our Drug Free Club by inserting a certificate into their Senior Portfolio. What an outstanding credential to show off to potential employers or to use for college applications!

We have partnered with Lake Health to administer the drug screens. After passing a voluntary drug test, each member is given a full color ID as a member of the club. As recognition of their good decisions, members use their card as their key to special offers from community businesses. Randomly throughout the school year, students may be retested. The results of every test are sent only to DFCA, who will notify the parents of a negative or positive screen. Auburn is sponsoring the club, but will have no knowledge of the drug test results. Also, all membership fees will be paid in full by Auburn.

Please read the enclosed materials for more information. In addition, you can visit DFCA's website at www.drugfreeclubs.org. I am glad we can help young people make strong decisions about their life through our Drug Free Club. As you will read in the brochure, it gives them a simple 'excuse' to say no ("I can't, I might get tested...").

As always, feel free to contact me should you have any questions at 440-357-7542 or jslavkovsky@auburncc.org.

Sincerely,

Jeff Slavkovsky
Principal



Firefighters started Drug Free Clubs of America because they were frustrated by the horrors they witnessed everyday from drug abuse.

They got countless calls to rescue teens whose lives had been devastated by drug related overdoses, violence, accidents, or even death. There was nothing more difficult than being on a scene where a young life was lost... especially when the loss was caused by something avoidable.

They realized that every one of those teens was drug free at one time, and wondered why there are so many programs in place for addiction but very few for preventing drug use in the first place.

Something had to be done.

Something so tempting that it would be stronger than the temptation to try using drugs.

Something so strong that it could impact the very moment a teen is choosing to either do drugs or walk away.

Something so simple that it could make the right choice **EASY** because saying "no" proves to be too hard for too many.

That "SOMETHING" is

Drug Free Clubs of America.

Discussing Drug Free Clubs of America is an ideal way to spark a conversation about drugs.



"The drug talk" can be tough, but it doesn't have to be. Keeping an open line of communication can make a huge difference. **Please use this opportunity!** Parent resources like these tips based on advice from the Mayo Clinic staff, can be found on our website:

- **Ask the teen's point of view.** Avoid long, boring lectures. Listen to their opinions and questions about drug use. Observe nonverbal responses to see how he or she feels about the topic. Encourage your teen to talk by making statements instead of asking questions. For example, saying, "I'm curious about your point of view" might work better than "What do you think?"

- **Discuss reasons not to abuse drugs.** Avoid scare tactics. Emphasize how drug use can affect things important to your teen — such as sports, driving, health and appearance. Explain that even a teen can develop a drug problem.

- **Consider media messages.** Some television programs, movies, websites or songs glamorize or trivialize drug use. Talk about what your teen has seen or heard, and what their thoughts are about them.

- **Discuss ways to resist peer pressure.** This is especially important if your teen is **NOT** joining the Club and does not have the power to say "I Can't". Brainstorm about how to turn down offers of drugs.

- **Be ready to discuss your own drug use.** Think ahead about how you'll respond if your teen asks.

Don't be afraid that talking about drug abuse will plant ideas in your teen's head. Conversations about drugs won't tempt your teen to try drugs. Instead, talking about drug abuse lets your teen know your views and understand what you expect.

Protect and reward your drug free teen through...



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Each, recognize, reinforce and reward drug free teens in order to keep them on the right track.

Students who apply for membership complete an application and take a multiple drug test (with a parent's consent). Testing is done in a private manner at school. Results are NEVER given on site or to the school. When the test shows Drug Free Clubs of America at the teen is drug free, they're in!



Members receive a full-color photo ID card proving they are in the Club. The card can be shown at school and local businesses for special "rewards" specifically designed to recognize drug free teens. Rewards vary from school to school, but can be anything from free desserts to discounted tickets or special perks unavailable to others. For older students, membership perks great on applications, especially those in the Club all through school!



Testing of random members continues throughout the school year. As long as tests come back drug free, the rewards continue!

Why retest? The possibility of a test gives members EASY escape if they find themselves in a situation where they are pressured to experiment in drugs...

"I can't, I might get tested"

Once members are seen getting rewards, peers now it's true that they could be tested anytime.



Saying "I can't" stops pressure in its tracks.

What to do, step by step

Fill out an application

Applications for membership are available from school, or you can apply online anytime at DrugFreeClubs.com. Parental consent and a valid email address are required for all applications regardless if they are on paper or online.

Turn in your form and fee

If you do not know your chapter's fee you can check online at DrugFreeClubs.com, call our office, or ask at school. Your application and payment can be completed online or turned in at the school office. If your school allows registration for multiple years your price is locked in. This is the best option for both cost as well as for drug prevention reasons.

Test drug free!

Applicants will be tested when we come to get this year's Club started.

Get the ID card

Depending on the lab's schedule, cards may be sent out up to a few weeks after test day.

Create your account

Use the member number and expiration date on the ID card at DrugFreeClubs.com to unlock info for members only!

Enjoy your rewards!

Look for decals on the doors of local business, pay attention to email and school announcements, and check online for a list of community reward partners.

"Many kids do not know how to handle pressure...and eventually give in to fit in with the group. This club allows the kid to be surrounded by others making good choices."

-Special Agent Mark Simala
15 year DEA Veteran



How much club time is required?

- DFCA does not require meetings however, schools may want them.

How long does the drug test take?

- Tests take just a little longer than a typical bathroom break.

Are test results given on site?

- **NO results are given to ANYONE on test day.** Our testing process is pain-free and private. Result times vary depending on the lab and are given directly to the parent and student.

What if I take a prescription medication?

- There is no need to offer a list. If a substance is detected, a parent will be contacted directly to verify the prescription details. If they are consistent with the test, that student is drug free and becomes a member.

How often will there be random testing?

- The school chooses several times throughout the year for tests to reoccur. A computer program chooses the members to be retested by random number selection.

What if a student tests positive for drugs?

Schools NEVER see test results.

- The parent will receive a phone call directly from our lab. They will discuss the findings, and options for returning the student to a healthy lifestyle. Membership is suspended. When ready, the student is able to test once more during the same school year with no fee. After a drug free result the student becomes an active member again.

STAY DRUG FREE!

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*Special thanks to
Auburn Joint Vocational School District
Board of Education
for their efforts and contributions so there is
absolutely NO COST for families wishing to
participate!*



EMPOWER. EXCEL. ENRICH

Additional thanks goes to Lake Health for their collaboration with Auburn's chapter, helping teens to have an escape plan for drug-related situations, and remain healthy.



By working together we are all

“Making the Right Choice Easy!”

APPLICATION & CONSENT



(Turn in form at school, or apply online at DrugFreeClubs.com)

Have you ever been a member before? Y / (N)

Student's Name _____

Student E-mail _____

School Auburn Career Center

Grade(#) _____ Birthdate _____ Gender _____

Homeroom _____ (if known)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone # _____

Parent Phone # _____

Parent Name _____

Parent E-mail _____

Parent Name _____

Parent E-mail _____

WE RELY ON EMAIL TO CREATE YOUR ACCOUNTS AND COMMUNICATE WITH YOU. IT IS FOR DFCA ONLY AND WILL NOT BE SOLD TO A THIRD PARTY.

Number of years (circle):

1

2

***Your school is covering the full membership cost so it's FREE!**

I consent to the taking of specimens for drug screening as part of an examination in connection with enrollment into Drug Free Clubs of America (DFCA), and authorize the release of those results to only DFCA and my parent or guardian. I consent to the taking of, or the school's release of, my (or my child's) photograph to be used by and for DFCA's purposes only.

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____