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Overview of the 2006-07 TASSEL Evaluation Process

Introduction

Examining the use of illegal drugs among students continues to be a vital role to all communities in creating healthy lifestyle choices for all. Drug use and abuse continues to be a difficult and challenging role for school systems. One method of combating illegal drug use is random drug testing. Since the inception of the Taking A Stand Supporting an Exemplary Life (TASSEL) program in the Marion County Public Schools (MCPS), the WellFlorida Council (formerly the North Central Florida Health Planning Council) has worked with Marion County Risk Management (MCRM) on the planning and evaluation of program activities.

The drug testing program addressed in this evaluation was funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The purpose of the Federal funding is to help schools alleviate illegal drug use among students and to support healthy behavior choices for communities. This evaluation will cover programs implemented under the grant period covering the 2006-2007 school year. WellFlorida, under the direction of the MCRM, has been responsible for preparing the TASSEL evaluation since the 2005-2006 school year.

Background on the TASSEL Program

The federal government has an established program to allocate money to the states to develop drug testing programs in school systems. In Florida, some of these funds have been allocated to the Marion County School System. Funds went to school districts in Florida to support the random drug testing of student athletes and students participating in school extracurricular activities.

According to the 2006 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey, 23.7 percent of students have smoked marijuana. Overall, 11.9 percent of students report using marijuana or hashish within the past 30 days. Between 2004 and 2006, overall past 30 day use increased by 1.0 percentage point. Marijuana use among Marion County students has showed a decline in recent years. Overall lifetime marijuana use has gone from 33.9 percent in 2000 to 23.7 percent in 2006. Overall past-30-day marijuana use has gone from 16.2 percent in 2000 to 11.9 percent in 2006.

These findings exemplify the prevalence of drug use among Marion County's students and the possible issues that may contribute to substance abuse. Marion County students are still reporting drug use and reckless behavior that will affect their school and personal lives.

The primary purpose of the Marion County School Board Drug Testing Program is to discourage drug and alcohol use among the student population. The possibility that a student who is involved in sports or extracurricular activities can be randomly tested may relieve the student of peer pressure and give the student an additional reason to refuse to engage in drug and alcohol abuse.

Evaluation Components

The evaluation of TASSEL program activities for the 2006-2007 school year consists of the quantitative/objective evaluation of 2006-07 proposed outcomes and qualitative analysis. There are eight proposed outcomes of TASSEL program activity in the 2005-2008 program plans. An evaluation of each of these outcomes comprises the quantitative/objective evaluation component. The qualitative insights were derived from three surveys conducted with tested students. Faculty Athletic Directors and Activities Coordinators were interviewed to gather insight and further support qualitative results.

A critical element of this evaluation is the collection of student drug testing results and subsequent referral information for additional assistance. Drug testing results for positive contacts and repeat offenders are provided by the MCRM. The process for drug education is referred to as REACH. Initially only students with a first offense were referred to the REACH program. After review, the REACH services have been extended to students who refuse to participate in the drug testing process.

Student Drug Use Survey

As seen in Table 1, during 2006-07 students that did participate in random drug testing were asked to complete a survey about their personal opinions regarding the TASSEL program. Of the students tested, 864 students completed and submitted surveys. 33 percent of these students state that they participate in both Athletics and Extracurricular Activities at school. 44.8 percent of those surveyed either Agree or Somewhat Agree that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped to avoid peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason to refuse illegal drug use. 36.7 percent had either no opinion or did not answer.

The following tables and graphs provide an overview of drug use among specific drugs for the past 30 days; the past 12 months; and lifetime use. The data was gathered from surveys presented to Marion County School Athletes and Extracurricular Activities Participants regarding specific time framed drug use. This survey was conducted in April and May 2007. There were 568 total surveys returned. 95 of those surveys were determined to be invalid do to no answers after the first page. The following results are based upon the completed 473 surveys submitted. The Student Drug Use Survey used is available in Appendix A.

High School	Number	Percent
Belleview High School	64	13.5
Dunnellon High School	57	12.1
Forest High School	72	15.2
Lake Weir High School	58	12.3
Marion Technical Institute	32	6.8
North Marion High School	40	8.5
Vanguard High School	75	15.9
West Port High School	73	15.4
Incorrect Answer	1	0.2
No Answer	1	0.2
Total	473	100.0

Table 1. Marion County High Schools participating in TASSEL Drug Use Survey, 2007.

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Table 2. Percent of survey respondents by grade level, 2007.

Grade	Number	Percent
9th grade	125	26.4
10th grade	119	25.2
11th grade	114	24.1
12th grade	115	24.3
Total	473	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Table 3. Percent of survey respondents by gender, 2007.

Gender	Number	Percent
Female	234	49.5
Male	217	45.9
No Answer	22	4.7
Total	473	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Table 4. Percent of survey respondents by race and ethnicity, 2007.

Race / Ethnicity	Number	Percent of 473
White	308	65.1
Black or African American	79	16.7
Spanish/Hispanic/Latino	68	14.4
American Indian/Native American, Eskimo or Aleut	8	1.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	15	3.2
No Answer	1	0.2
Other	9	1.9
Total	488	103.2

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Language	Number	Percent
English	430	90.9
Spanish	22	4.7
Bengali	1	0.2
Tagalog	1	0.2
Thai	1	0.2
Vietnamese	1	0.2
Incorrect Answer	15	3.2
No Answer	2	0.4
Total	473	100.0

Table 5. Percent of survey respondents by language used at home, 2007.

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

As indicated in Table 6, survey respondents answered that 61.5 percent have missed no school days within the past four weeks of taking the survey. 12.7 percent and 9.3 percent have missed only one to two days, respectively. Eleven or more missed days have occurred with 3 percent of survey respondents.

Table 6. Percent of survey respondents reporting missed school days within the past four weeks of survey, 2007.

In the last 4 weeks how many whole days have you missed because you skipped class?	Number	Percent
0 days	291	61.5
1 day	60	12.7
2 days	44	9.3
3 days	33	7.0
4 - 5 days	24	5.1
6 - 10 days	3	0.6
11 or more days	14	3.0
No Answer	4	0.8
Total	473	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Overall 35.7 percent of respondents report an emphatic "no" when asked if they have many options to become involved in school activities. Almost 50 percent report an emphatic "yes" that they have many options to join school activities. 6.6 percent of respondents ardently feel that they have no chances of getting involved in sports or school activities (Table 7).

Do you feel there are a lot of chances to get involved in sports and school activities?	Number	Percent
NO!	31	6.6
no	35	7.4
yes	235	49.7
YES!	169	35.7
Incorrect Answer	2	0.4
No Answer	1	0.2
	473	100.0

Table 7. Percent of survey respondents on school activity involvement, 2007.

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

In most communities, alcohol is the drug used by the largest number of adolescents. As Figure 1-3 show, this is indeed the case in Marion County. Of the students appraised in Drug Use Survey, 63 percent have used alcohol on at least one occasion in their lifetimes. Overall, 36.8 percent of surveyed students reported the use of alcohol in the past 30 days, and 50.5 percent have indicated alcohol use within the past 12 months.

Of the students surveyed, 16.9 percent report using marijuana within the past 30 days (Figure 1). 24.9 percent indicate marijuana use within the previous 12 months (Figure 2). Overall 34.2 percent of surveyed students report using marijuana within their lifetime (Figure 3).

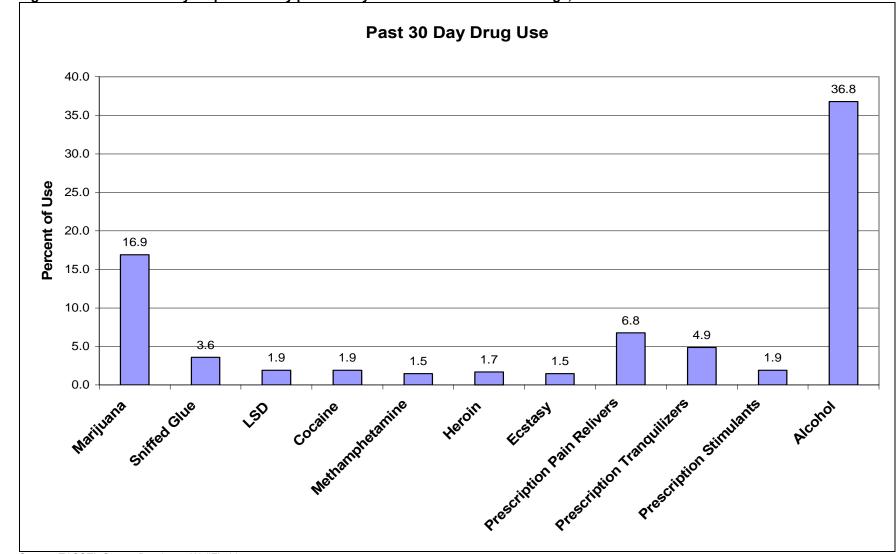


Figure 1. Percent of survey respondents by past 30 day use of alcohol and other drugs, 2007.

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

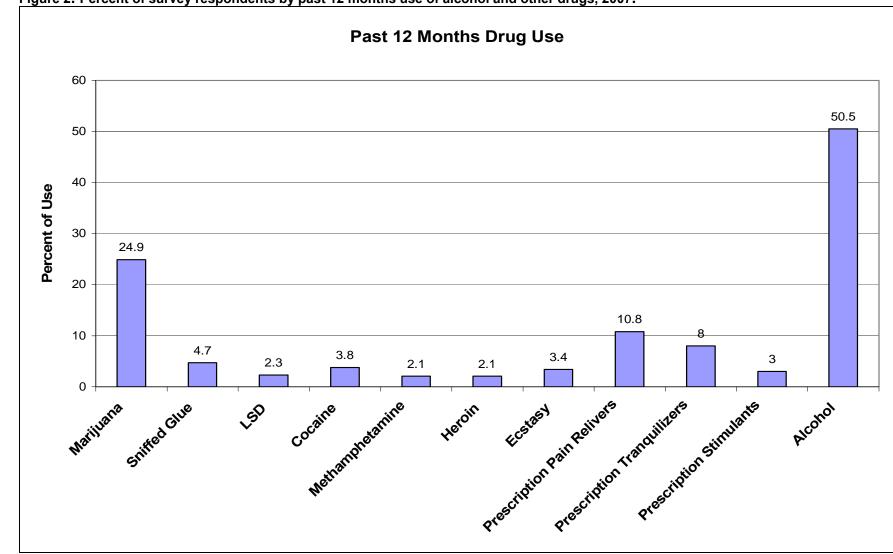
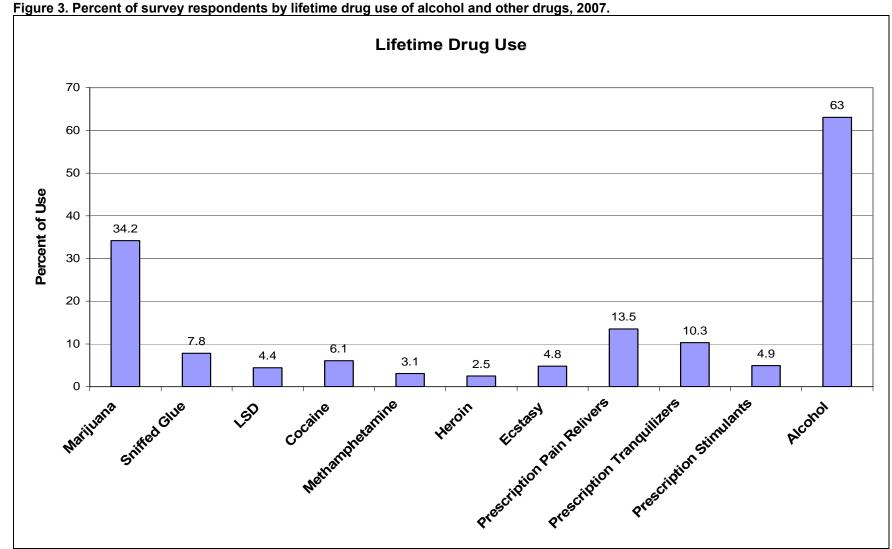


Figure 2. Percent of survey respondents by past 12 months use of alcohol and other drugs, 2007.

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.



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Student Participant Survey

The following tables provide an overview of survey results from students that have completed drug testing. A copy of the Student Survey for Participants in TASSEL is available in Appendix B.

High school attended	Number	Percent
Belleview High School	138	16.0
Dunnellon High School	72	8.3
Forest High School	119	13.8
Lake Weir High School	87	10.1
Marion Technical Institute	24	2.8
North Marion High School	130	15.0
Vanguard High School	152	17.6
West Port High School	142	16.4
Total	864	100.0

Table 8. Percentage of respondents to Student Survey for participants in TASSEL.

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Table 9. Percentage of survey respondents by grade level, 2007.

Grade level	Number	Percent
9th	245	28.4
10th	221	25.6
11th	219	25.3
12th	178	20.6
No Answer	1	0.1
Total	864	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

The percent of respondents who participate in Athletics and Extracurricular activities is reported in Table 10. Athletics participation accounted for 44.4 percent of the respondents. 33 percent of respondents participated in both athletics and extracurricular activities followed by 19.4 percent who participated in only extracurricular activities.

Table 10. Percentage of survey respondents who participate in athletics andextracurricular activities, 2007.

Student participates in	Number	Percent
Athletics	384	44.4
Both	285	33.0
Extracurricular Activities	168	19.4
Neither	1	0.1
No Answer	26	3.1
Total	864	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

As seen in Table 11, over 28 percent feel that drug testing has definitely helped them to avoid peer pressure and provided a legitimate excuse to refuse to use illegal drugs. 16.7 percent

somewhat agree it has helped, while 36.2 percent have no opinion. Only 2.2 percent somewhat disagree and 16.3 percent disagree that drug testing has helped (Table 11).

Table 11. Percentage of survey respondents regarding personal views of peer pressure avoidance, 2007.

Do you feel the Student Drug Testing Program has helped you avoid peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs?	Number	Percent
Agree	243	28.1
Somewhat Agree	144	16.7
No Opinion	313	36.2
Somewhat Disagree	19	2.2
Disagree	141	16.3
No Answer	4	0.5
Total	864	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

In regards to fellow students, 24.3 percent and 27 percent of respondents report, that they agree or somewhat agree that drug testing has helped peers in avoiding drug use (Table 12). Only 12 percent disagree that student drug testing has not helped fellow students shun peer pressure.

Table 12. Percentage of survey respondents regarding student drug testing influence over peers, 2007.

Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped your fellow students avoid peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs?	Number	Percent
Agree	210	24.3
Somewhat Agree	233	27.0
No Opinion	266	30.8
Somewhat Disagree	50	5.8
Disagree	104	12.0
No Answer	1	0.1
Total	864	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

As highlighted in Table 13, over 28 percent of respondents feel safer in school because of drug testing, 17.1 percent agree and 17.4 percent somewhat agree. 19.9 percent do not feel safer due to drug testing, while 5.5 percent somewhat disagree. Over 40 percent (40.2 percent) had no opinion in regards to feeling safer in school since student drug testing was initiated.

Table 13. Percentage of respondents who report feeling safer in school because of student drug testing, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel safer in school?	Number	Percent
Agree	148	17.1
Somewhat Agree	150	17.4
No Opinion	347	40.2
Somewhat Disagree	45	5.2
Disagree	172	19.9
No Answer	2	0.2
Total	864	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Overwhelmingly 43 percent of respondents either agree or somewhat agree that they feel safer when participating in sports or extracurricular activities (Table 14). 38.9 percent had no opinion, while only 17.8 percent either somewhat disagree or disagree that they feel safer now when participating.

Table 14. Percentage of respondents who report feeling safer when participating in		
sports or extracurricular activities because of student drug testing, 2007.		

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel safer when you participate in athletics or extracurricular activities?	Number	Percent
Agree	210	24.3
Somewhat Agree	162	18.8
No Opinion	336	38.9
Somewhat Disagree	34	3.9
Disagree	120	13.9
No Answer	2	0.2
Total	864	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Random Class Survey

The following provides an overview of randomly selected classroom students to gather opinions and beliefs regarding the Student Drug Testing Program. This survey is given to all students in randomly selected classes; therefore results may differ from the previous surveys. Students that do not participate in athletics or extracurricular activities may have more critical views of the drug testing program. The results offer insight to opinions of those randomly selected classrooms and do not reflect overall opinions from all schools or students. A copy of the Random Class Survey is available in Appendix C.

High School	Number	Percent
Forest High School	76	39.6
Marion Technical Institute	44	22.9
North Marion High School	2	1.0
West Port High School	70	36.5
Total	192	100.0

Table 15. Percentage of respondents to Random Class Student Survey.

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Table 16. Percentage of respondents' grade level for Random Class Student Survey.

Grade Level	Number	Percent
10th	59	30.7
11th	60	31.3
12th	71	37.0
9th	2	1.0
Total	192	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Table 17. Percentage of respondents that have been randomly drug tested, 2007.

Number	Percent
147	76.6
45	23.4
192	100.0
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Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Table 18. Percentage of respondents that have participated in Athletics or Extracurricular Activities in the current school year. 2007.

Do you currently participate or did you participate this school year in :	Number	Percent
Athletics	34	17.7
Both	36	18.8
Extracurricular	38	19.8
neither	84	43.8
Total	192	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Over 40 percent of the 192 respondents did not answer when asked whether the drug testing program influenced them to not participate this school year. Over 41.7 percent stated "no", in regards to the influence of not participating (Table 19). Only 4.2 percent stated "yes", drug testing did influence the respondent to not participate. The question will be changed in the upcoming year to reflect an answer of does not apply. This should lower the percentage of students that do not answer the question.

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Did the presence of the Student Drug Testing Program influence your decision NOT to participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities?	Number	Percent
No Answer	77	40.1
No	80	41.7
Not Sure	27	14.1
Yes	8	4.2
Total	192	100.0

Table 19. Percentage of respondents that report the Student Drug Testing program influenced their decision not to participate in the current school year, 2007.

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

As Table 20 illustrates, overall 32.8 percent of respondents either agree or somewhat agree that the student drug testing program has helped to avoid peer pressure and provide an excuse to not use illegal drugs. 28.1 percent of respondents had no opinion. 35.9 percent of respondents either somewhat disagree or disagree that the drug testing program reduces peer pressure or provides a legitimate excuse to avoid illegal drug use. As previously stated, the results of the random class survey may be influenced by respondents that do not participate in athletics or extracurricular activities and therefore results do not reflect the opinions of all schools or students.

 Table 20. Percentage of survey respondents regarding personal views of peer pressure avoidance, 2007.

Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped you avoid peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs?	Number	Percent
Agree	31	16.1
Somewhat Agree	32	16.7
No Opinion	54	28.1
Somewhat Disagree	10	5.2
Disagree	59	30.7
No Answer	6	3.1
Total	192	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Over 40 percent of respondents agree or somewhat agree, 13 percent and 27.1 percent respectively, that the student drug testing program has helped their fellow students avoid peer pressure and provided a legitimate excuse to avoid illegal drug use (Table 21). 27.1 percent had no opinion.

Table 21. Percentage of survey respondents regarding student drug testing influence over peers, 2007.

Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped your fellow students avoid peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs?	Number	Percent
Agree	25	13.0
Somewhat Agree	52	27.1
No Opinion	52	27.1
Somewhat Disagree	17	8.9
Disagree	45	23.4
No Answer	1	0.5
Total	192	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Only 20.8 percent of students feel safer in school because of student drug testing according to respondents of the random class survey. When compared to the student survey of those participating in the TASSEL program there is over 7 percentage points in difference of the same question. Furthermore 43.7 percent of respondents either somewhat disagree or disagree with the statement, while only 25.1 percent of respondents participating in the TASSEL Participant Student Survey answered the same (Table 22). This represents 18.5 percentage points difference in comparison to the same question.

 Table 22. Percentage of respondents who report feeling safer in school because of student drug testing, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel safer in school?	Number	Percent
Agree	11	5.7
Somewhat Agree	27	14.1
No Opinion	69	35.9
Somewhat disagree	15	7.8
Disagree	69	35.9
No Answer	1	0.5
Total	192	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

16.1 percent of respondents agree that they feel safer when participating in athletics or extracurricular activities, while 32.3 percent disagree with the statement (Table 23). Over 31 percent of respondents had no opinion. Respectively, 15.6 percent and 4.2 percent, somewhat agree or somewhat disagree with the statement.

In comparison to the same question for Student Participant Survey, 24.3 percent agree that they feel safer and 18.8 percent somewhat agree. Only 3.9 percent somewhat disagree and 13.9 percent disagree from the previous survey. This further emphasizes the reflections of students that do not participate in athletics or extracurricular activities (Table 23).

Table 23. Percentage of respondents who report feeling safer when participating in sports or extracurricular activities because of student drug testing, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel safer when you participate in athletics or extracurricular activities?	Number	Percent
Agree	31	16.1
Somewhat Agree	30	15.6
No Opinion	60	31.3
Somewhat Disagree	8	4.2
Disagree	62	32.3
No Answer	1	0.5
Total	192	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Athletic and Activity Director Survey

The following represents opinions and responses to interviews with Athletics Directors and Activity Directors at each participating school. A copy of the Athletic and Activity Director Survey is available in Appendix D.

Table 24. Percentage of respondents that are Athletic and Activity Directors, 2007.

Director	Number	Percent
Activities Director	8	53.3
Athletics Director	7	46.7
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Table 25. Percentage of respondents from participating schools, 2007.

School	Number	Percent
Belleview High School	2	13.3
Dunnellon High School	2	13.3
Forest High School	2	13.3
Lake Weir High School	2	13.3
Marion Technical Institute	1	6.7
North Marion High School	2	13.3
Vanguard High School	2	13.3
West Port High School	2	13.3
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

60 percent of respondents agree that student drug testing has helped their students avoid peer pressure and has provided a legitimate excuse to avoid illegal drug use. 33.3 percent somewhat agree with the statement and 6.7 percent disagree (Table 26).

Table 26. Percentage of respondents that feel the TASSEL program has helped students avoid peer pressure and provide a legitimate excuse to avoid illegal drug use, 2007.

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Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped students avoid peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs?	Number	Percent
Agree	9	60.0
Somewhat Agree	5	33.3
No Opinion	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	0
Disagree	1	6.7
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Overall, 66.6 percent of Athletic and Activity Directors feel students are safer in school since the student drug testing program was initiated. 20 percent of the respondents had no opinion and 13.3 percent did not feel students were safer in school since drug testing began (Table 27).

 Table 27. Percentage of respondents who feel students are safer in school since the TASSEL program was initiated, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel that students are safer in school?	Number	Percent
Agree	5	33.3
Somewhat Agree	5	33.3
No Opinion	3	20.0
Somewhat Disagree	0	0
Disagree	2	13.3
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

As seen in Table 28, survey respondents were asked whether they feel students are safer now when participating in athletics or extracurricular activities compared to previous years when drug testing was not conducted. The percentage of respondents who indicate they agree or somewhat agree is 86.7 percent. Only 6.7 percent felt that students were not safer then before student drug testing began. 6.7 percent of respondents had no opinion.

Table 28. Percentage of respondents who feel students are safer when participating in athletics and extracurricular activities since the TASSEL program was initiated, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do feel that students are safer when they participate in athletics or extracurricular activities	Number	Percent
Agree	9	60.0
Somewhat Agree	4	26.7
No Opinion	1	6.7
Somewhat Disagree	1	6.7
Disagree	0	0
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

As shown in Table 29, the respondents were asked their opinion on safety for faculty and staff since the inception of the TASSEL program. 53.3 percent of respondents agree or somewhat agree that they feel safer in school since the program began. 33.3 percent had no opinion, while 13.3 percent did not feel any safer in school since the drug testing program began.

Table 29. Percentage of respondents who feel faculty and staff are safer since the TASSEL
program was initiated, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do feel that faculty and staff are safer in school?	Number	Percent
Agree	5	33.3
Somewhat Agree	3	20.0
No Opinion	5	33.3
Somewhat Disagree	0	0
Disagree	2	13.3
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

The survey respondents were queried regarding their awareness of student drug usage since the student drug testing program began. Overall, respondents indicate that they are 33.3 percent more informed since the student drug testing program began (Table 30). 46.7 percent feel they are informed about the same as before the program began. 20 percent indicate they are less informed.

Table 30. Percentage of respondents' perception of drug usage among students, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, how informed are you regarding student drug usage?	Number	Percent
More Informed	5	33.3
About the Same	7	46.7
Less Informed	3	20.0
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Respondents were asked for their perception on student drug usage since the student drug testing program was initiated. Overall 53.3 percent (20 percent and 33.3 percent, respectively), feel that drug usage among all students has not decreased since the TASSEL program began (Table 31). 13.3 percent feel that it has decreased, while 20 percent somewhat agree it has decreased. 13.3 percent had no opinion.

Table 31. Percentage of respondents' perception of decreased illegal drug usage among all students, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do feel that student drug use has decreased among all	Number	Percent
students on your campus?		
Agree	2	13.3
Somewhat Agree	3	20.0
No Opinion	2	13.3
Somewhat Disagree	3	20.0
Disagree	5	33.3
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Over 93.3 percent of respondents do feel that illegal drug usage has decreased among student athletes and those that participate in extracurricular activities. 6.7 percent somewhat disagree with a decrease in usage (Table 32).

Table 32. Percentage of respondent's perception of decreased illegal drug usage among student athletes and students participating in extracurricular activities, 2007.

Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel that student drug use has decreased among students participating in athletics and/or extracurricular activities?	Number	Percent
Agree	12	80.0
Somewhat Agree	2	13.3
No Opinion	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	1	6.7
Disagree	0	0
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

86.7 percent of respondents agree that faculty and staff support the student drug testing program. 6.7 percent somewhat agree, while, 6.7 percent disagree that faculty supports the program (Table 33).

Table 33. Percentage of respondents' perception of support among faculty and staff regarding student drug testing, 2007.

Do you feel that the majority of the staff at your school is supportive of the Student Drug Testing Program?	Number	Percent
Agree	13	86.7
Somewhat Agree	1	6.7
No Opinion	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	0
Disagree	1	6.7
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

When asked if students were not participating in athletics and extracurricular activities because of the drug testing program, almost three-fourths indicate that it has not diversely affected

participation. Approximately seven percent of respondents feel that the drug testing program has decreased participation, while 13.3 percent somewhat agree that participation has decreased (Table 34).

Table 34. Percentage of respondents' perception regarding participation in athletics and extracurricular activities, 2007.

Do you feel that fewer students are participating in athletics and/or activities because of the Student Drug Testing program?	Number	Percent
Agree	1	6.7
Somewhat Agree	2	13.3
No Opinion	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	1	6.7
Disagree	11	73.3
Total	15	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

As reported in Table 35, Athletic Directors were asked if the student drug testing program has adversely affected the ability of school athletics in order to be competitive with other schools. All respondents overwhelmingly agree that the student drug testing program does not hinder the ability of school athletic teams.

Table 35. Percentage of Athletic Director respondents who feel that student drug testing has negatively impacted student athletic programs, 2007.

FOR ATHLETICS DIRECTORS ONLY : Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has adversely affected the ability of your athletics teams to be competitive with other schools	Number	Percent
Agree	0	0
Somewhat Agree	0	0
No Opinion	0	0
Somewhat Disagree	0	0
Disagree	7	100
Total	7	100.0

Source: TASSEL Survey Database, WellFlorida, 2006-07.

Objective Evaluation of 2006-07 Proposed Outcomes

Introduction

As part of the comprehensive evaluation of the Marion County Public School Drug Testing Program, information about the health behaviors and illegal drug use among Marion County students was collected via written surveys. Information collected included demographic characteristics, such as grade level and gender; health risks and behaviors, such as illegal drug usage; and perceptions of the TASSEL program. Year 2 of the grant has been devoted to fully implementing the program and all testing procedures as well as establishing the framework for ongoing evaluation activities. WellFlorida Council, Inc., has established the evaluation plan detailed below. With this information, the schools and community will be able to identify and implement health behavioral programs that encourage students to maintain a drug-free lifestyle.

Proposed Outcome Analysis

Evaluation of Proposed Overall Goal is based on a review of data provided to staff of WellFlorida by the Marion County Risk Management Department. Data was received from MCRM approximately one month after the completion of the 2006-2007 school years.

Outcome Goals

Overall Goal

To reduce the incidence of drug use among youth through demonstrating an overall decline in student substance abuse by at least 5% per year of the project.

Sub-Goal 2 (Outcome)

70% of the students tested through TASSEL will complete requirements for promotion to the next grade level at the end of year 1, 80% in year 2, and 90% in year 3, supporting the goal of improving student achievement.

In the 2005-2006 school years, 89.7% of the students drug tested were promoted to the next grade level. This exceeds the goal of year 1 by 19.7%.

The 2006-2007 school year data will not be available until July 31, 2007.

Sub-Goal 3 (Outcome)

70% of the students who receive positive test results in year 1 will complete, at a minimum, the referral student assistance program with 80% completing it in year two, and 90% completing it in year three, supporting the goal of developing safe schools and strong character.

Thus far in 2005-2006, 29 of the 45 positives qualified for the REACH student assistance program referral. 18 of the 29 (62%) of the referrals completed the program and 7 of the 29 (24%) had subsequent positive results.

In 2006-2007, 26 of the 39 positives qualified for the REACH student assistance program referral. 21 of the 39 (53.8%) attended the REACH program, 14 (66.6%) completed the program and 3 (14.1%) had subsequent positive results.

Sub-Goal 4 (Process)

Annually the school district will review national and state evidence and findings on student drug testing and incorporate new research-based findings to improve/enhance district policies and procedures as part of the evidence-based transformation of education.

This is an ongoing responsibility of the program coordinator.

Sub-Goal 5 (Process)

70% of the students tested through TASSEL will complete high school as documented in year three of the project to enhance access to postsecondary and adult education.

The developments of the processes to measure this goal are ongoing. School promotion data for the 2007-2008 (the third year of the grant/program) will not be officially available until the middle to end of June 2008. This goal will be detailed in the final year-end evaluation report by July 31, 2008.

Sub-Goal 6 (Process)

100% of the annual performance reports on TASSEL will be submitted in a timely manner and address the Department's indicators of program success as part of establishing excellence in management.

This process is an ongoing responsibility of the program coordinator.

Qualitative Evaluation Component

Aside from the surveys analyzed throughout the report, WellFlorida conducted Key Informant Interviews with Athletic Directors and Activity Directors in January of the 2007 to collect further qualitative data from leaders within the schools. An analysis of the interviews is provided below.

Key Informant Interviews

The TASSEL program serves eight schools in Marion County. The program was developed as a comprehensive plan to reduce the risk factors contributing to higher occurrences of student involvement with alcohol and other drugs. As part of the qualitative component of the evaluation process for the TASSEL program, WellFlorida conducted 15 key informant interviews during the month of January 2007.

This report will outline how the interviews were selected, conducted, the findings of that process, and recommendations that address key issues identified in the process.

Methodology

Today there is a multitude of behavior modification programs throughout the schools in Florida and the greater United States. However, it is realized that not all of these programs will succeed in a given school. For this reason, Athletic Directors and Activity Directors who directly monitor students that have participated in the TASSEL program were asked to participate in interviews to determine their perceptions, attitudes, and recommendations regarding this program.

Each interview was conducted via telephone. Participants were advised that WellFlorida and the TASSEL program coordinators would maintain their confidentiality.

The process used for conducting the interviews is fairly informal. The strength of this qualitative technique is flexibility; it is ideal for generating new ideas for investigation on an issue. Key informants were encouraged to initiate discussion about concerns, preferences, and other issues that were not necessarily introduced by the facilitator or others in the group, but that they feel were relevant to the discussion. The questions that were developed focused on perceptions of the TASSEL program, communication with others about the TASSEL program, personal experiences and involvement with the TASSEL program, and recommendations regarding the TASSEL program.

Key Informant Summaries

Generally, each interview was comprised of Athletic Directors and Activity Directors who represented the target population of students participating in the TASSEL program. All participants were familiar with the Student Drug Testing and had utilized the TASSEL program

at some point over the past year. The comments of interview participants in the following summaries reiterate the sentiments of a single group member and include direct quotes that reflect those viewpoints. This section merely summarizes what the participants said with no analysis applied.

Perception of TASSEL program

The following comments were given by Athletic and Activity Directors at each school.

- Drug testing is working. Some students come forward and say they will test positive, but do not. There are loop holes that should be addressed, such as limited funds and increasing testing and education.
- I like that when we do have a positive that parents have become more involved and it has been a positive/good experience for both parents and students. There is a need for more staff to do testing. It takes about two hours to complete.
- It's a good deterrent for students who are participating in athletics and activities. Most students understand they can be tested, but do not necessarily understand what drugs they are being tested for or what the consequences are if positive.
- It works because they could be tested at anytime. It also helps students wanting scholarships. There is a need for more drug education and counseling. Testing should be available for students not in extracurricular activities or athletics. Those kids are falling through the cracks.
- Positive program and students accepted the program readily. In athletics less than .05 students choose not to participate because of the drug testing. In clubs those numbers are even smaller. Students that are not involved in athletics or activities know the drug testing policy. Most of those students already choose not to be involved and therefore are not impacted by the drug testing program.
- There's no flexibility in the testing, for example homecoming activities. Testing schedules should be more flexible to one day ahead or after such event days. Most students not involved in athletics or activities know about the program and understand it.
- I have no knowledge of the drug testing after I have turned in the drug testing forms.

- More notice before the day you are coming to test, but that probably can not be helped. Special events and days are a lot busier than others. Most students coming in new to the programs know about the drug testing program before joining.
- The program has a very positive impact. Students are very educated about the program before coming into it.
- There's a need for more severe penalties. The first offense should be harsh instead of a slap on the wrist. Most students are well informed about the program well before joining.
- The program is publicized, but whether or not the students really pay attention I'm not sure.
- There's a need for more natural consequences. Some schools do not have athletics and there are only limited clubs. Students need to be more informed about drug testing.
- The staff and school administration is very supportive. Most students throughout school are aware of the program.
- The students have been cooperative. The staff conducting the tests is friendly and comforting. There appears to be a need to test for alcohol as well.
- Students are aware of the student drug testing program. There should be better communication, such as letting each school know how it is going in comparison to other schools in the county.

Overview of Key Findings

Throughout the process of conducting the interviews, a variety of perspectives and ideas about the TASSEL program were identified. While not all the participants agreed, the major issues came up time and time again. A summary of the ideas taken from the interviews are provided below.

- Students that do not participate in Athletics or Extracurricular are not tested or thoroughly involved in any drug testing.
- Schools do not receive enough feedback about positive test results.

- Enhanced communication from drug testing staff in regards to testing days and scheduling.
- Further consequences to offenders.

Recommendations

- The interviews for 2006-07 generated mostly positive feedback regarding the impact of the program on students. Directors noted that they have received little feedback about the drug testing program and positive test results. It was also reported that most students are aware of the drug free policy for student athletics and extracurricular activities. WellFlorida recommends that TASSEL staff and drug testing staff increase communications with school staff in order to provide immediate feedback regarding positive test results. It should be noted that positive test results can only be released to the Principal. However, the year end report for the county should be shared.
- It is recommended that the TASSEL program Liaison work with Principals, Athletic Directors and Activity Directors to make the necessary modifications to the scheduling policy for drug testing in order to maximize time and maintain school staff cooperation.
- Utilization of the REACH program should be emphasized to increase student participation after first positive test result. The referral process should be communicated to Athletic Directors, Activity Directors, Parents, and the student. The senior population should especially be targeted as this population receives fewer consequences if not completing the referral process.

Appendices

- A. Student Drug Use Survey
- B. Student Participant Survey
- C. Random Class Survey
- D. Athletic Director and Activity Director Survey

Appendix A Student Drug Use Survey The Marion County Public Schools system is surveying students about drug use. You have been randomly selected to participate in the survey process. The survey is completely anonymous and confidential. You do not need to identity yourself in anyway when completing this survey. We ask that you answer all questions to the best of your ability. If you have any questions, please quietly ask your teacher for assistance.

1. What high school do you currently attend (check only one answer)?

- ____ Belleview H.S _____ Marion Technical Institute
- ____ Dunnellon H.S. ____ North Marion H.S.
- ____ Forest H.S. ____ Vanguard H.S.
- _____ Lake Weir H.S. _____ West Port H.S.

2. What is your grade (check only one answer)?

 9^{th} 10^{th} 11^{th} 12^{th}

 3. Are you:
 Female _____
 Male _____

4. What do you consider yourself to be? (choose all that apply)

White _____ Black or African American _____ Spanish/Hispanic/Latino _____

American Indian/Native American, Eskimo or Aleut

Asian or Pacific Islander _____ Other (Please specify: ______)

5. What is the language you use most often at home?

English _____ Spanish _____ Another language (Please specify: ______)

6. During the LAST FOUR WEEKS, how many whole days have you missed because you skipped or "cut"? _____None

1 day_____ 2 days_____ 3 days_____ 4-5 day _____ 6-10 days_____ 11 or more_____

7. There are lots of chances for students in my school to get involved in sports, clubs, and other school activities outside of class.

NO! _____ no _____ yes _____ YES! _____

Used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) to get high during the past 30 days? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) to get high during the past 12 months? None

- past 12 months? _____ Nor
- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used marijuana (grass, pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil) in your lifetime? _____None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays in order to get high during the past 30 days? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays in order to get high during the past 12 months? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

On how many occasions (if any) have you:

Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases

or sprays in order to get high in your lifetime? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used LSD ("acid") or other psychedelics (peyote, PCP) during the past 30 days?

- _____ None
- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____ 6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used LSD ("acid") or other psychedelics (peyote, PCP) during the past 12 months?

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- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used LSD ("acid") or other psychedelics (peyote, PCP) in your lifetime?

- _____None
- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used cocaine in the past 30 days? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used cocaine in the past 12 months? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used cocaine in your lifetime? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used derbisol in the past 30 days? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used derbisol in the past 12 months? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions
- Used derbisol in your lifetime? _____ None
- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used methamphetamine (meth, crystal meth, crank) in the past 30 days?

- _____None
- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

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- _____None
- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or occasions

Used methamphetamine (meth, crystal meth, crank) in your lifetime?

- _____None
- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or occasions

Used heroin in the past 30 days? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used heroin in the past 12 months? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used heroin in your lifetime? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used Ecstacy during the last 30 days? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used Ecstacy in the past 12 months? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____ 3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used Ecstasy in your lifetime? _____ None

- _____1 to 2 occasions
- _____3 to 5 occasions
- _____6 to 9 occasions
- _____ 10 to 19 occasions
- _____ 20 to 39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used prescription pain relievers, such as Vicodin®, OxyContin® or Tylox®, without a doctor's orders, in the past 30 days? _____ None

_____1-2 occasions

_____ 3-5 occasions

- _____6-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used prescription pain relievers, such as Vicodin®, OxyContin® or Tylox®, without a doctor's orders, in the past 12 months? _____ None

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- _____1-2 occasions
- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used prescription tranquilizers, such as Xanax®, Valium® or Ambien®, without a doctor's orders, in the past 30 days? _____ None

- _____1-2 occasions
- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used prescription tranquilizers, such as Xanax®, Valium® or Ambien®, without a doctor's orders, in the past 12 months? _____ None

- _____1-2 occasions
- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used prescription tranquilizers, such as Xanax®, Valium® or Ambien®, without a doctor's orders, in your lifetime? _____ None

_____1-2 occasions

- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used prescription stimulants, such as Ritalin® or Adderall®, without a doctor's orders, in the past 30 days? _____ None

- _____1-2 occasions
- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used prescription stimulants, such as Ritalin® or Adderall®, without a doctor's orders, in the past 12 months? _____ None

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- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Used prescription stimulants, such as Ritalin® or Adderall®, without a doctor's orders, in your lifetime? _____ None

- _____1-2 occasions
- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Had alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or hard liquor) to drink – more than just a few sips – in the past 30 days? _____ None

- _____1-2 occasions
- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

Had alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or hard liquor) to drink – more than just a few sips – in the past 12 months? None

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- _____ 40 or more occasions

Had alcoholic beverages (beer, wine or hard liquor) to drink – more than just a few sips – in your lifetime? _____ None

- _____1-2 occasions
- _____ 3-9 occasions
- _____ 10-19 occasions
- _____ 20-39 occasions
- _____ 40 or more occasions

The survey is now complete. Thank you for participating.

Please place the survey in the envelope provided by your teacher.

Appendix B Student Survey of Participants in TASSEL The Marion County Public Schools system is surveying students who have been selected for testing about the Student Drug Testing Program. All students pulled for testing are asked to complete this survey as part of the testing process. The survey is completely anonymous and confidential. <u>You do not need to identify yourself in anyway when completing this survey</u>. We ask that you answer all questions to the best of your ability. If you have any questions, please ask for assistance.

START HERE: Put a check ($\sqrt{}$) in the blank by your answer.

	Belleview H.S. Marion Technical Institute	
	Dunnellon H.S North Marion H.S.	
	Forest H.SVanguard H.S.	
	Lake Weir H.S. West Port H.S.	
2.	What is your grade (check only one answer)?	
	9th10th11th12th	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
3.	Do you participate in (check only one answer)?	
	Athletics Extracurricular Activities Both	
4.	Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped you avoid peer pressure by provi reason to refuse to use illegal drugs (<i>check only one answer</i>)?	ding a legitimate
	AgreeSomewhat AgreeNo OpinionSomewhat Disagree	Disagree
5.	Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped your fellow students avoid peer	pressure by
	providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs (check only one answer)?	
	AgreeSomewhat AgreeNo OpinionSomewhat Disagree	Disagree
6	AgreeSomewhat AgreeNo OpinionSomewhat Disagree	
6.	AgreeSomewhat AgreeNo OpinionSomewhat Disagree Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel safer in school (<i>check only one</i>	e answer)?
6.	AgreeSomewhat AgreeNo OpinionSomewhat Disagree	e answer)?
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Appendix C Random Class Survey The Marion County Public Schools system is surveying students about the Student Drug Testing Program. Your class has been randomly selected to participate in the survey process. The survey is completely anonymous and confidential. You do not need to identify yourself in anyway when completing this survey. We ask that you answer all questions to the best of your ability. If you have any questions, please quietly ask your teacher for assistance.

START HERE: Put a check ($\sqrt{}$) in the blank by your answer.

- **1.** What high school do you currently attend (*check only one answer*)?
- _____ Belleview H.S. Marion Technical Institute _____ Dunnellon H.S. _____ North Marion H.S. _____ Vanguard H.S. _____ Forest H.S. Lake Weir H.S. _____ West Port H.S. 2. What is your grade (*check only one answer*)? 9th 10th 11th 12th Have you been pulled for random testing this school year as part of the Student Drug Testing Program? 3. _____ Yes _____ No Do you currently participate or did you participate this school year in (check only one answer)? 4. _____ Athletics (go to Question 6) Extracurricular Activities (go to Ouestion 6) Both (go to Question 6) _____ Neither Athletics nor Extracurricular Activities (*go to Question 5*) Only answer this question if you answered NEITHER ATHLETICS NOR EXTRACURRICULAR 5. ACTIVITIES in Question 4. Did the presence of the Student Drug Testing Program influence your decision NOT to *participate in athletics and/or extracurricular activities?* Yes _____No _____Not Sure Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped **you** avoid peer pressure by 6. providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs (check only one answer)? _____ No Opinion _____ Somewhat Disagree Agree _____ Somewhat Agree Disagree Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped **your fellow students** avoid peer 7. pressure by providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs (check only one answer)? ____ Agree Somewhat Agree No Opinion Somewhat Disagree Disagree 8. Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel safer in school (check only one answer)? Agree _____ Somewhat Agree _____ No Opinion _____ Somewhat Disagree Disagree 9. Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel safer when you participate in athletics or extracurricular activities (check only one answer)? Agree _____ Somewhat Agree _____ No Opinion _____ Somewhat Disagree _____ Disagree The survey is now complete. Thank you for participating.

Please place the survey in the envelope provided by your teacher.

Appendix D Athletic and Activity Director Survey The Marion County Public Schools system is interviewing athletics and activities directors about the Student Drug Testing Program. Athletics and activities directors at all eight Marion County High Schools will be participating in the interview process. The interview results will be completely confidential and results of the interview will be summarized for ALL respondents and no responses will be associated or acknowledged with any individual or school. There is a core set of questions that all athletics and activities directors are asked to answer. You may provide any additional comments that you wish. Again, comments will not be related to an individual or school but a summary of interview results and comments will be compiled.

INTERVIEWER USE ONLY:

Athletics Director OR Activities Director Name of School: **START HERE:** Put a check ($\sqrt{}$) in the blank by respondent's answer. 1. Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has helped students avoid peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs (check only one answer)? _____ Agree _____ Somewhat Agree _____ No Opinion _____ Somewhat Disagree _____ Disagree 2. Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel that **students** are safer in school (check **only one** answer)? _____ Agree _____ Somewhat Agree _____ No Opinion _____ Somewhat Disagree _____ Disagree Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do feel that students are safer when they participate in 3. athletics or extracurricular activities (check **only one** answer)? _____ Agree _____ Somewhat Agree _____ No Opinion _____ Somewhat Disagree _____ Disagree Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do feel that **faculty and staff** are safer in school *4*. (check **only one** answer)? Agree Somewhat Agree No Opinion Somewhat Disagree Disagree 5. Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, how informed are you regarding student drug usage (check **only one** answer)? More Informed About the Same Less Informed Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do feel that student drug use has decreased among **all** 6. students on your campus (check only one answer)? _____Agree _____Somewhat Agree _____No Opinion _____Somewhat Disagree _____Disagree 7. Since the Student Drug Testing Program has started, do you feel that student drug use has decreased among students participating in athletics and/or extracurricular activities (check only one answer)? _____Agree _____Somewhat Agree _____No Opinion _____Somewhat Disagree _____Disagree Do you feel that the majority of the staff at your school is supportive of the Student Drug Testing Program 8. (check **only one** answer)? _____ Agree _____ Somewhat Agree _____ No Opinion _____ Somewhat Disagree _____ Disagree 9. Do you feel that fewer students are participating in athletics and/or activities because of the Student Drug *Testing program* (check **only one** answer)? _____Agree _____Somewhat Agree _____No Opinion _____Somewhat Disagree _____Disagree FOR ATHLETICS DIRECTORS ONLY: Do you feel that the Student Drug Testing Program has adversely affected the 10. ability of your athletics teams to be competitive with other schools? ____ Agree _____ Somewhat Agree _____ No Opinion _____ Somewhat Disagree _____ Disagree

The formal interview questions are now complete; would you like to add anything? What are your opinions on the program? How might the program be improved? What would you change about the program? Thank you for your participation.