

DRUG ABUSE POLICY

“THE COMPREHENSIVE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT OF 2002”

The school heads, supervisors, and teachers may apprehend or cause the arrest of suspected drug users and/or pushers in school or within the vicinity of the school.

The arrest powers may be exercised beyond the immediate vicinity of the school if the school officials are in attendance of any school or class function in their capacity as school heads, supervisors, and teachers.

The new drug law provides for random drug testing of high school and college students in public and private schools.

The policy of SISFU prohibits the use, possession, sale or transfer of dangerous drugs, as defined in the Dangerous Drugs Act of the Philippines, by any student in the campus, its immediate surroundings, or during sponsored activities conducted off-campus.

The policy and rules relating to drug use infractions are deliberately stringent. They have been formulated to preserve the welfare of the majority of the students and the integrity of the educational institution. Their design and use are intended to deter and educate students not to use drugs. Consequences of drug abuse are intended to be seen as caring and supportive, not draconian.

The educational institution expects parents and students to be aware of the policy procedures, and the serious implications that infractions may have for the student's future academic career.

As part of the policy, a screening and detection procedure via student urinalysis will be conducted before enrolment each term or at random during the term. So far as possible, urine samples will be collected on the campus premises, properly labeled and tested on site so that results will be known as soon as possible. SISFU will appoint an accredited drug testing agency to conduct the drug tests. In the event of a positive result, the student's parents will be informed immediately, and asked to join a parents-administration conference.

Any student who sells or traffics in dangerous drugs, as defined in the Dangerous Drugs Act of the Philippines, inside or outside of the campus or at any sponsored event will be dropped permanently from the educational institution immediately.

All costs of urinalysis, including the transportation of samples by the university up until a confirmed positive result is obtained, will be borne by the educational institution. Once a positive result is confirmed, all further costs of urinalysis and counseling will be at the expense of the parents/guardian of the student concerned.