

The Institute for Behavior and Health, Inc. ([www.ibhinc.org](http://www.ibhinc.org), [www.PreventionNotPunishment.org](http://www.PreventionNotPunishment.org)) has worked with leaders in Sweden working to implement Random Student Drug Testing (RSDT) programs in schools.

Most recently, on April 26, 2010, the Ombudsman of Swedish Parliament ruled in favor of RSDT, declaring that it is not against the Constitution to drug test students if consent is obtained from both students and parents. This voluntary RSDT program model may now be used in schools across Sweden. The following brief articles from *Stockholm News* trace the history of RSDT in Swedish news:

## Drug testing on pupils not illegal

News in short | 2010-04-27

Random drug tests on pupils at upper secondary schools are not illegal. This writes the Parliamentary Ombudsman in a statement, thereby overriding the Schools Inspectorate, who earlier has criticized schools that have carried out such tests.

<http://www.stockholmnews.com/more.aspx?NID=5229#>

## Children to be drug-tested?

News in short | 2010-03-15

The government proposes that it shall be permitted to use drug tests on young people below 15 years of age without the permission from their parents. This goes against the recommendation from the Law Council which thought that testing such young people is a serious infringement of the integrity of those individuals. The Minister for justice, Beatrice Ask argues however that the earlier drug users can be found the better. (SVT)

<http://www.stockholmnews.com/more.aspx?NID=4992>

## Commission proposes drug test on children

News in short | 2008-11-21

A governmental commission suggests that the police should get the right to perform drug tests on children under 15 years old. They also propose that DNA tests should be legal on under aged who are suspected of crimes. (City)

<http://www.stockholmnews.com/more.aspx?NID=2178>

## No to voluntary drug tests in upper secondary schools

News in short | 2009-10-08

Upper secondary schools are not allowed to issue random drug tests – even if they are voluntary. Last fall the Swedish Schools Inspectorate denied a primary school to issue voluntary drug tests. This time they have said no to an upper secondary school who wanted to do the same. The School Inspectorate argue that pupils are in a position of dependence to the staff and thereby may have hard to deny a test even if it is voluntary. (SVT)

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## Drug tests for pupils

News in short | 2008-04-03

Pupils of the upper schools in Landskrona, Skåne County, will from this fall undergo drug tests. This was today decided by the local authorities. The tests are optional and the parents also have to approve. Landskrona municipality is the first in the country to introduce such a policy.

<http://www.stockholmnews.com/more.aspx?NID=788>