

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How does my youth join the D-Fy (Drug-Free youth) initiative?**
 - a. Bring the completed Membership Application, signed by both youth **and** parent/guardian, to the next D-Fy student enrollment event.
 - b. Enrollment events are held regularly at your youth's school.
 - c. Enrollment events are conducted during your youth's lunch periods, in the cafeteria, and other select times and locations (check website and social media for options), to:
 - i. Enroll students who ride the school bus and would not be able to join after school.
 - ii. Enroll students who participate in extracurricular activities, after school, and would not be able to join.
 - iii. Discourage interference with the youth's academic schedule.
 - d. Your youth can decide to join before or after they eat lunch, or during an enrollment opportunity, for specific groups.
2. **Does my youth have to be drug screened to join the initiative?**
 - a. Yes, all youth must validate their commitment to being drug, alcohol, and nicotine/tobacco free, by presenting a negative drug screen.
3. **Will school faculty be notified if my child tests positive for substances?**
 - a. No, school staff are **never** notified of student's screening results whether they are positive or negative.
4. **Are parents/guardians notified of positive screening results?**
 - a. Yes, parents/guardians are contacted by the community-based organization and notified of their youth's positive screen and are provided local resources for support.
5. **If my child is taking prescription medication for ADHD will their drug screen present positive?**
 - a. Yes, this is considered a false positive. If the parent has not sent verification of their child's prescription in advance, the parent will be contacted to verify that their child is taking prescription medicine.
 - b. Parents are **always** contacted when there are false positives (prescription medicines) or actual positives (illicit substance use).
6. **What if I do not want my youth to join D-Fy?**
 - a. Do not complete and return the Membership Application.
7. **What if I want my youth to join and they do not want to join?**
 - a. No youth can be mandated to join **D-Fy**. It is a voluntary initiative.
 - b. Any youth who comes to an enrollment event and expresses that they do not want to join will not be screened to become a part of the initiative.
8. **If I know that my youth is using drugs, can I use the enrollment events as a means to validate my concerns?**
 - a. No, **D-Fy** is a community-based initiative that rewards youth who are drug-free.
9. **What if my youth forgot to bring their completed Application to the enrollment event?**
 - a. Enrollment events are conducted regularly at your youth's school. Bring the completed Application to the next event.
10. **Can my youth join school-based D-Fy without my consent?**
 - a. No. If your youth attends an enrollment event at his/her school, they must have a parent/guardian's consent on the Application.
 - b. Any youth under the age of 18 must have a parent/guardian's consent.

11. **What if my child is drug, alcohol, and nicotine/tobacco free and does not want to join D-Fy?**
 - a. **D-Fy** is a voluntary initiative for youth who want to be recognized for their positive choices. Not all youth who have made this personal commitment want recognition and we understand this. If a youth does not want recognition and does not want to join, they are not required to complete the Application.
12. **Does completing the Application enroll my youth in D-Fy?**
 - a. No, your youth must bring their completed Application to an enrollment event, at their school, and take a drug screen. Once the youth is screened negative, they will be issued a D-Fy Membership ID card.
13. **How will I know if my youth is a D-Fy member?**
 - a. You can verify your youth's membership by asking to see their membership ID card.
14. **What happens when my youth's membership expires?**
 - a. All youth must renew their membership on an annual basis to remain active participants.
 - b. All ID cards have expiration dates.
 - c. Youth will be prompted by Venice D-Fy staff to renew their membership prior to its expiration date.
 - d. Youth complete an updated Membership Application and take a new drug screen during the membership renewal process.
15. **Are the enrollment and renewals the only time my youth will be drug screened?**
 - a. No, youth may be asked to participate in random drug screens, to verify their commitment to being drug, alcohol, and nicotine/tobacco free.
16. **Is there a cost for D-Fy?**
 - a. The enrollment and renewal process are free for all youth.
 - b. All D-Fy exclusive events are free for active members.
 - c. If a youth loses their ID card, they may be asked to pay a \$10.00 replacement fee.
 - i. This protocol is rarely enforced and is more so used as a means to promote the youth's responsibility.
17. **What if my youth has used illicit substances in the past? Are they a D-Fy candidate?**
 - a. Yes. Any youth who currently pledges to remain drug, alcohol, and nicotine/tobacco free, and presents a negative drug screen, is a D-Fy candidate .
18. **What type of items does my student receive as part of their D-Fy membership?**
 - a. Along with discounts, at many businesses throughout the county, the 1711 students, (518 in Venice D-Fy) who enrolled during the 2018-19 school year, benefitted from:
 - i. Enrollment packets, including: T-shirt, lanyard, water bottle, and shoulder bags valued at **\$38,335** (county-wide).
 - ii. Tickets to theater, music events, animal shows, and sporting events, from our wonderful partner, Tickets for Kids, valued at more than **\$15,000**.
19. **How do I support D-Fy?**
 - a. There are many ways to support this initiative. To find out more information:
 - i. Go to venicedfy.com/donate
 - ii. Email: office@Venicedfy.com or
 - iii. Call 941-497-7117