

Table 2.8

Parents' perceptions of safety, drug testing, and locker searches at schools

United States, 2003<sup>a</sup>

Question	Percent
"How safe do you feel your teen's school is?"	
Very safe	44%
Fairly safe	51
Fairly unsafe	2
Very unsafe	1
Don't know/no response	1
"How effective do you think drug testing is at keeping kids from using illegal drugs?"	
Very effective	11
Somewhat effective	49
Not very effective	24
Not effective at all	10
Don't know/no response	5
"How effective do you think locker searches are at keeping teenagers from using illegal drugs?"	
Very effective	11
Somewhat effective	42
Not very effective	30
Not effective at all	14
Don't know/no response	3
"Do you favor or oppose school officials searching students' lockers?"	
Favor strongly	51
Favor not strongly	21
Oppose not strongly	11
Oppose strongly	11
Don't know/no response	6

Note: See Note, table 2.3. In 2003, 504 parents (or guardians) of teens also were surveyed. Of the 504 parent/guardian interviews, 403 were conducted with households in which a teen was interviewed (two-interview households).

<sup>a</sup>Percents may not add to 100 because of rounding.

Source: National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, *National Survey of American Attitudes on Substance Abuse VIII: Teens and Parents* [Online], pp. 55, 57, 58. Available: [http://www.casacolumbia.org/pdshopprov/files/2003\\_Teen\\_Survey\\_8\\_19\\_03.pdf](http://www.casacolumbia.org/pdshopprov/files/2003_Teen_Survey_8_19_03.pdf) [Mar. 1, 2004]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff. Reprinted by permission.