

DRUG TESTING OF STUDENTS IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS

The Board recognizes that the interscholastic athletic program is an integral part of the entire educational program. Through participation in interscholastic athletics, students have an opportunity for educational and character-building experiences.

The athlete assumes responsibility for regulating his/her personal life in ways that make him/her an efficient member of a team and a worthy representative of his/her school. Drug use/abuse by student athletes is a major detriment to these goals. The Board believes that by implementing a drug testing program it encourages students who want to participate in interscholastic athletics to remain drug-free.

Interscholastic athletes may be required to participate in a drug-testing program. Prior to the initial drug testing of a student, the student and the parent(s) must sign a form consenting to the drug testing. The student is tested prior to the start of each sport season. In addition, random testing of 10% of the athletes on the team is conducted on a weekly basis throughout the season.

If an athlete tests positive for the presence of drugs, a second sample is tested. No further action is taken if the second test is negative. If the second test is positive, the athlete's parent(s) are notified and the school principal convenes a meeting with the student athlete and his/her parent(s). The student has two options as follows.

- A. The athlete must participate for six weeks in an assistance program which includes a weekly urinalysis; or
- B. If the athlete refuses the first option, he/she is suspended from athletics for the remainder of the current season and the next athletic season.

A second offense results in the automatic suspension of the athlete for the current season and the next athletic season. A third offense results in suspension for the remainder of the current season and the next two athletic seasons. There are no penalties involving regular school attendance, nor any referrals for criminal penalties.

Drug Testing Procedures

Students participating in interscholastic athletics programs participate in a drug testing program. Each student and parent(s) are required to sign a form consenting to the drug testing. If the form is not signed, the student may not participate in interscholastic athletics.

Once the form is signed, the athlete is tested at the beginning of the season for his/her particular sport. In addition, once each week of the season the names of the athletes are placed in a "pool" from which a student, with the supervision of two adults, randomly draws the names of 10% of

the athletes for random testing. The athletes selected are notified and tested the same day, if possible. Following are the regulations to implement the drug testing procedure.

- A. Prior to the testing procedure, the student provides a copy or copies of any prescription medications or a doctor's authorization. This information is sent directly to the testing laboratory to protect student privacy.
- B. The student then completes a specimen control form which bears an assigned number.
- C. The student enters an empty locker room accompanied by an adult monitor of the same gender.
 1. Each male athlete selected produces a sample at a urinal. The athlete remains fully clothed with his back to the monitor. The monitor stands 12 to 15 feet behind the student and listens for normal sounds of urination.
 2. Each female is in an enclosed bathroom stall. The monitor stands outside of the stall where she can hear but not observe the student and listens for normal sounds of urination.
- D. The monitor checks the sample for temperature and tampering and then transfers it to a vial. The vial has an assigned control number in place of the student's name. The sample is maintained under strict security so as to maintain proper chain of custody.
- E. The sample is sent to an independent laboratory, where the sample is tested for amphetamines, cocaine and marijuana. (The district may ask the laboratory to test for additional drugs.) The test results are reported as follows:
 1. The laboratory administrator mails written test results only to the Superintendent. The Superintendent does not receive a name but the assigned control number accompanies the results.
 2. Authorized district personnel may receive test results by telephone only after the requesting official recites a code confirming his/her authority. (Authorized personnel are limited to the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, principals, assistant principals and athletic director(s).)
 3. The test results are kept until the student graduates or is no longer enrolled in the district. Only authorized personnel (as described in B above) may review the test results.