

RANDOM DRUG TESTING

The Board of Education establishes a program of random drug testing for District students in an effort to deter students from the use of illegal drugs, prescription drugs illegally obtained, and to identify students who are using illegal drugs in order to provide an opportunity for intervention and treatment.

Student Eligibility

The following groups of students will be eligible for random suspicionless drug testing:

a. **Co-Curricular Participants**

South Shore School students who choose to exercise the privilege of participating in co-curricular activities in the district. Student participants registering for co-curricular activities will be provided with a consent form. The completion of the consent form by the student participant and, if the student is a minor, his/her parents or guardians, constitutes express permission and agreement that the student will submit to random suspicionless drug testing. Signing the consent, and adherence to the conditions thereafter, shall be a condition for participation in co-curricular activities.

b. **Students Who Register to Park a Motor Vehicle in the School Parking Lot**

South Shore High School students who choose to exercise the privilege of parking a motor vehicle in the school parking lot during the school day. High School students may apply for a parking permit. The parking permit application will include a consent agreement by which a student and at least one (1) parent or guardian, if the student is a minor, will agree the student is to be eligible for random suspicionless drug testing.

Substances Tested

Any illegal drug including alcohol. This includes, but is not limited to, amphetamine, methamphetamine, barbiturates, cocaine, codeine/morphine, alcohol, benzodiazepines, phencyclidine, steroids, LSD and marijuana (THC). Drugs may be exempted if a legal and current prescription for use can be provided within forty-eight (48) hours of testing.

Random Selection of Students Participating for Testing

Students eligible in each pool of students (co-curricular participants, students requesting parking permits) will be assigned a number by school administration.

Random draws of numbers will be conducted monthly during the school year, up to four numbers per month will be drawn. Students that participate in co-curricular activities and/or register to park a motor vehicle in the school parking lot are eligible each month for random suspicionless drug testing.

Relationship with Authorities

- a. Any alcohol, illegal drugs, illegal controlled substance, or illegal items confiscated by school authorities in the course of an investigation will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement authority.
- b. After appropriate action has been taken, the school authorities will make contact with the parent(s)/guardian(s) to share community support available.

Confidentiality

The fact that a student has been found in violation of this policy, including the results of any drug or alcohol tests administered, shall only be disclosed to school personnel working directly with the student and/or the family.

Collecting the Samples

During the school year, four students per month will be randomly selected for sample collection. These students will either give the sample at the school (with the school nurse supervising this process), or the students will be brought to a clinic to do this, with the school providing the transportation.

Positive Results/Consequences

Students who test positive for illegal drugs will be subject to consequences as outlined in the Student Handbook and/or Co-Curricular Rules.

Refusal to Test

Any student that refuses to take the suspicionless random drug testing will have the following consequences applied:

- a. Co-curricular participants: Students will be suspended in accordance with the co-curricular/athletic code. The length of the suspension is dependent upon the number of previous infractions the student has committed in the past. The student must successfully pass a drug test prior to reinstatement.
- b. Students with parking privileges: Students will lose the privilege of parking on all School District lots that require a permit for the period of one (1) year. The student must successfully pass a drug test prior to reinstatement of parking privileges.

Retesting

Students will have an opportunity within the twenty-four (24) hours of notification of the first positive test result to have the specimen re-tested in a certified laboratory of the family's choice and at the family's expense. The principal and/or administrative designee may consult with medical professionals to evaluate the results of the re-test, taking into consideration any evidence offered by the student and/or family. Should the re-test confirm a positive result, and there is not a satisfactory explanation for the positive results, all consequences specified will apply.

Tampering

Samples altered, etc. found to be "contaminated" will be treated the same as a "refusal." Retest within 24 hours at student (parent) expense will be allowed.

LEGAL REF.: Veronia School District 47J v. Act on 115. S Ct. 2386;
515 U.S. 646

CROSS REF.: 370 Co-Curricular Activities
443 Code of Conduct
443.4 Student Drug and Alcohol Abuse
446 Student Discipline
458 Wellness Policy
Student Handbook

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