

Drug Testing For Students Involved In Extracurricular Activities

At South Park Middle and High School

This policy is an extension of the Drug and Alcohol Involvement by Students policy (JICH and JICH-R). The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe drug/alcohol free school environment for all students. It is a belief in the Park County School District Re-2 that a student's ability to participate in any district-sponsored extracurricular activity is a privilege, not a right. Those district students who volunteer to participate in extracurricular activities serve as role models to other students, represent the school district through their behavior and actions, and are expected to assume the responsibilities granted to them by this privilege. These students as well as their parents/guardians must also recognize that because of their decision to participate in these extracurricular activities, have less expectation of privacy than do other students. In light of these principles and in accordance with applicable law, the district shall implement a mandatory drug testing program for those students who participate in district-sponsored extracurricular activity.

A student in grades 6 through 12 who chooses to participate in a district extracurricular activity shall be subject to random and/or reasonable suspicion drug testing. Students and their parents/guardians shall sign the district's drug testing consent form. Refusal to sign the consent form shall prevent the student from participating in any district extracurricular activity.

For purposes of this policy, "extracurricular activity" means any extracurricular or interscholastic activity including but not limited to any academic, artistic, athletic, recreational or other related activity sponsored by the district. The term "drugs" and "controlled substances" are interchangeable and have the same meaning and refer to marijuana (THC), cocaine, opiates, phencyclidine (PCP) and amphetamines (including methamphetamines), performance enhancing drugs and any other controlled substances as defined in law, or any prescription or nonprescription drug, medication, vitamin or other chemical substances not taken in accordance with the Board policy.

The protocol for the district's drug testing program and the disciplinary sanctions for student violations of the district's drug testing program shall be in accordance with this policy's accompanying regulation.

Nothing in this policy or accompanying regulation shall be deemed to limit the Board's and its designees' authority to suspend and/or expel a student in accordance with applicable Board policy.

Adopted:

LEGAL REFS.: 20 U.S.C. 7101 et seq. (Safe & Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994)
 21 U.S.C. 812 (definition of "controlled substances")

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CROSS REFS.: IHAMA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
 JICH, Drug and Alcohol Use by Students
 JK, Student Discipline
 JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students