

BOONVILLE R-I SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT DRUG TESTING

The Board recognizes the importance of protecting the health and safety of students from the use of illegal drugs, synthetic drugs, prescription drugs without a valid prescription, and alcohol. The purpose of this policy is to help prevent substance abuse among students, to encourage treatment for students with substance abuse problems and to ensure that students have the opportunity to attend school and participate in activities in a fair, safe and healthy environment.

The superintendent or designee is directed to adopt procedures to carry out the intent of this policy and may contact the district's attorney for assistance in applying this policy. The district will use a laboratory certified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Random Drug Testing

Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and carries with it the responsibility to adhere to high standards of conduct, including refraining from the use of illegal drugs, synthetic drugs, prescription drugs without a valid prescription, and alcohol. To assist students in making healthy and safe choices, the district will conduct random drug testing of students in grades 7-12 as a condition of participation in covered activities. Covered activities include all extra-curricular activities, co-curricular activities, and any student who chooses to drive to school and park in a district parking area. District employees shall not have the authority to waive the testing of any student selected using the random selection process.

Certain extra-curricular activities have an academic component during the school day, as well as an extra-curricular component outside of school hours. This policy applies only to the participation opportunities afforded students during the extra-curricular component of the activity. Therefore, if a student violates this policy, the consequences described below will apply only to the extra-curricular component of the activity. The student's grade will not be lowered because of the student's suspension from participation in extra-curricular activities. The student may be expected to complete alternative assignments during the suspension in order to maintain his or her grade.

Consequences

Offenses shall be cumulative from grades 7-12.

A positive test through this random testing program will not result in suspension from school or academic sanctions. The district will not report results to law enforcement.

Students who test positive through this random testing program will be excluded from participation in covered extracurricular activities as follows:

First Offense – Exclusion from all covered activities for a minimum of 30 calendar days. The

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student shall incur a mandatory retest, as described below.

A student under exclusion may attend and participate in practice sessions and sit with fellow participants during activities/contests; however, the student is not permitted to directly participate in any activities/contests, or to dress in uniform.

Reduction of Exclusion – This exclusion can be reduced to 15 calendar days if the parent/guardian obtains, at the parent/guardian’s expense, a substance abuse evaluation by a recognized substance abuse program or professional, along with written documentation of enrollment and regular attendance in an educational/counseling program. A mandatory retest will be required.

Mandatory Retest - Any Participant who tests positive will be required to provide a negative drug test at the Participant’s cost before regaining eligibility and will be subject to periodic follow-up tests at District cost for 365 days after return to activities. Failure to provide a negative drug test, within five school days, at the end of the initial suspension will be considered a Second Offense. All tests will be conducted by the District approved Testing Company.

Second Offense – Exclusion from all covered activities for a minimum of 180 calendar days and must pass a mandatory retest administered by the district prior to participating in covered activities again.

Reduction of Exclusion - This exclusion can be reduced to 90 calendar days if the parent/guardian obtains, at the parent/guardian’s expense, a substance abuse evaluation by a recognized substance abuse program or professional, along with written documentation of enrollment and regular attendance in an educational/counseling program. A mandatory retest will be required.

Mandatory Retest - Any Participant who tests positive will be required to provide a negative drug test at the Participant’s cost before regaining eligibility and will be subject to periodic follow-up tests at District cost for 365 days after return to activities. Failure to provide a negative drug test, within five school days, at the end of the initial suspension will be considered a Third Offense. All tests will be conducted by the District approved Testing Company.

Third Offense – Excluded from all covered activities for the rest of the student’s enrollment in the district.

Suspicion-Based Drug Testing

Suspicion-based drug testing, unlike random drug testing, may only be used when there is reasonable suspicion that the student is under the influence of or has recently consumed alcohol or any drug prohibited by district policy. Students testing positive will be disciplined in accordance with the district’s discipline policy and may also be excluded from extracurricular activities as determined by the district. A student who refuses to submit to testing may still be

disciplined under the district's discipline code for being under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: IGAEA, Teaching about Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco
IGD, District-Sponsored Extracurricular Activities and Groups

Legal Refs: U.S. Const., amend. IV
Board of Educ. of Ind. Sch. Dist. No. 92 of Pottawatomie County v. Earls, 536
U.S. 822 (2002)
Vernonia Sch. Dist. v. Acton, 515 U.S. 646 (1995)

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