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Bylaws & Policies

5530.01 - DRUG TESTING AND EDUCATION PROGRAM

The District is committed to providing a school environment that is safe, free from substance use or abuse, and conducive to learning. Parents and school personnel must work together in order to attain a safe, orderly, and drug free school environment. The purpose of the drug testing program is four (4) fold: **(1)** to prevent students from participating in extra-curricular activities while s/he has drug residues in his/her body, **(2)** to provide for the health and safety of students while directing them away from alcohol and drug abuse, **(3)** to undermine the affects of peer pressure by providing legitimate reasons for students to refuse to use substances detrimental to their health, and **(4)** to identify students who might have a drug/alcohol/substance abuse problem and encourage them to participate in a drug treatment program.

The program does not affect the current policies, practices, or rights of the District regarding student drug and/or alcohol possession or use, where reasonable suspicion is established by means other than drug testing through this policy. The drug testing policy is non-punitive.

Students involved in extra-curricular activities need to be exemplary in the eyes of the community and other students. The drug testing and education policy is designed to create a safe, drug free environment for students and assist them in getting help when needed. Although students risk the loss of continued participation in extra-curricular activities, no student shall be suspended or expelled from school as a result of any certified "positive" test conducted by his/her school under this program.

No student will be penalized academically for testing positive for banned substances. The results of drug tests will not be documented in any student's academic record.

Any student is grades six (6) through twelve (12) and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must first sign a drug testing registration/consent form in order to be eligible to participate in any one (1) or combination of the following:

- A. drive a motorized vehicle to school
- B. driver education
- C. athletics
- D. extra-curricular activities other than athletics
- E. curriculum related activities

Definitions

A. Extra-Curricular Activity:

Any school, club, or activity listed as such in the student handbook and those not listed.

B. Curriculum Related Activity:

Any activity meeting the following criteria:

1. It is done or performed outside the regular school hours;
2. The student is graded on his/her performance;
3. It is done in conjunction with a regular class or course that is a part of the school curriculum. (Curriculum related activities include, but are not limited to, band activities, choral activities, theater activities, etc.)

C. Athlete: Any student who is actively participating in any sponsored sport as listed in the student handbooks. The sponsor or coach of each extra-curricular activity will require the attendance of all prospective participants at one (1) or more drug education sessions. Each prospective participant shall receive a copy of this policy. The policy will be explained to them at this time. An educational presentation will also be made to educate the student about the harmful effects and consequences of alcohol and other drug abuse. Students will receive information as to where they can seek professional help, if needed, for a use or abuse problem.

Students who drive to school, participate in extra-curricular activities, participate in athletics, participate in curriculum related activities, or participate in driver education will receive a "registration/consent" form, a copy of which can be obtained from the high school office, which will be signed and dated by the participant and by the parent(s)/guardian(s). In doing so, the student in grades six (6) through twelve (12) is agreeing to participate in the random drug testing and education program.

It is **MANDATORY** that each student who intends to drive to school, participate in extracurricular activities, participate in curriculum related activities, participate in athletics, or participate in driver education sign and return the "consent form" prior to participation in any of the above listed activities. Failure to comply will result in non-participation in the above listed activities.

Copies of the Random Drug Testing and Education Policy are available in the principal's office for students and parents. Adopted 12/8/03



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5530 - DRUG PREVENTION

The School Board recognizes that the misuse of drugs is a serious problem with legal, physical, and social implications for the entire school community.

As the educational institution of this community, the schools should strive to prevent drug abuse and help drug abusers by educational, rather than punitive, means.

For purposes of this policy, "drugs" shall mean:

- A. all dangerous controlled substances as so designated and prohibited by Indiana statute;
- B. all chemicals which release toxic vapors;
- C. all alcoholic beverages;
- D. tobacco and tobacco products;
- E. any prescription or patent drug, except those for which permission to use in school has been granted pursuant to Board policy;
- F. anabolic steroids;
- G. any "look-alike" substances;
- H. any other illegal substances so designated and prohibited by law.

The Board prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of any drug and any drug related paraphernalia at any time on District property or at any school-related event. It further establishes a drug-free zone within 1000 feet of any facility used by the District for educational purposes.

The Superintendent shall prepare guidelines for the identification, amelioration, and regulation of drug use in the schools. Such guidelines shall:

- A. Emphasize the prevention of drug use;
- B. Provide for a comprehensive, age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and alcohol education and prevention program which:
 1. Addresses the legal, social, psychological, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use; and
 2. Provides information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs and alcohol; and
 3. Assists students to develop skills to make responsible decisions about substance abuse and other important health issues; and
 4. Promotes positive emotional health, self-esteem, and respect for one's body; and
 5. Meets the minimal objectives as stated in the essential performance objectives for health education as established by the State's Department of Education.

C. Include a statement to students that the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful;

D. Provide standards of conduct that are applicable to all students which clearly prohibit, at a minimum, the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students on school premises or as a part of any school activity;

E. Include a clear statement that disciplinary sanctions, up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution, will be imposed on students who violate the school standards of conduct and a description of those sanctions;

The sanctions may include, together with punitive action, voluntary referral to appropriate persons or agencies for screening and assessment. Such referral may only be made to qualified and properly licensed individuals or programs.

F. Provide information about any drug and alcohol counseling and rehabilitation and reentry programs available to students and provide procedures to direct students and their parents to the appropriate programs;

G. Require that all parents and students be given a copy of the standards of conduct regarding the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and alcohol by students;

H. Require the notification to parents and students that compliance with the standards of conduct is mandatory;

I. Provide a biennial review of the School District's program to determine its effectiveness and implement changes as needed and to ensure that disciplinary sanctions are consistently enforced;

J. Provide for a student assistance program which includes guidelines for prevention activities and programs, for referrals of students to outside treatment providers, and for cooperative follow-up after treatment has been provided;

K. Establish means for dealing with students suspected of drug use or suspected of possessing or distributing drugs in school and ensure that the District's policy and administrative guidelines on Search and Seizure are complied with fully.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative guidelines necessary to implement this policy.

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20 U.S.C. 3171 et seq., Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986

20 U.S.C. 3224A