

POLICY

Somerset Hills Board of Education

Section: Students

5131. STUDENT RANDOM DRUG TESTING

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The Board hereby authorizes the Administration, at the public expense, to conduct random drug testing, of all students, in grades nine through twelve, engaged in extracurricular activities and all students authorized to park on school premises. This policy is separate and distinct from any other drug testing conducted by the board of education, including the required medical examination of students suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. This policy is being adopted to deter alcohol and drug use and to provide for early detection of alcohol or drug use problems so that referral may be made for evaluation, treatment or other assistance.

Students who are in grades nine through twelve who do not participate in extracurricular activities or park on school premises may be included within the random drug testing pool at the request of their parent or guardian, who must submit a written request and consent for testing form each school year. The consent will be valid for the entire remaining school year unless consent is revoked by the parent or adult student.

The random testing under this policy shall be conducted by the school physician, school nurse or a physician, laboratory or health care facility designated by the Board of Education (“approved outside agency”) as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-4.4(c)(3). All aspects of the Program, including the taking of specimens, will be conducted so as to safeguard any and all the personal and/or privacy rights of the Participant to the maximum extent possible.

Eligibility shall apply to the entire academic year. Administrative Regulations (R2433) cover procedures for conducting these tests and appropriate recourse regarding the results. Design of the program should be consistent with the Board’s objectives, which are as follows:

- (1) to promote health and safety;
- (2) to deter drug and alcohol use, thereby countering peer pressure which many encourage indulgence;
- (3) to encourage students who use alcohol and drugs to participate in rehabilitative programs; and
- (4) encourage and invite voluntary testing.

Definitions: Drugs - All controlled substances designated and prohibited as stated in SHSD Substance Abuse Policy No. 5530 and New Jersey statutes: N.J.S.A. 23:21-2, N.J.S.A. 2A17025.9, N.J.S.A. 2C:35-2.

Alcoholic Beverages – Includes beer, wine, distilled liquors, and any other liquid containing alcohol.

Medications – All medications, including over the counter drugs, must be properly registered with the school nurse. N.J.S.A. 18A4012.4. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Extra Curricular Activities – Any non-credit voluntary activity in which a student participates.

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