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Policy 2650.1
(Regulation 2650.1)
(Form 2650.1)

Discipline

Student Drug Testing

The Board recognizes the importance of protecting the health and safety of students from the use of illegal drugs, performance-enhancing drugs 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 and parking on school property are privileges and carry with it the responsibility to adhere to high standards of conduct, including refraining from the use of illegal drugs, performance-enhancing drugs 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 are activities regulated by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) and parking on school property, excluding all activities in which students receive an academic grade for participation. District employees shall not have the authority to waive the testing of any student selected using the random selection process.

Students who test positive or otherwise violate the screening process may be suspended or excluded from covered activities and/or may lose the privilege to park on school property. If the discipline policy of the Worth County R-III School District is violated with respect to drugs and alcohol, the student will be subject to the consequences of the discipline policy. The violation will also be counted as a violation of this policy.

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.

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