

STUDENT DRUG TESTING

1. Statement of Policy

The School Board recognizes that in the course of exploring new ideas and broadening their base of experiences, students may make poor choices and take unacceptable risks with a high probability of long-term negative consequence. When this happens, it is the responsibility of the Board, and the staff it employs, to intervene. The use of illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco are examples of poor choices that require interventions such as those implemented through this Policy.

In adopting a policy providing for the detection of the use of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, the Board's objectives are to:

- a. Detect and act on a student's poor choices while the effects and consequences are reversible;
- b. Discourage all members of the school community from using drugs, alcohol, and tobacco;
- c. Reduce injuries and illness which may be caused by students using drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or e-cigarettes; and
- d. Educate all students about the harm caused by the use of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. *See Policy A150: No Tobacco.*

2. Board Findings in Support of This Policy

The Board finds a need in its school community to address illegal drug, alcohol, and tobacco use by its students based upon:

- a. The extensive congressional findings in the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994 (20 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*);
- b. I.C. 20-30-5-11 directing that the District provide instruction concerning the harmful effects of illegal drugs;
- c. I.C. 35-46-1-10.5 which makes it unlawful for children under the age of 18 to possess tobacco or tobacco products;

3. Scope of Testing

Students may be tested through voluntary testing which requires parental permission or required testing based on individualized, reasonable suspicion.

4. Periodic Summary of Test Results

The Testing Coordinator shall periodically report to the Superintendent on the results of testing pursuant to this Policy. Along with these reports, the Testing Coordinator shall summarize any disputes that have arisen in the implementation and any proposed changes in this Policy. At least once a school year, the Superintendent shall make a written report to the Board on the results of the implementation of this Policy.

5. Superintendent may develop administrative guidelines to implement this policy.

MSD of Wayne Township, Marion County, Indiana

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