

Maryville City Schools Random Drug Testing Program

The Maryville City School System has a strong commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of all of its students. The use of illegal drugs is a potential problem for all students; however, unique pressures and risks exist for those students who participate in TSSAA-sanctioned athletics, participate in school sponsored cheerleading, and receive a parking permit. A proactive approach, in the form of a Random Drug Testing Program (the "Program") for deterrence, has been instituted to support students and families with these challenges. The purposes of this Program are:

1. To maintain order, discipline, safety, supervision and education of students;
2. To employ education, testing and counseling to deter student use of illegal drugs and thereby enhance the safety and health of students;
3. To undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing students with a legitimate reason to refuse to use illegal drugs; and
4. To encourage students who use illegal drugs to participate in counseling and drug treatment programs.

Maryville City Schools considers participation in TSSAA-sanctioned athletics, participation in school sponsored cheerleading, or receiving a parking permit as a privilege, not a right. Students enrolled in grades 9-12 who participate in these activities are expected to accept the responsibilities which accompany the privileges, among these is the responsibility to remain drug free.

Randomly throughout the year, students enrolled in grades 9-12 who participate in TSSAA-sanctioned athletics, participate in school sponsored cheerleading, and receive a parking permit will be subject to drug testing for illegal or banned substances.

Definitions

The term *drugs* means:

1. Any scheduled drug, such as marijuana or opiates, as specified in Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 39-17-405 - 39-17-416.
2. Any drug that is illegal or is legally possessed or used only under the supervision of a licensed health-care professional or any substance which has been defined by Maryville City Board of Education policies as banned for student use.

The term *designated activity* means:

1. Participants in TSSAA-sanctioned organized athletic activity outside the normal academic curriculum enrolled in grades 9-12;