

LAMPETER-STRASBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lampeter, Pennsylvania 17537

NURSES PROTOCOL

When a student is suspected of being under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol in accordance with the Tobacco, Alcohol, and Substance Abuse Policy, situation 4 (Policy 5144.21) the following procedure shall be followed in the presence of a building administrator:

1. The nurse examines and documents:
 - a. Vital signs (blood pressure, pulse, respiration, and temperature). If abnormal, examine every 15 minutes for a total of 3 to 4 times (temperature is taken once).
 - b. Appearance of pupils and reactivity to light.
 - c. Tremors, orientation, unusual speech, abnormalities in general appearance and behavior.
 - d. Responses to simple coordination tests (walk a straight line, heel-to-toe walking, finger-to-nose test, ability to balance on one foot with eyes closed).
2. When he/she deems it appropriate, the nurse shall be authorized to administer a urine or saliva test to help determine if the student is under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol
3. The nurse, based on his/her professional judgment:
 - a. If deemed a medical emergency, calls for an ambulance, immediately contacts the principal, and coordinates notification of parents.
 - b. In all cases, informs the principal of the incident and the results of the examination.
4. The principal, as she/he deems appropriate:
 - a. Notifies parents.
 - b. Conducts a search of the student, his/her locker, car, and other possessions.
 - c. Makes a referral to the Student Assistance Team (secondary), or guidance counselor (elementary).
 - d. Takes further disciplinary action in accordance with policy 5144.21.