

**Board of Trustees
Douglas County School District**

STUDENTS

**RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING OF
STUDENTS IN COCURRICULAR AND
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

The Board recognizes that use of alcohol and illicit drugs by Douglas County School District students is a serious concern. Drugs and alcohol are a significant barrier to learning, they compromise school safety and they may have devastating short and long term effects on the health and welfare of students. A program of deterrence will be instituted as a proactive approach to a drug free school. The purpose of this program is to achieve four goals:

- 1) Deter students from initiating drug use;
- 2) Confidentially identify students who have started using drugs or alcohol so that parents and professionals can intervene early;
- 3) Help students who have a dependency on drugs or alcohol, so that they can be referred to drug treatment or counseling services; and
- 4) Promote a safer, healthier school learning environment.

DCSD students who wish to participate in cocurricular and/or athletic activities are required to submit to random, suspicionless testing of their urine to determine the presence of illicit drugs, alcohol, and other banned substances. In addition, parents and legal guardians of students in schools with random student drug and alcohol testing programs in grades 9 – 12 will also have the option to voluntarily permit their child to participate in the testing program even if their child is NOT in any cocurricular or extracurricular activities.

This Policy is designed to create a safe, drug-free learning environment for students and assist them in getting help when needed. No student will be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs, alcohol or other banned substances. The results of tests conducted pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of tests will not be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities absent legal compulsion by valid and binding subpoena or other legal process, which the District administration will not solicit. In the event of service of any such subpoena or legal process, the student and the student's custodial parent or legal guardian will be notified at least 72 hours before response is made by the District to the extent permitted by such subpoena or legal process.

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1. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- a. Random, suspicionless urine testing of students in public schools is legally permissible as determined by the United States Supreme Court in the cases of Vernonia School District 47J (Oregon) v. Wayne and Acton and Pottawatomie v. Earls.

2. ILLICIT OR BANNED SUBSTANCES

For purposes of this Policy, the following drug classes, substances or their metabolites for which urine testing is appropriate are considered illicit or banned for ingestion or use by Douglas County School District students:

Alcohol	Amphetamines	Anabolic Steroids
Barbiturates	Benzodiazepines	Cocaine Metabolites
LSD	Marijuana Metabolites	Methodone
MDMA ("Ecstasy")	Nicotine	Opiates
Phencyclidine	Propoxyphene	Certain other Steroids

[See Administrative Regulation 544](#)

[See also: Board Policy 216](#)
[Administrative Regulation 216](#)

Reference: NRS 392.466

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