

August 20, 2025

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As you may be aware, on June 15, 2009, in an effort to address and combat students' increasing and continued use of drugs, the Board of School Directors of the Lampeter-Strasburg School District adopted a series of policy changes recommended by the Drug and Alcohol Task Force, one of which provides both a voluntary random drug testing program for all students and a mandatory random drug testing program for students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities and using school parking facilities. The Board of School Directors re-adopted Policy 5143, Drug Screening, as Policy 227.1, Drug Screening (attached) on June 10, 2019. The form of testing that will be used for the randomly selected students will be urinalysis conducted by the Occupational Medicine Division of Lancaster General Hospital.

Since participation in extracurricular/co-curricular activities and student use of school parking facilities is a privilege and not a right, the Board and administration believe that students participating in these activities or with parking privileges carry a special responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents/ guardians, the public, and their school to exercise prudent judgment. Further, students who participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities are role models for younger children and their fellow students and are viewed as special representatives of the community.

The intent of this policy is to do the following:

- Create and maintain a safe, drug-free environment for all students who participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities and students who operate motor vehicles on school property.
- Protect the health, safety, and welfare of all students, faculty, and the public.
- Prevent accidents, injuries, and property damage resulting from the use of drugs.
- Provide students with access to assistance and treatment for drug problems.
- Provide parents with an opportunity to maintain the safety of their student(s) through voluntary participation in the drug testing program.

As mentioned above, there are two parts of the testing program, a mandatory random program and a voluntary random program. The **Mandatory Random Testing Program** is required for all students (enrolled in grades 9 through 12) who wish to participate in extracurricular/ co-curricular activities or obtain a student parking permit. In order for a student to participate in any extracurricular/co-curricular activity or receive a parking permit, the student and the student's parent/guardian must sign the Consent to Mandatory Random Testing and Authorization for Release of Information form (attached). The Consent shall remain in effect until the Superintendent receives a written request from a parent/guardian to remove their student from the mandatory random drug testing program.

The **Voluntary Random Testing Program** is provided for any parent/guardian of a student (enrolled in grades 9 through 12) who does not participate in extracurricular/co-curricular activities or does not wish to obtain a student parking permit. The parent/guardian may voluntarily include their student in the voluntary random drug testing program. The parent/guardian must sign the Consent to Voluntary Random Testing and Authorization for Release of Information form (attached), authorizing the voluntary random drug testing of their student.

After the Superintendent has received the Consent, their student's name will be included in the list of students eligible for random selection. Once the Consent has been submitted, it shall remain in effect until the Superintendent receives a written request from a parent/guardian to remove their student from the random drug testing program.

If you wish to have your child participate in any extracurricular/co-curricular programs or obtain a parking permit, please complete the Consent to Mandatory Testing and Authorization for Release of Information form attached to this letter, and return it to school by Thursday, August 28, 2025. However, if your child is not wishing to participate in any extracurricular/co-curricular activities and will not be applying for a parking permit, but you still wish to include them into the pool for testing, please complete the Consent to Voluntary Random Testing and Authorization for Release of Information form also attached to this letter, and return it to school by Thursday, August 28, 2025.

If you have additional questions about this program, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin S. Peart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Kevin S. Peart, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

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Enclosures (3)