

LACEY TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING



WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- The purpose of this random drug testing program is to deter drug use and provide a means for the early detection of students with drug problems.
- High schools that implement a random drug and alcohol testing program experience an overall decrease in student drug and alcohol use.
- Hunterdon Central Regional High School actually experienced an increase in drug use during the time their policy was suspended and reviewed by the New Jersey Supreme Court.
- Conversely, Hunterdon Central High School experienced a decline in drug and alcohol use after the policy was re-introduced following the court ruling.

WHO CAN BE RANDOMLY TESTED FOR DRUGS AND ALCOHOL?

The Supreme Court of New Jersey has authorized the random testing of students in grades nine through twelve pursuant to 18A:40A-22 et seq. who:

1. Participate in interscholastic athletics
2. Participate in extra-curricular activities
3. Hold a school parking permit
4. Voluntarily opt-in to the program

WHO WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A CONSENT FORM?

- All participants in interscholastic athletics
- All participants in extra-curricular activities
- Students attending events such as:
 - Homecoming Dance
 - Junior Cruise
 - Senior Prom
 - Other applicable events (i.e. junior class schedules a winter dance)
- Students who apply for and receive a parking permit.

HOW WILL OUR STUDENTS BE TESTED?

- The Lacey Township School District will hire an outside contractor to collect urine samples from randomly selected students.
- Students to be tested will be selected randomly by the Contractor and brought to a private area on the day of testing.
- Students will provide a urine sample that will be tested by the Contractor's offsite laboratory.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT TESTS POSITIVE?

- The sample is tested again with a more comprehensive test.
- A Medical Review Officer provided by the Contractor will call the parent to review all positive test results.
- The test will be considered positive if illegal drugs or alcohol are present in the sample.
- Students who test positive and are taking prescribed medications will not be considered positive under this policy (proof of prescription to the MRO will be required).

CONSEQUENCES

1ST POSITIVE

- A first positive alcohol or drug test while the pupil is enrolled in grades 9-12 in the school district will result in the student not participating in or attending any interscholastic athletic activity, extra-curricular activity and revocation and/or disqualification from obtaining his/her parking permit for a period of **10 consecutive calendar days** within the first day of school through the last day of school for students in any particular academic year.
- The student is required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor.
- The student will have 4 counseling sessions with the Substance Awareness Coordinator.
- Student will consent to 4 scheduled drug/alcohol tests in the following 12 months.

CONSEQUENCES

2ND POSITIVE

- A second positive alcohol or drug test while the pupil is enrolled in grades 9-12 in the school district will result in the student not participating in or attending any interscholastic athletic activity, extra-curricular activity and revocation and/or disqualification from obtaining his/her parking permit for a period of **45 consecutive calendar days** within the first day of school through the last day of school for students in any particular academic year.
- Student is required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor.
- Student will have 8 counseling sessions with the Substance Awareness Coordinator.
- Student will consent to 4 scheduled drug/alcohol tests in the following 12 months.
- Student will attend a prevention/ education program or rehabilitation program approved by the Substance Awareness Coordinator.

CONSEQUENCES

3RD POSITIVE

- A third positive alcohol or drug test while the pupil is enrolled in grades 9-12 in the school district will result in the student not participating in or attending any interscholastic athletic activity, extra-curricular activity and revocation and/or disqualification from obtaining his/her parking permit for a period of **12 months**.
- Student is required to undergo a medical examination by a doctor.
- Student will consent to 4 scheduled drug/alcohol tests in the following 12 months.
- Student will attend a drug/alcohol rehabilitation program approved by the Substance Awareness Coordinator.

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES

For the purpose of this Policy, a drug may include, but is not limited to:

- Alcohol
- Amphetamines
- Ecstasy
- Cocaine
- Marijuana
- Opiates
- PCP
- Barbiturates
- Benzodiazepines
- Methadone
- Propoxyphene
- Oxycodone

Note: This list will be approved and updated annually.

WILL THERE BE ACADEMIC CONSEQUENCES?

- Students will **NOT** be penalized academically.
- Class time missed will be limited to the testing times and medical exam. Any make-up work will be permitted.
- All results of drug and/or alcohol tests will **NOT** be documented in any student's academic or discipline records.
- Information regarding the results of drug tests will **NOT** be disclosed to criminal or juvenile authorities.

SUMMARY

- The program is intended to provide a proactive means for the early detection of drug and alcohol problems.
- The program is non-punitive.
- The consequences are progressive.
- The test results are NOT shared with law enforcement.
- Random drug testing results are kept separate from all other student records.
- A licensed Medical Review Officer is required.
- The program provides options for counseling and treatment.

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