

Student Drug Testing Policy

Procedures for Student Athletes:

Consent: Each student wishing to participate in any co-curricular or interscholastic athletic program and the student's custodial parent or legal guardian shall consent in writing to drug testing pursuant to the district's random drug testing program. Written consent shall be in the form included in the Student Body Handbook. No student shall be allowed to participate in any co-curricular or interscholastic athletic program absent such consent.

Student Selection: At the option of the district, all students intending to participate in any co-curricular or interscholastic athletic programs sponsored by the Central Linn School District may be tested for the presence of illicit drugs, including anabolic steroids at any time during the academic year, including but not limited to the actual season of any given athletic program. Selection for random testing will be by lottery drawing from a "pool" of all students currently participating in, or intending to participate in, inter-scholastic athletic or co-curricular programs sponsored by the district during the immediate academic year

The superintendent shall take all reasonable steps to assure the integrity, confidentiality and random nature of the selection process including, but not necessarily limited to, assuring that the names of all participating students are in the pool, assuring that the person drawing the names has no way of knowingly choosing or failing to choose particular students for the testing, assuring that the identity of students drawn for testing is not known to those involved in the selection process and assuring direct observation of the selection process by at least two adults.

Sample Collection:

Samples will be collected on the same day the student is selected for testing or, if the student is absent on that day, on the day of the student's return to school. If a student is unable to produce a sample, the student will remain in the office until a sample is able to be obtained from the student.

Prescription Medication

Students who are taking prescription medication may provide a copy of the prescription or a doctor's verification in a sealed envelope to school personnel at the time a sample is collected. That envelope will be forwarded unopened to the testing lab with the sample, with instructions for the lab to consider the student's use of such medication to assure the accuracy of the result. Such information provided by the student will not be disclosed to any school official. Students

who refuse to provide verification and test positive will be subject to the actions specified below for “positive tests.”

Scope of Tests:

The initial screening will take place on school grounds with the student present. The test used will screen for illegal drugs. If the test shows positive for any illegal drug, the sample will be sent to a lab for further testing. If the school suspects use of anabolic steroids, appropriate testing measures will be taken.

Limited Access to Results:

The testing lab will be authorized to report results only to the superintendent or to such person as the superintendent may designate. Results will be maintained in the superintendent’s office. Testing results will be destroyed when the student is dropped from the Pupil Personnel Report.

Procedures in the Event of a Positive Result:

Whenever a student participant’s test result indicates the presence of illegal drugs (“positive test”), the following will occur:

1. The sample will be submitted to the testing lab for testing;
2. If the sample tests negative, the student will be notified and no further action will be taken. If the sample tests positive, a custodial parent or legal guardian will be notified and a meeting will be scheduled with the principal, the counselor, the student and the custodial parent or legal guardian.

First Positive Result:

For the first positive result, the student participant will be given the option of: voluntary participation in the drug assistance program and submission to weekly drug testing for eight weeks (if determined appropriate by the counselor); or suspension from participation in interscholastic athletics and/or co-curricular programs for the remainder of the current academic year or the next athletic season, whichever is greater. Weekly drug testing must show a reduction in substance level, or the result will be considered the second positive result.

Second Positive Result:

For the second positive result in any two consecutive calendar years, the student participant will be suspended from participating in athletics and/or co-curricular programs for the remainder of the current academic year and the next two consecutive athletic seasons in the second year, whichever is greater.

Third Positive Result:

For the third positive result in any two consecutive calendar years, the student participant will be suspended from participating in athletics and/or co-curricular programs for the remainder of the current academic year and the next academic year.

Non-Punitive Nature of Policy:

No student participant shall be penalized academically for testing positive for illegal drugs. The results of drug tests pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic records.

Information regarding the results of drug 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 shall not solicit. In the event of service of any 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.