

REPORT: DRAFT STUDENT DRUG TESTING PROGRAM

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The district's primary purpose for a random student drug testing program is to decrease drug abuse among students and create safe learning environments via two routes. First, utilizing random testing will serve as a deterrent, and give students a reason to resist peer pressure to take drugs. Secondly, drug testing can identify adolescents who have started using drugs so that interventions can occur early, or identify adolescents who already have drug problems, so they can be referred for treatment. Drug abuse not only interferes with a student's ability to learn, but it can also disrupt the teaching environment, affecting other students as well.

The following objectives shall serve as the foundation for the program:

- Ensure the health and safety of all students who are student drivers or represent the District in any extracurricular activities;
- Serve as a deterrent to the use of illegal drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, and/or alcohol among the student body
- Offer students a credible means to resist peer pressure as it relates to the use of illegal drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, and/or alcohol, and
- Provide a ready resource for support and assistance to any student who may be using illegal drugs, performance-enhancing drugs, and/or alcohol.

RECOMMENDATION:

None

ACTION REQUIRED:

None

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ENCLOSURES:

Draft policy