

USD 288 Random Student Drug Testing Program Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

The USD 288 Board of Education, in an effort to protect the health and safety of students involved in extracurricular activities from illegal drugs, has adopted a new policy for random drug testing students participating in KSHSAA activities, athletics, and extracurricular activities at Central Heights High School. This policy will take effect beginning during the 2016-2017 school year.

Q. What is the purpose of student drug testing?

- A. The purpose of the program is to deter drug use and to assist parents and students when needed:
1. To provide for the safety of all students
 2. To undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing a legitimate reason for students to refuse to use illegal drugs.
 3. To encourage students who use drugs to participate in drug assessment programs.
 4. To promote achievement of each student's full academic potential by preventing the impact drug use has on the learning centers of the brain.

Q. How does drug testing help students?

- A. The program serves as a deterrent to the use of illegal drugs and provides students with a reason to resist peer pressure and refuse invitations to use illegal drugs.

Q. Who will be tested?

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1. Students who participate in KSHSAA sponsored activities and athletics.
 2. Students who participate in extracurricular clubs or extracurricular school activities.
 3. Students who OPT-IN to the program but do not intend on participating in the above activities.

Q. Will participation in the random drug testing program be required?

- A. Yes. All athletic/activity or extracurricular rosters or participants will be provided to the vendor to ensure randomness. Students wishing to participate in extracurricular programs must have a signed consent form on file before a student is allowed to participate.

Q. Can a student not involved in KSHSAA or any other school extra-curricular activities OPT-IN too?

- A. Yes.

Q. How are students selected for testing?

- A. Rosters of eligible students are given to the contracted drug-testing vendor. Students are selected randomly by the vendor, not Central Heights.

Q. Is the same procedure/consequences followed for students in possession or under the influence of drugs?

- A. No. The random drug testing policy should be considered separate from the school discipline actions. Possession or consumption of drugs on campus or at any school-related

program/activity will result in disciplinary actions. Disciplinary action will be handled by school administration. School consequences resulting from hearings will take precedence over activities code of conduct, sponsor, or team rules.

Q. What happens if a student refuses to take the test?

A. Refusal to take the test will be considered a positive test result and treated accordingly.

Q. Are drug test results kept in a student's academic file?

A. No. Drug testing records will be kept separate from all academic records and will be destroyed after the student graduates.

Q. What is the appeal process?

A. If the parent/guardian/custodian or student wishes to contest the results, a second test may be conducted on the same hair specimen at their own expense. It is important to note that any positive result has had two completely separate tests performed-an immunoassay screen and a mass spectrometry confirmation test. Additionally, environmental contamination is a non-issue because the facility utilizes the most extensive wash procedure used. The testing facility uses a liquefying method to process hair samples. To help ensure valid test results, students taking prescription medications and/or any supplements will write the names of any and all medications or supplements they are taking on the envelope that will be sent to the lab.

Q. Is there a cost to participate in the program?

A. No, there is no cost involved with opting in to this program unless a parent/guardian wishes to have an additional test done after receiving a positive test.

Helpful drug education links are listed below:

www.psychemedics.com

<http://www.drugfree.org/>

<http://teens.drugabuse.gov/parents>

<http://kdads.ks.gov/commissions/csp/behavioral-health> Kansas resources