

# North East School District

## Voluntary Random Drug Testing Program

### Why is drug testing being offered?

It is no secret that youth of today face many temptations, with drug and alcohol abuse having a profound impact on their present lives and futures. Students are particularly vulnerable because of the added risk of injuries to themselves or others if they choose to use illicit drugs as well as the direct impact on their learning. Therefore, as a way to deter drug used by all students, as well as attempt to identify students in need of help, the North East Board of School Directors has adopted a voluntary random urine drug testing program available to all students in grades 6-12.

### Who will be tested?

At the beginning of each school year, and other times as needed, parents will be given the opportunity to enroll their child(ren) from grades 6-12 into the **Voluntary Drug Testing Program**. The parent/guardian and student(s) will complete and sign the **North East School District Voluntary Drug Testing Program Agreement**. This agreement will remain in effect until the student(s) graduate(s) from high school or until the parent/guardian requests in writing to the North East School District Board of School Directors that their child(ren) be removed from the **Voluntary Drug Testing Program**.

### How are students selected for testing?

Random testing may occur weekly. For each testing cycle, a predetermined percentage of students from the eligible pool from each school will be selected for urine drug testing by the drug testing vendor, **SPORT SAFE Testing Service**. **SPORT SAFE** uses a confidential computer program to randomly select students to be tested. As long as a student remains enrolled in the program, they are subject to random testing.

### How are the specimens collected?

Trained outside professionals will conduct the collection of urine specimens. After the proper chain of custody forms are completed, the student will enter a private restroom to produce a sample of urine into a provided specimen container. The temperature of the specimen will be measured and the container sealed with tamper evident tape that has been initialed by the donor. The sealed container is sealed in a transport bag. The collector will deliver all sealed specimen bags to the laboratory courier for transport to the testing laboratory.

### Who will know the results of appositive drug test?

Urine drug tests are certified as positive or negative by the Medical Review Officer (MRO). The MRO is a licensed physician trained and certified in the interpretation of urine drug tests. The MRO determines if specimens testing positive for drugs are the result of illicit use or from prescribed medications showing up in the student's urine. The MRO will contact the parents directly when drugs are found. Any test ruled positive by the MRO will be made known only to the parent/guardian and student. Negative tests will be reported to the parent/guardian by mail.

### What drugs will be tested for?

The random urine specimens may be tested for the following illicit drugs or banned substances:

Alcohol	LSD
Amphetamines	Marijuana
Anabolic Steroids	Methadone
Barbiturates	Nicotine (Tobacco)
Benzodiazpines (Valium)	Opiates (Codeine)
Cocaine	Phencyclidine
Ecstasy	Propoxyphene (Darvon)

**What about second hand exposure?**

There are established cut-off levels for various drugs that can be absorbed into the body by second-hand exposure, like marijuana smoke. Before a drug screen is ruled positive, a certain level must be found in that particular individual that could only have gotten there by actual use. A urine drug screen from a person who was in a car with a marijuana or other tobacco smoker, and only inhaling the second hand smoke, will have detectable drug in their urine but it should be at a level below the positive cut off. Therefore, anytime a positive is reported, it usually means that individual was a user themselves.

**Can students add anything to the specimen to block the detection of drugs?**

Every specimen is monitored to prevent tampering that might interfere with detection of illicit drugs or banned substances. Each specimen undergoes additional testing for common adulterants that may be put into the specimen or that may be consumed by the student in hopes of preventing drugs from showing up. NONE OF THESE PRODUCTS WORK VERY WELL AND ARE ALMOST ALWAYS FOUND! Any specimen that is found to be adulterated is ruled positive by the MRO.

**What are the consequences of a positive drug test?**

No student will be penalized academically, co-curricularly, or extra curricularly for testing positive for illegal drugs or banned substances. The results of drug tests pursuant to this policy will only be made known to the parent/guardian and therefore cannot be documented in any student’s academic records.

**Where can students get help?**

Help is available from many sources for students from North East School District. If you are experiencing any problems, whether related to alcohol use, drug use, or if life just seems to be getting you down, feel free to speak to any of the following:

- Guidance Counselors: 725-8671
- Allison Buttaccio (Elementary Center).....ext. 3300
- Jon Sedelmyer (Middle School) .....ext. 2005
- Dawn Coletta (High School) .....ext. 1008
- Laura Panek (High School) .....ext. 1015
- Matthew Puskar (High School) .....ext. 1005

Others willing to help:

- Your Coach
- Your Family Physician
- Your Pastor
- Your Parents

**Medical Review Officer (MRO)  
Joseph C. Franz, M.D.**

Dr. Franz is a family physician working at the Village Medical Office in Powell, Ohio. He has additional training and certification as a Medical Review Officer (MRO) and serves in this capacity for several large corporations in Ohio. He also provides MRO services to over 40 schools across the country. His knowledge of drug testing procedures and results interpretation adds credibility to the programs of SPORT SAFE Testing Service, Inc.

North East School District  
Voluntary Drug Testing Program Agreement

(Please Print)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **I have read the Policy and Procedure for Voluntary Random Drug Testing of North East School District Students** (found on school website, Policy #5162.5) and wish to enroll the above named student in this program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my son/daughter, by participating in this program, will be subjected to random urine drug testing. I have read and understand the information attached to this form and agree to its terms.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my son/daughter will **remain in this voluntary program until I request in writing that they be removed from the program or until their graduation** from high school.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian/Custodian Signature

Please send completed form to:	
SPORT SAFE Testing Services, Inc.	Mr. William Renne
Joseph C. Franz, MD	Asst. Principal
18 Grace Drive	North East High School
Powell, OH 43065	