

**Brunswick R-II**

**Substance  
Abuse Testing  
Policy**

**2023-2024**

## **SUBSTANCE ABUSE TESTING OF STUDENTS**

The Brunswick R-II School District Board of Education is committed to protecting the health and safety of its students. The use of illegal drugs and alcohol by students poses a threat to all students' health and safety and has a detrimental effect on the learning environment. The Brunswick R-II School District strives to create a truly drug-free school district by implementing a program of deterrence and educating, preventing, and intervening in students' use or abuse of illegal drugs and alcohol. The rules and regulations of this Policy seek to (1) protect the health and safety of all students; (2) improve the learning environment by eliminating disruptive substance abuse-related influences; (3) encourage student substance-users and substance-abusers to participate in treatment programs; and (4) ensure that students have the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities in a fair and safe environment.

Participation in inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and on-campus parking is a privilege. Student participants have voluntarily positioned themselves as school leaders and role models in the learning community. Student participants are responsible for adhering to high standards of conduct, including refraining from the use of illegal drugs and alcohol.

### **Random Drug and Alcohol Testing**

The Brunswick R-II School District is committed to pro-actively protecting the health and safety of all students participating in inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and on-campus parking. The School District shall conduct random drug and alcohol testing of students in grades 6-12 as a condition of participation in inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and on-campus parking. Eligible athletics and activities shall include but are not limited to those activities regulated by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), excluding all activities for which students receive an academic grade for participation. Random drug and alcohol testing shall be performed in accordance with the Policies and Procedures herein.

No Brunswick R-II School District employee shall have the authority to waive the testing of any student selected in the random selection process. All students participating in inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and on-campus parking shall be eligible for random drug and alcohol testing.

Sanctions for positive drug and alcohol test results shall be limited to exclusion from participation in inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and on-campus parking. A violation, without more, shall not result in suspension from school, academic sanctions, or reporting to municipal authorities. Documentation regarding drug and alcohol test results shall be maintained separately from all other student records.

## **Student Orientation**

All students participating in inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and those students applying for on-campus parking, shall receive a copy of the Substance Abuse Testing Policy and Procedures, including a Substance Abuse Testing Consent Form.

## **Substance Abuse Testing Consent Form**

Each student shall be required to sign a Substance Abuse Testing Consent Form, which shall be returned to the high school principal prior to commencing participation. The signed Substance Abuse Testing Consent Form shall be valid for all eligible activities and will remain effective for the school year unless revoked in writing by a parent or guardian. Students who fail to return the signed Substance Abuse Testing Consent Form shall be prohibited from parking on the school grounds and participating in all eligible activities. Consent forms will be renewed each school year.

## **Definition of Terms:**

**Alteration** - the process where an individual ingests large amounts of water, vitamins and/or other various chemicals in an attempt to interfere with testing results. In drugs-of-abuse screening, it is important to insure the integrity of samples. The test provides information on the possible alteration of urine samples submitted for DAU (Drugs-Of-Abuse Urine) testing. The object of tests for alteration is to discover deviations in urine samples, such as dilution, or the addition of drug-test interfering substances.

**Drug Use Test** - scientifically substantiated method to test for the presence of illegal drugs in a person's urine.

**Extracurricular Activities** - activities that take place outside the regular course of study in school.

**Illegal Drugs** - the use, possession, distribution, sale or solicitation of alcohol, drugs (their imitators), unauthorized prescription or non-prescription drugs, drug-related paraphernalia, narcotic substances, marijuana or other intoxicants and any other substances, which an individual may not sell, possess, use, distribute, or purchase under either federal or Missouri law.

**Positive Test Result** - when referring to a drug test administered under this policy, a toxicological test result which is considered to demonstrate the presence of an illegal drug or the metabolites thereof using the standards customarily established by the testing laboratory administering the drug use test.

## **PROCEDURE FOR RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING**

The following procedure shall govern the implementation of the Brunswick R-II School District's random substance abuse testing policy.

### **Random Selection Process**

The district will test at the frequency and volume deemed appropriate to ensure the effectiveness of the program. The random selection process will ensure an equal probability that any eligible student in grades 7-12 could be selected. No Brunswick R-II School District employee shall have the authority to waive the testing of any student selected in the random selection process.

### **Confidentiality**

All aspects of sample collection and testing under this Policy shall be conducted so as to ensure the confidentiality of all personal information and/or privacy rights of students to the maximum extent possible. Information identifying a student as a drug or alcohol user may be disclosed only for purposes and under conditions permitted by federal and state law.

### **Testing Procedure**

Upon receiving a notice from the building principal that the student has been selected for a random drug test, the student will go to the high school office. Appropriate steps will be taken to respect the privacy of students while, at the same time, preventing the falsification of testing. Upon entering the testing site, the student will be asked to provide the identification number given to him/her by the supervising administrator. The student will then be asked to remove the contents of his/her pockets and remove outer garments. Next, the student will be asked to wash his/her hands. The collection technician will secure the bathroom by putting blue dye in the stool, taping off water supplies, removing trash cans, etc. The collection technician will then open a collection container in the presence of the student, remove the contents and hand the collection cup to the student, explaining that the student is to provide a urine specimen in the collection cup and then place the cup on a pre-designated flat surface upon completion of the void. The student will also be reminded not to flush the toilet or to turn on the faucet until the collection is completed. The collection technician will step outside the bathroom and shut the door, allowing the student to provide a specimen in private.

Once the student has completed the void and opened the bathroom door, the collection technician will check the specimen for appropriate temperature, foreign color and odor. If the specimen does not show signs of tampering, the student will be allowed to wash his/her hands. Prior to performing an initial

screening, the specimen collected will be poured into the specimen vials that came in the collection cup. The collection technician initiates a preliminary drug screen of the specimen. If the initial screening test indicates the presence of a tested drug, or if the collection technician is conducting an internal self-audit of a testing device, the technician, using a Custody and Control Form, that, when completed, will be sent (along with the specimen) to a SAMHSA-certified laboratory for a second screening test. If the second screening test is also non-negative, the laboratory will conduct a more in depth test by means of a gas chromatography/mass spectrometry (GC/MS) analysis. The collection technician will conduct all procedures in accordance with accepted industry practices.

If the GC/MS test is non-negative, the results will be forwarded to the Designated School Official (DSO). The DSO will contact the student's parent/legal guardian and ask for a meeting. At the meeting, the DSO will inform the parent/legal guardian of the non-negative result and ask for permission to forward the results to a Medical Review Officer (MRO). If permission is granted, the DSO will obtain the parent/legal guardian's name, ID # and contact phone # and forward that information to Employee Screening Services, who will then forward the information to the MRO. If permission is not granted, or the parent/legal guardian will not meet with the DSO, the lab results will be accepted as the final results.

When the MRO receives the above information, he/she will contact the parent/legal guardian, verify identification and then discuss the medications the student is taking. If any of the medications being taken by the student could explain the non-negative result, the MRO will verify with the prescribing physician that there is a legitimate prescription in the student's name. Once all pertinent information has been obtained, the MRO will make a final determination of the test results. Those results will be forwarded to the professional drug selection company, who will then forward them to the DSO.

If the parent/legal guardian contests the MRO's decision, the parent/legal guardian may request, within 72 hours of the MRO's decision, to have the split specimen sent to the same or a different laboratory for a second-opinion analysis. The cost of the split specimen test will be at the parent/legal guardian's expense and may be required prior to the test being conducted.

Urine samples may be tested for the presence of the following specific substances:

- A. Opiates: morphine, codeine, hydrocodone (Vicodin, Hycodan, Panacet, Anexsia) and hydromorphone (Diluadid). One manufacturer also noted that high concentrations of oxycodone might cause a positive.
- B. Amphetamines: Adderal, Dexedrine, Benezedrine. **Methamphetamine will usually show up in an amphetamine panel.**

- C. Benzodiazepines: diazepam (Valium), chlordiazepoxide (Librium), oxazepam (Serax), alprazolam (Xanax) and others.
- D. Barbiturates: pentobarbital, butabital, amobarbital, secobarbital and Phenobarbital.
- E. Methadone: Dolophine.
- F. Oxycodone: Percodan, Percocet, Oxycontin, oxymorphone (Numorphan), hydrocodone (Vicodin) and codeine.
- G. Cocaine
- H. Methamphetamine: though it usually shows up in the amphetamine panel, many manufacturers feel that a separate panel specifically for Meth is more beneficial. The material I have says that MDMA (Ecstasy) can show up as Meth. Some medications, taken in larger dosages, may show up as Meth. Those listed are: Pseudoephedrine, Selegiline (Atapryl, Dipryl, Eldepryl), Benzphetamine (Didrex), a Vicks inhaler and Ranitidine (Zantac). The lab confirmation can separate between legal and illegal Meth.
- I. Marijuana
- J. Phencyclidine (PCP): Venlafaxine (Effexor) may show up as PCP.
- K. MDMA (methylenedioxyamphetamine): Ecstasy
- L. Propoxyphene (Darvon), a synthetic opiate.

In addition, urine samples may be tested for the presence of performance-enhancing drugs, (including anabolic steroids), designer drugs (K2/Spice; Bath Salts) and other substances the district deems appropriate to the preventative intent of this policy. Breath-alcohol testing may also be used to determine the presence of alcohol.

### **Refusal to Submit for Testing**

An eligible student refuses to submit for drug and alcohol testing when he or she (1) fails to provide adequate urine within one hour when notified of the need to do so, or (2) engages in conduct that clearly obstructs the testing process. If a sufficient urine specimen is not provided within one hour, an oral fluid test will be administered. An eligible student who refuses to submit for testing, or who acts to falsify testing results, shall be suspended from all eligible activities for the remainder of the school year and will forfeit all awards and honors related to participation in eligible activities.

### **Positive Test Results**

Positive test results shall be reported to the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. The administrator shall notify only the student, the athletic coach or extra-curricular sponsor, and the parent or legal guardian of the student. All documentation regarding drug and alcohol test results shall be maintained separately from all other student records. Access to the confidential drug testing files shall be limited to school personnel on a need-to-know basis. No testing

results will be used to initiate or substantiate any criminal charges against a student. The Brunswick R-II School District will not share students' test results with municipal authorities, unless required to do so by law.

Failure to abide by the consequences set forth below shall constitute ineligibility for all athletics, extra-curricular activities, and on-campus parking.

**First Offense:** The student shall be suspended from student parking privileges on school property as well as participation in all in-season or off-season extracurricular and/or co-curricular MSHSAA activities for 20 school days. This suspension can be reduced to 10 school days if the parent/guardian obtains, at the parent/guardian's expense, a substance abuse evaluation and/or educational counseling (certified by the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse) for the student deemed appropriate by the evaluation.

Following a confirmed positive test result, the responsible school administrator shall schedule a conference with the student, his or her parent or legal guardian, and the athletic coach or extra-curricular sponsor. At the conference, the administrator will implement (one or more of) the following consequences:

- Students enrolled in a class that involves co-curricular activities will remain in the class during the suspension period and participate in classroom activities.
- If the student/parent seek to reduce this consequence by scheduling a substance abuse evaluation, the parent or legal guardian must provide verification that the student has attended alcohol and drug abuse counseling.
- The student will be required to submit to drug tests every time the district conducts random drug testing on other students for the rest of the school year.
- The student must be evaluated by a physician before resuming participation in eligible activities to certify that substance use or abuse no longer interferes with the student's mental or physical ability to participate in eligible activities.

**Second Offense:** The student shall be suspended from student parking privileges on school property as well as participation in all in-season or off-season extracurricular and/or co-curricular MSHSAA activities for 60 school days. This suspension can be reduced to 30 school days if the parent/guardian obtains, at the parent/guardian's expense, a substance abuse evaluation and/or educational counseling (certified by the Missouri Department of Mental Health,

Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse) for the student deemed appropriate by the evaluation.

Following a confirmed positive test result, the responsible school administrator shall schedule a conference with the student, his or her parent or legal guardian, and the athletic coach or extra-curricular sponsor. At the conference, the administrator will implement (one or more of) the following consequences:

- Students enrolled in a class that involves co-curricular activities will remain in the class during the suspension period and participate in classroom activities.
- If the student/parent seek to reduce this consequence by scheduling a substance abuse evaluation, the parent or legal guardian must provide verification that the student has attended alcohol and drug abuse counseling.
- The student will be required to submit to drug tests every time the district conducts random drug testing on other students for the rest of the school year.
- The student must be evaluated by a physician before resuming participation in eligible activities to certify that substance use or abuse no longer interferes with the student's mental or physical ability to participate in eligible activities.

**Third Offense:** Following a third confirmed positive test result; the student shall be prohibited from participating in all inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, public performances, prom, senior trip, and on-campus parking for a minimum period of one calendar year.



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Drug Testing Consent Form  
2023-2024

Student Consent:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have received, read, understand, and agree to abide by the Brunswick R-II School District's Substance Abuse Testing Policy and Procedures. I desire to participate in inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and/or on-campus parking. I therefore voluntarily agree to be governed by the terms of the Brunswick R-II School District's Substance Abuse Testing Policy and Procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (*print*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Parent or Legal Guardian Consent:

I have received, read, and understand the Brunswick R-II School District's Substance Abuse Testing Policy and Procedures. I desire that \_\_\_\_\_ participate in inter-scholastic athletics, extra-curricular activities, and/or on-campus parking. I therefore voluntarily agree to the terms of the Brunswick R-II School District's Substance Abuse Testing Policy and Procedures.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Name (*print*)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date