

Dixie District Schools Student Drug Testing Consent Form

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The School Board of Dixie County believes every child is entitled to a drug free environment for education and recognizes that an increasing number of students in Dixie County and throughout our nation are involved in the illegal use of drugs and alcohol. The Board is seeking to undermine the effects of peer pressure by providing an additional reason for students to refuse to use illegal drugs and alcohol. The 2010 Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey indicated serious concerns and the Board wants to be proactive to help our young people. The purpose of random drug testing is to keep our students from using drugs and to help those who may be drug dependent.

Participation in school sponsored interscholastic extra-curricular activities and permission to drive to school and park on campus is a privilege. These students carry a responsibility to themselves, their fellow students, their parents, and their school to set the highest possible example of conduct and sportsmanship which includes avoiding the use or possession of illegal drugs. Drug use of any kind is incompatible with the physical, mental, and emotional demands placed upon participants in interscholastic extra-curricular activities, co-curricular, sports, or club activities. For the safety, health, and well being of students who drive to school and /or participate in sports, club, or class activities extra-curricular and co-curricular activities, the Dixie District School Board has adopted policy 5.52 to provide for random student drug testing.

Each privileged student and his or her parent are required to sign a written consent for drug testing prior to being allowed to participate in interscholastic, competitive, extracurricular programs and activities, or receiving driving/parking privileges. The random drug testing will test urine samples for a variety of commonly abused drugs including alcohol. In the event that a sample tests positive, a confirmation test will be performed to verify the positive result. A certified Medical Review Officer/Physician will review the results to determine if a legitimate medical reason exists for the positive result. Students confirmed positive will be suspended from athletic/competitive/extracurricular/driving. Students who refuse to be tested when randomly selected or attempt to alter or adulterate a sample in any way, will be deemed ineligible to participate in activities.

This policy 5.52 can be found on our website at www.dixie.k12.fl.us under board policies.

Please complete the consent form on the back of this page and return to the Principal's office.

- Consent form, once signed, will remain in force until the student graduates or is retracted in writing.
- Any update to parent contact information is the responsibility of the parent to notify the school.

