

**WEBSTER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
ATHLETIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY DRUG SCREENING**

Since athletics, marching band, dance line, cheerleading, and pep squad are extracurricular activities, the Webster Parish School System takes extra precautions to assure that all students will be accorded reasonable safety measures. These activities are not a required part of the educational process, and thus are not mandated by the Webster Parish School Board. Consequently, the safety procedures required of the student are freely embraced by the parents and students in an effort to optimize the opportunities to minimize injuries to the student and to others who participate in sports and other activities.

The purpose of this drug screening policy is not to invade the privacy of the student, but to ensure the absence of a health problem, which includes any controlled substance dependency which would be counterproductive to the safety of the student and his or her companions.

As a participant in athletics and extracurricular activities, students shall be required to undergo:

1. A physical examination by a licensed physician.
2. A medical history of the athlete shall be kept in a locked file in accordance with LHSAA guidelines and procedures.
3. Random urine analysis to ascertain the presence of controlled substances.

PROCEDURES

Random urine analysis shall be strictly enforced and participation shall be mandatory, since the parents/guardian have freely chosen to allow their sons/daughters to participate in the extracurricular activity. No student shall be tested unless both the parent(s) and the student sign a form giving permission to have the tests performed. By signing, the parent(s) and the student acknowledge that they consented to the administration of the tests and waive any claim of an invasion of privacy and waive any objection to the necessary action in the furtherance of these safety proceedings. The signed form shall remain on file at the school that the student is attending for the duration of the student's athletic/extracurricular career.

Refusal to allow tests to be administered will be treated as a confirmed positive.

The urine tests shall be performed by a Webster Parish School Board designated laboratory. The results shall be kept strictly confidential. Parents of students whose drug screen yields a positive result will immediately meet with the principal and athletic director or activity's sponsor. A positive test result shows evidence that substances are present in the student's system.

By signing the form, the parent(s)/guardian further releases the Webster Parish School Board and its employees/agents from any responsibility in connection with the administration of tests, warranties as to the accuracy of said tests, and medical procedures used by the referring laboratories. By signing, it is further agreed and understood by the parent(s)/guardian and the student that the Webster Parish School Board assumes no responsibility for diagnosing or treating any diseases that may become known as a result of said laboratory test(s).

POSITIVE DRUG SCREEN RESULTS

A. First Positive

After confirmation of a positive drug screen, the student shall lose eligibility for the next four (4) calendar weeks. The student may not practice with the team or group during this 4 week period. Attendance at interscholastic contests will be left to the discretion of the coach/sponsor. A conference shall be scheduled with the appropriate school personnel, parent, and student concerning referral recommendations.

In order for the student to reenter an athletic/extracurricular activity, verification of a negative drug screen and written documentation of completion of counseling as designated by the Superintendent is required at a conference with appropriate school personnel, parent, and student. If a student tests positive during a period of the school year that his/her activity is not active, the counseling requirement must still be met.

B. Second Positive

After confirmation of a second positive drug screen, the student shall lose eligibility for the next six (6) weeks of scheduled activities in which the student is a participant. This loss of eligibility includes practicing with the team or group. A conference shall be scheduled with the appropriate school personnel, parent, and the student concerning treatment recommendations.

In order for the student to reenter an athletic/extracurricular activity, a conference with the student, parent, and appropriate school personnel must be held. Verification of a negative drug screen and written documentation of completion of counseling as designated by the Superintendent must be provided to appropriate school personnel. As stated above, if a student tests positive when he or she is not actively participating, the counseling requirement must still be met.

C. Third Positive

After confirmation of a third positive drug screen, the student will be dismissed from athletic/extracurricular activities for one calendar year.

In order for the student to reenter an athletic/extracurricular activity, he or she must voluntarily submit documentation of a negative drug screen and written documentation of completion of counseling as designated by the Superintendent to appropriate school personnel. Furthermore, the student shall continue to be randomly drug screened for the dismissed year and must remain free of drugs.

D. Fourth Positive

After confirmation of a fourth positive drug screen, the student shall be excluded from participation in all athletics/extracurricular activities for the remainder of his/her school career.

E. Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and throughout the student's participation in an athletic/extracurricular event through his/her junior and senior high school career.

If a screening result is questioned, the remaining portion of the student's original split specimen, which remains labeled, sealed, and frozen for one year, may be sent at the student's expense to a certified lab chosen by the student for re-testing. The screen must be in line with Webster Parish School Board's designated laboratory specifications and guidelines. If there is a discrepancy in the two tests, the Webster Parish School System will screen the *student* again.

NOTES:

1. It is imperative to note that these procedures are only to be used for the appearance of non-apparent controlled substances. Consequently, if a student is apprehended by anyone as a result of being in illegal possession of alcohol and/or a controlled substance, the regular school discipline policies shall apply.
2. The drug screening will become a part of the regular health examination form of Webster Parish School System athletes.

I have read the policy above and give permission for my child _____ to be drug tested in accordance with the Webster Parish School Board Policy.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____