

Drug Testing of Students Participating in Athletics, Extracurricular Activities, and Driving a Vehicle on Campus

The Dade County Board of Education firmly believes that the use and abuse of drugs that are not prescribed or used as prescribed are detrimental to the physical, emotional and mental well being of its students. The Board further believes that this abuse seriously interferes with the academic and athletic performance of students and creates an unhealthy learning environment. These concerns have prompted the Board to authorize the Superintendent and his/her administrative staff to develop and implement drug screening procedures for all students who wish to participate in any interscholastic athletic activity, any interscholastic extracurricular activity, or any student who applies for a parking permit and intends to park a vehicle on school grounds of Dade County Schools.

It shall be the policy of the Board to take positive action through education, counseling, parental involvement, intervention, medical referral, and police referral in the handling of incidents in the schools involving the possession, sale, distribution and/or use of behavior affecting substances. It shall further be the policy of the Board for all students in the District to be provided age appropriate, developmentally based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs, which address the legal, social, and health consequences of drug and alcohol use and to be provided with information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol. These programs shall also provide information about any drug and alcohol counseling rehabilitation and re-entry programs that are available to students.

Compliance with the requirements set forth in this policy is mandatory.

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Print Child's Name	Student's Signature	Date
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Parent Name (Print)	Parent's Signature	Date