

CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

STUDENT DRUG TESTING

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The Henry County Boards of Education promotes a safe and drug-free learning environment for its students. It is important that every student understand the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and drug use. Participation in extracurricular activities is a privilege and not a right; therefore, students enrolled in grades 7-12 of the Henry County School System who are participating in extracurricular activities may be required to submit to random, unannounced screenings for alcohol and drug use. The Board reserves the right to depart from this policy where it deems appropriate except where prohibited by law. Students will be notified of any changes to practices related to this policy.

Random, unannounced drug and alcohol testing applies to students

- Participating in athletics or cheerleading in Board-sponsored school sports teams, cheerleading squads or dance squads; and,
- Participating in other Board-sponsored extracurricular activities.

This policy does not circumvent or replace the Henry County School System Code of Conduct rules pertaining to the use, possession, distribution, or manufacturing of drugs or alcohol or other controlled substances on or away from Board property or at school-sponsored events. Violations of policies and rules will follow normal Board procedures and will be subject to published consequences.

Such drug and alcohol testing to be implemented by this policy shall be of the type demonstrated to be accurate methods for determining the presence or absence of alcohol or drugs in a person. For the purposes of this testing, breath, oral fluid, hair or urine may be used as deemed appropriate.

REFERENCES:

**CODE OF ALABAMA
16-8-8**

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