
GRANT PARISH DRUG TESTING POLICY FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

It is the policy of the Grant Parish School Board to take all precautions to assure that students will be accorded every reasonable safety measure. Extracurricular activity is not a required part of the educational process, and thus is not mandated by the Grant Parish School Board. The Grant Parish School Board embraces the opportunity to minimize injuries to athletes and others who participate in interscholastic sports.

The School Board's main purpose is not to invade the privacy of the student-athlete, but rather to bring to the surface a potential health problem. This would include any controlled substance dependency which, by its very nature, would be counterproductive to the safety of the student-athlete and his/her companions.

The format adopted by the Grant Parish School Board to accomplish the above procedure will be:

1. A physical examination by a licensed physician.
2. A copy of the physical examination form of the athlete to be kept by the Athletic Department.
3. One or more urine analyses to ascertain the presence of controlled substances, if selected to be tested.

The tests shall be strictly enforced and participation shall be mandatory since the parents/guardians and the student sign a contract and consent form from both the Board and the Louisiana High School Athletic Association (LHSAA) giving permission to have the test performed. No student shall be eligible to compete in any LHSAA sponsored event unless these forms are properly signed. By signing, the parents and the student acknowledge that they have consented to the administration of the tests and waive any claim of invasion of privacy and also waive any objection to the furtherance of this program.

The urine sample shall be collected by certified personnel and the test will be administered by licensed laboratory representatives. Each participating school will randomly select 25% of the total number of athletes to be tested over a period of eight (8) months beginning in September and ending in April. The results of the tests shall be kept strictly confidential in the Principal's office. Parents of students who yield a positive test result shall be notified immediately and must meet with the Principal and Athletic Director. A positive result shows evidence that substances are present in the student-athlete's system.

It is important to note that regular school disciplinary policies apply to the student-athlete who is caught at school in illegal possession of or under the influence of alcohol and/or any controlled substance. These procedures are only to be used to test for illegal controlled substances in the system of the student-athlete.

In signing the consent forms, the parents/guardians further release the Grant Parish School Board from any liabilities in connection with the administration of test results, warranties as to accuracy of said test results, and medical procedures used by the referring laboratories.

It is further understood by signing the forms that the parents/guardians and the student-athlete agree that the Grant Parish School Board assumes no responsibility for diagnosing or treating any disease that may become known as a result of said laboratory tests.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I have read and have in my possession a copy of the policy, and my child will follow these guidelines for participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student-Athlete Signature

Date

Please return this portion of the form to your coach.