

Voluntary Drug Testing Consent Form

I have read the district's drug testing policy and hereby agree to accept and abide by the standards, rules and regulations set forth in the policy. By signing the drug testing consent form, I hereby consent to participate and cooperate in drug testing as described in the drug testing policy until graduation unless I revoke my consent through a signed and dated written statement.

I authorize the district (including a testing laboratory assigned by the district) to conduct drug tests using urine samples I will provide. I understand that in the event of a failed drug test, notice will be provided to me or to my parents or guardians if I am under the age of 18 and to certain district personnel as described in the drug testing policy and the following will occur: (1) I will be expected to cooperate in the testing process; (2) I will have an opportunity for the other half of my sample to be tested to either confirm or negate the results of the first sample; and (3) I will cooperate with the Student Assistance Program, which will be provided for support and guidance.

Signing the document constitutes consent pursuant to the Family Education Right to Privacy Act for the release of information about drug test results to certain parties identified in the Drug Testing Policy.

Forms can be handed into the nurse. If you have additional questions, please contact your school nurse.

Student Name (Please Print)

Student Grade

I have read the material contained in the policy and I consent to drug testing as stipulated.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

I have read the material contained in the policy and DO NOT WISH to participate in this program.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Conestoga Valley School District

Voluntary Student Drug Testing Policy #254



Approved by the Conestoga Valley School Board
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1. **PURPOSE:** This policy provides for drug testing of the middle school and high school students in our district who consent to such testing, along with a parent/guardian if the student is under the age of eighteen (18). In keeping with Conestoga Valley's mission of preparing our students to lead successful lives as responsible, confident, caring individuals in a rapidly changing world, the purpose of this policy includes the following:
 - A. To protect the health and safety of our students.
 - B. To deter student drug use.
 - C. To prevent accidents and injuries resulting from student drug use.
 - D. To provide students who use drugs with the access to assistance programs.
 - E. To enhance communication between students and their parents/guardians on drug prevention.
 - F. To prevent disruption to school operations, as well as the educational process, that result from student drug use.
2. **AUTHORITY:** This policy is adopted in accordance with the authority granted to school boards, under Section 510 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended. The law permits school boards to adopt reasonable rules and regulations regarding the management of district affairs and the conduct and deportment of all students during the time they are under the supervision of the board and district personnel, including the time necessarily spent coming to and returning to school.
3. **GUIDELINES:**
 - A. **Drug Testing Consent Forms**
 1. **Voluntary Participation in Drug Testing:**
 - a. Any middle school or high school students may consent to participate in drug testing by signing a Drug Testing Consent Form. To participate in drug testing, the consent of a parent/guardian is also required if the student is under the age of eighteen (18).
 - b. All middle school and high students shall have the opportunity to sign a drug testing consent form at the start of each school year or upon enrollment if the student enrolls during a school year. In addition, the building principal shall permit students to sign a Drug Testing Consent Form at any time during the school year.
 - c. Once a student signs a Drug Testing Consent Form, the student's consent to participate in drug testing shall remain in effect until graduation, unless the student revokes such consent through a dated written statement signed by both student and parent/guardian if the student is under the age of eighteen (18).
 - d. Students who have signed a Drug Testing Consent Form must reasonably cooperate with the drug testing procedures set forth in this policy. Failure to cooperate with the policy shall lead to a presumed positive test which will result in the student's referral to the Student Assistance Program for support and guidance after notification of the student's parent/guardian.
 - e. The building principal or designee shall maintain a file of signed Drug Testing Consent Forms. Any written revocation of consent shall be attached to the student's original signed Drug Testing Consent Form.
 2. **Students Required to Participate in Drug Testing:**
 - a. Any student who is subject to suspension or expulsion from school as a result of possessing, using or being under the influence of drugs in violation of the school board's policies or the Student Code of Conduct shall be required where appropriate to participate in the random drug-testing program as part of the disposition of the disciplinary matter.
 - b. If the student refuses to participate in or cooperate with drug testing outlined above, the student may be subject to further disciplinary action.
 - B. **Type of Testing**
 1. Random testing shall be conducted without prior notice, on a bi-monthly basis for up to fifteen students who have signed a Drug Testing Consent Form. Students selected for testing shall be chosen at random, using a scientifically valid method. A student notified that s/he has been selected for random testing shall proceed immediately to the test site on campus.
 2. Nothing in this policy shall prevent additional drug testing as otherwise permitted by law or by district policy or regulation.
 - C. **Testing Procedures**
 1. Drug testing shall be conducted by way of urine samples. Trained medical personnel shall collect samples, in a manner that is in conformance with industry standards and properly balances the values of privacy and confidentiality with the accuracy of the test. All urine samples will be initially screened at the building-level; a properly certified laboratory selected by the school district shall further analyze all non-negative samples. The testing by the laboratory shall utilize appropriate chain of custody procedures and be done in compliance with the school district's Drug Screening Procedures.
 2. All cost associated with the testing shall be paid by the district.
 3. The results of drug tests pursuant to this policy will not be documented in any student's academic records. Information regarding the results of drug tests will not be disclosed to law enforcement officials or a court absent a lawfully issued subpoena or court order that compels such disclosure.
 - D. **Positive Test Results/Student Response**
 1. Urine samples found to be non-negative at the building-level screening will be subject to further confirmatory testing for the drug(s) identified, using a different analytical methodology by the district-selected certified laboratory. Only those urine samples found to be non-negative on both the building-level screening and laboratory's confirmatory test will be reported as positive by the Medical Resource Officer ("MRO").
 2. For all positive test results, the MRO will contact the student's parent/guardian by telephone to determine if there is a legitimate medical explanation for the positive test result.
 3. The MRO will report confirmed positive results to the building principal as well as the student's parent/guardian.
 4. The principal will immediately notify the superintendent of the positive result for the student.
 5. The principal shall meet with the student and the student's parent/guardian to discuss the consequences associated with a positive test result.
 - E. **Impact On Academic Status Or Grades, Suspension Or Expulsion**
 1. If a student has a positive drug test but no previous drug offenses, the result shall not be used in any manner to determine the student's academic status or grades, or to determine whether to suspend or expel the student for an alleged violation of any district policy or regulation. The student will be referred to the Student Assistance Program for support and guidance following notification of the student's parent/guardian.
 2. By volunteering for the drug testing program, students likewise agree that they be subject to disciplinary action by school officials for a positive test result, under the following circumstances:
 - a. If a student receives his/her second positive test, but has no other drug violations; or
 - b. If a student receives a positive test and has a prior drug violation or violations that resulted in the student's suspension or expulsion from school.
 3. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the school district from suspending or expelling a student who possessed, used or was under the influence of drugs on school property, on the way to or from school, or at school events as permitted by other board policies or the Student Code of Conduct.