

Questions from the Survey

Does the district have a policy to address false positives from the screening process?

If a parent(s)/guardian(s) believes a positive test result was reached in error, they have 24 hours after notification of a positive test to request a re-test. The cost of the re-test is the responsibility of the parent(s)/guardian(s). The re-test will be performed on the same specimen used for the first test, therefore a new specimen will not be needed

In addition, students will be asked to provide a confidential list of any medications he/she is prescribed that may cause a positive test.

Could a student be chosen for testing more than once?

Yes, the student's numbers that are tested are returned to the testing pool. If a student is tested three times during one school year, the student's number will not be put back in the testing pool until the start of the next school year.

Why was the current system deemed unsatisfactory? Is there a substantially larger problem in our high school than public police reports would show?

There really is no current system of drug testing. Our TRUST organization had a volunteer drug testing program for only its members. To the best of our recollection, no TRUST member has been tested in two years.

Student discipline information, anecdotal information gathered from police and community members, and student self-reporting suggests a formal, structured drug testing program for students participating in co-curricular activities would benefit our student body.

If you are concerned about health and safety then all students should be tested but I still believe it should be done by their own Doctor. Also, I believe if you are testing the students what about the teachers who participate in the extracurricular activities they should be drug tested as well it wouldn't be fair to the students to be tested if the teachers or coaches are not.

The courts have upheld the practice of drug testing student involved in co-curricular activities, but this approval has not been extended to the general student body. Seneca High School has framed this policy to comply with existing legal parameters.

Testing adults in a school is a matter of collective bargaining.

Most schools that implement this policy have a documented problem of drug use among students. Is this the case at Seneca High School? There is inconclusive and conflicting research that the policy reduces drug use. Have you looked into other proven prevention activities? Ones that are inclusive to all students and not just students in extra-curricular activities?

Based upon the evidence we have obtained from student discipline information, anecdotal information from police and community members, and student self-reporting, a formal, structured drug testing program for students participating in co-curricular activities would benefit our student body.

The drug testing program is intended to be one part of a larger, more comprehensive drug prevention program currently under construction which will apply to all of our students. We plan to implement the program during the 2015-2016 school year.

Who enforces it?

The policy's implementation will be overseen by the High School Principal. The Activities Director will work with the Principal to enforce the policy.