



**No Alcohol No Drugs**  
**The Best Choice for Teens**

## **RANDOM DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING PROGRAM FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS AND STUDENT DRIVERS**

### **REASONABLE CONCERN**

Because of an increasing concern about the trend and wide spread alcohol and drug use among students attending Southwest Allen County middle and high schools, the SACS Educational Foundation has developed a task force (NAND – No Alcohol No Drugs Task Force of Southwest Allen County) of educators, parents, students, and community leaders who have met regularly to determine the extent of the problem.

The NAND task force's goal is to eliminate student drug and alcohol use in Southwest Allen County by promoting prevention education, intervention, and treatment through the shared efforts of all stakeholders (students, parents, educators, and community leaders). The consensus of the NAND task force is that accountability through programs such as drug-testing may play a key role in deterring students from alcohol and drug use.

SACS has a strong commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of its students. This commitment includes maintaining a safe and secure educational environment which requires a clear policy and supportive program of prevention, detection, and intervention of drug and alcohol use by students involved in extra-curricular activities and driving to and/or from school.

### **STATEMENT OF NEED AND PURPOSE**

Students who drive to and/or from school or participate in extra-curricular activities, while using drugs or alcohol pose a threat to the health and safety of themselves and other students. Therefore, a comprehensive random drug and alcohol-testing program consisting of deterrence, assistance and education will be instituted as a proactive approach to a drug and alcohol-free school.

The purpose of the random drug and alcohol-testing program is:

- To provide for the health and safety of students;
- To undermine the effect of peer pressure by providing a strong, positive reason for students to refuse to use drugs or alcohol;
- To encourage students who use drugs to participate in effective drug education programs; and
- To preserve the educational environment.

### **SACS SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

Random Drug Testing: Students who drive to and/or from school or who participate in extracurricular or co-curricular activities while using drugs or alcohol pose a threat to the health and safety of themselves and other students. To address these problems, SACS will conduct random drug and alcohol testing of all extracurricular and co-curricular participants, as well as all student drivers to provide all students an incentive to avoid drug and alcohol use. All SACS students in grades 6 through 12 who wish to participate in any extracurricular or co-curricular activities, or who wish to drive to and from school must agree to participate in the random drug testing program. SACS shall regularly test students randomly drawn from the pool of participants for drug and alcohol use.

Students who test positive in this program will be suspended from participation in any extracurricular or co-curricular activity and from driving to and/or from school in accordance with the student discipline policy. No student shall be expelled or suspended from school as a result of any positive test under this random testing program. Upon a student's first positive test under this program, a school administrator may offer the student the opportunity to participate in the Student Assistance Program. Participation in this program shall reduce the disciplinary consequences of the positive test in accordance with the student discipline policy.

Any student who has agreed to participate in this random drug testing program who later refuses to submit to a test when randomly selected shall be considered to have tested positive and will be subject to the appropriate consequences.

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### **SCOPE**

- All students who ...
  - Participate in extracurricular activities
  - Participate in co-curricular activities
  - Drive to/from school
  - Participate in the voluntary program

### **PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

- Must be signed by both student and parent
- Must be signed before participating in extracurricular or co-curricular activity or being issued a Homestead parking permit
- Is valid for one year from the date of signing

### **TESTING**

- Confidential and random testing pool
- Right to test on any day of week
- Tests completed by a medical lab

### **POSITIVE TEST RESULTS**

- Procedure
  - Lab notifies Student Assistance Coordinator
  - Student Assistance Coordinator meeting with student and parents to discuss results
  - Student Assistance Coordinator will notify a school administrator of the positive result
  - Appeals – prescription based
- Consequences
  - First offense
    - 45 day social/extracurricular suspension
    - 45 day driving permit suspension
    - May choose to participate in alternative to suspension program
  - Second offense
    - 90 day social/extracurricular suspension
    - 90 day driving suspension
    - Must participate in random pool to return to eligibility
  - Third offense
    - Permanent social/extracurricular suspension
    - Permanent driving suspension
- Alternative to suspension program for first offense
  - Student and parent sign Student Assistance Program Contract
  - Student and parent agree to drug treatment or education program
  - Social suspension reduced to 10 days
  - Driving suspension reduced to 10 days
  - Events missed reduced to one event
  - Student is subject to drug testing during program

### **NOT AN ISOLATED EFFORT**

This program is not an isolated effort but rather one aspect of a comprehensive NAND strategy to eliminate drug and alcohol use among students in Southwest Allen County. Complementing this drug testing program is educational programming for parents, community and business leaders, school personnel and students.

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