



**CENTRAL DAUPHIN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR STUDENT ATHLETES POLICY  
Information for Parents**



Parents and Student Athletes of the Central Dauphin School District:

The Central Dauphin School District initiated a random drug and alcohol testing policy for student athletes beginning with the fall season of the 2017-2018 school year.

Student athletes who are randomly selected will provide a urine sample that will be tested for Amphetamines, Methamphetamines, Cocaine Marijuana, Opiates (morphine/codeine), Phencyclidine (PCP), Barbiturates, Benzodiazepines, Methadone, Propoxyphene, Oxycodone, Buprenorphine, and specimen validity. The costs of testing shall be paid by the District. The screening will be facilitated by a Quest Diagnostics Technician. We will observe all legal guidelines pertaining to the chain of custody during the collection and analysis (chain of custody refers to the security of handling the obtained sample from the point of collection to the final destination of the laboratory including identification, labeling, sealing, and testing).

The Principal, Athletic Director, and Assistant Superintendent will receive a confidential report of the test results. The Athletic Director will notify all parents with the results of the student athletes tested. If the sample tests positive, a student may request the initial sample to be retested. The cost of the retest will be paid by the District. If the second test is negative, no further action is taken.

The test is to be used as a deterrent rather than as a disciplinary tool. However, those who test positive will be notified by the Principal/ Athletic Director and subjected to the following:

1. Required to meet with the Principal and with his/her parents/guardians.
2. Required to participate in the District's Student Assistance Program and complete a drug and alcohol evaluation.
3. Required to comply with the drug and alcohol evaluator's recommendations. Failure to comply with the recommendations will result in dismissal from the activity.
4. Required student disqualification from further participation in the activity as outlined in this policy (as per Board Policy 227.1 Drug and Alcohol Testing for Student Athletes).
5. Required to be retested before the start of another sports season in which they will be a team participant and test negative prior to his/her return to athletic competition.

Students will be randomly selected by computer operation by an individual not associated with the athletic program. Should any student refuse to submit a sample for testing, he/she will be disqualified from participation in the activity and treated as a first offense.

We will select a percentage of athletes from all teams participating during that testing season. The test will not be announced prior to the actual date of screening. Testing results will be held in strict confidence. We will continue to follow our School District Board Policy No. 227 on Drugs and Alcohol concerning the use, possession, or distribution of illegal substances on school premises and possessing, using, or distributing on non-school time.

We thank you for your support and assistance in keeping drugs out of our athletes.

Respectfully,

Central Dauphin School District Administration and School Board