

GLEN MEADOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

RANDOM DRUG TESTING

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF DRUG TESTING IN SCHOOLS?

The purpose of testing is preventative. The sole purpose of the program is to identify those students who are at risk and to get them the professional assistance they require. At no time may the results of such testing be made public and it may not be shared with law enforcement or the school administration.

WHO CAN BE TESTED?

Any student who has voluntarily filed a Consent To Test Form to enter the testing pool. Student who enter the testing pool remain eligible for one calendar year.

CAN I REFUSE TO TAKE THE TEST?

Refusal to supply a urine sample when tested will be considered a *positive* Test Result.

WHAT TYPES OF SUBSTANCES IS THE TESTING DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY?

Testing may include but not be limited to the following substances or their metabolites: amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, marijuana, oxycodone, PCP, Ecstasy, Methadone, methamphetamines, opiates, anabolic steroids, tricyclic antidepressants and/or other substances defined as a controlled substance by NJ or Federal law.

HOW CAN I BE REMOVED FROM THE TESTING POOL?

You can be removed from the testing pool if you file an Opt-Out form with the Random Drug Testing Coordinator.

TESTING PROCEDURE

A confidential testing schedule will be created by the Random Drug Testing Coordinator at the start of each month in the school year. The method of selection will be based on a pool of eligible students and the method to choose the students will be conducted in a manner to ensure that it is random.

Testing will only occur on student contact days during the academic year.

The selection of eligible students for testing will be conducted in a purely and entirely random basis. This selection will be carried out by the Random Drug Testing Coordinator.

- The RDT Coordinator will compile a list of eligible students through the use of a signed and submitted drug consent form.
- The RDT Coordinator or designee will notify students selected for testing and escort them directly to the nurses office. The testing site will have a secured bathroom that will maximize the privacy of the participant and ensure the integrity of the sample collection process. Water sources shall be turned off and the toilet water will be blueed to prevent adulteration of test specimens.
- In the event of student absence, an alternate selection will be made from the testing pool.

Every effort will be made to minimize the disruption to the academic progress of classes and to maintain the confidentiality of students selected for testing.

WHAT TYPE OF TEST IS IT?

The test requires the collection of a urine sample.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE TEST RESULTS?

Results are kept in a student file which is confidential and by law must be separated from all other student records. The results may only be shared with parents, the testing lab and the Testing Coordinator and the Student Assistance Counselor. The results may not be shared with law enforcement. Upon leaving Glen Meadow Middle School all the student's testing files will be destroyed.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE TEST IS NEGATIVE ?

Parents will be notified of a negative result. Results will be placed in the student's confidential file and the student's name will remain in the testing pool for possible testing at a future time.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE TEST NOT NEGITIVE?

A non-negative test result indicates that, for whatever reason, it is not possible for the school to determine the result of the test . A non-negative result is sent to the testing laboratory retained by the school for further evaluation. After analysis, the lab will forward the results to a Medical Review Officer (a doctor on staff at the lab) for review. If the test is determined to show positive results for illegal drugs then MRO notifies the Random Drug Testing Coordinator at school who will pass the results on to the parent. If you believe this positive report to be in error due to prescriptions or other factors you may contact the MRO directly to discuss the results. If adjustments need to be made, the MRO will send an updated drug screen report to the Random Drug Testing Coordinator.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE RESULT IS POSITIVE?

Upon receipt of a positive test result from the testing lab the Random Drug Testing Coordinator will take the following action:

Positive Test - The student will have a minimum of 6 visits with the Student Assistance Counselor at the school, the first visit occurring within a week of the confirmed positive test result. The student will attend an Early Intervention Program. The student must enter the program within one week of being confirmed positive. Failure to conform to these requirements will result in additional school discipline against the student.

IS THERE AN APPEAL PROCEDURE?

A student and/or their guardian may request a re-test of his/her specimen at their own expense at a laboratory approved by the school district and which follows SAMHSA standards. Written requests must be received by the school within 48 hours of receiving the results if their drug test. The previously submitted specimen will be forwarded to the approved lab.