

## DRUG TESTING

### (POLICY # 227.1)

To address and combat students' use of drugs, the Mahanoy Area School Board is implementing both a voluntary drug testing program for all students and a mandatory, random drug testing program for students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities or for students with parking privileges on school property. Testing will be performed on urine samples collected by trained and certified collection personnel following forensic collection procedures. Urine samples will be submitted to a screening test for multiple drugs as set forth in policy 227.1. If a student refuses to submit a urine sample for testing, the refusal will be deemed a violation of the policy.

The policy is designed to:

1. Create and maintain a safe, drug-free environment for all students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, athletics and students with driving privileges.
2. Prevent students participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, athletics and students with driving privileges from using drugs.
3. Protect the health and safety of all students, faculty and the public.
4. Prevent accidents, injuries and property damage resulting from the use of drugs.
5. Provide students with access to assistance and treatment for drug problems.
6. Provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to maintain the safety of their student(s) through voluntary participation in the drug testing programs.

Consequences for violations of the policy

1. First violation – Student will be automatically referred to the student assistant program and will be suspended from participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, athletics and/or parking privileges for a minimum of 45 days.
2. Second Violation – The student will be automatically referred to the student assistant program and will be suspended from participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, athletics, and/or parking privileges for one full calendar year.
3. Third violation – The student will be automatically referred to the student assistance program and will be suspended from participating in extracurricular/co-curricular activities, athletics and/or parking privileges for two full calendar years.

In each violation the student's belongings, locker and car may be immediately searched upon notification of a positive test. During the suspension period, the student may also be subject to random searches at the discretion of the administration. The student must also successfully complete the recommendations of the SAP team.

***No student shall be suspended from school, expelled or otherwise penalized academically as a result of a confirmed positive result under this policy. The complete policy is available for reading in each individual school office.***