

Monmouth-Roseville Junior High and High School – CUSD #238 Student Random Drug and Alcohol Testing Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

When must we turn in the Consent to Test Form in order to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities or park on school grounds?

To try out for or to participate in any school sponsored extracurricular activities, the student must read this policy and sign a consent form by which the student agrees that as a condition of participation in extracurricular activities, he/she will consent to the drug testing program outlined in the procedure. The consent form must also be signed by the student's parents or guardians at the beginning of the school year or prior to try outs for a specific activity. Students deciding to participate in an extracurricular activity after the first sign-up deadline, will be required to be tested after the signed consent form is returned. This testing will occur on the next scheduled test date and the extracurricular participant will then remain eligible for random testing for the remainder of the school year. Both signatures must be witnessed by another adult, not a member of the student's family.

Can I withdraw from consent to participate in this program?

Consent for participation may be withdrawn under the following conditions:

1. Student fails to make the team/activity under tryout procedures outlined.
2. Student will not be participating in any additional qualified extracurricular activities for the remainder of the school career.
3. Parents must submit written request for withdrawal of consent indicating intentions in #2 above.
4. Withdrawal of consent must be sent to the appropriate building principal who will verify student no longer participating in any qualified extracurricular event.

Should student elect to resume participation in any qualified activity again in his/her school career, the student will be required to be tested on the next scheduled test date prior to activity tryout or participation.

What happens if I and/or my parents/guardian refuse to sign the form?

If the extracurricular participant, his/her parents or guardians refuse to sign the consent form, the student will not be permitted to be a member of the activity until such consent form is signed. Also, if the extracurricular participant refuses to be tested or does not complete the test as instructed, the extracurricular participant will be considered in violation of this policy and automatically be ineligible as an extracurricular participant until testing is completed.

How often will the drug and alcohol testing be performed?

Time period for random tests determined by the District and Testing Organization. Cycles may be weekly, monthly, quarterly or by semester.

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What happens if I am absent on one of the days of testing?

If the student is absent from school, and the absence is unexcused, the student will be ineligible for practice or competition until the next testing date and then will automatically be tested on that date. If the absence is excused, the student will remain eligible for practice and competition, but will automatically be tested on the next date. After testing an extracurricular participants number will be returned to the testing population and subject to re-selection during the next testing cycle. Extracurricular participants will be subject to random testing throughout the school year, so long as they are trying out for or participating in an extracurricular activity.

How are students that transfer into the district handled?

A student transferring to Monmouth-Roseville school district will be provided a copy of this policy. Transfer students and parents will be giving a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 5 school days to determine whether or not student intends to participate in extracurricular activities. If, within period of time given, the consent form is signed appropriately, the student's name will be added to the random list. If a decision is made to participate after the original timeline for consent, the student will automatically be tested on the next scheduled test date, prior to activity tryout or participation.

How will the tests be administered?

Drug, alcohol and/or tobacco testing may be performed by breath alcohol testing and/or urinalysis. Upon being selected for breath alcohol testing, a student must provide an adequate amount of breath so that the measuring device can measure any alcohol concentration in the breath. Upon being selected for a urinalysis test, the student shall provide a sample of "fresh" urine according to the quality control standards and policy of the collection facility conducting the urinalysis

What if a student tests "positive?"

The Building Principal or designee will be notified of a student testing "positive" (i.e., if the test shows that drug residues are in the student's system after using at least 2 different types of analyses). The Building Principal or designee will notify the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s). The student or his parent(s)/guardian(s) may submit any documented prescription or explanation of a "positive" test result.

If a student tests "positive" to a test, will he/she be suspended from school? No. Student academic programming will not be affected by a positive test. A positive test will be treated as an extra-curricular code of conduct violation only.

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Is there an appeal process for a positive result?

In addition, the student or parent(s)/guardian(s) may request that the urine specimen be tested again by a certified laboratory at the parent(s)/guardian cost. This request should be made within twenty-four (24) hours of the notification of the first positive test result to have the specimen tested in a laboratory of the family's choice and at their expense. This test must be arranged by the family if the lab is to be a different lab. Any alternate labs selected by a family must be a federally registered, and SAMHSA certified lab (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration) certified lab. Should the test be confirmed as positive, and there is not a satisfactory explanation for the positive results, the student will be considered to be in violation of the Code of Conduct. If it is determined by mutual consent of both testing facilities that the first test was invalid, the parents will be reimbursed the cost of the retest. Student will be reinstated if test is determined invalid.

If the test is verified "positive," the Building Principal or designee will meet with the student and his or her parent(s)/guardian(s). The student and parent(s)/guardian(s) will be given the names of counseling and assistance agencies. The student may not participate in extracurricular activities until the required "follow-up" test is completed.

A "follow up" test will be required after the suspension period is served or after such an interval of time that the substance previously found would normally be eliminated from the body, whichever comes first. If this "follow up" test is negative, the student will be allowed to resume extracurricular activities. If a "positive" result is obtained from the "follow up" test, or any later test, it will be considered a subsequent violation. In addition, the School District reserves the right to continue testing at any time during the remaining school year any participating student who had a verified "positive" test

How is student confidentiality maintained? The Superintendent or his/her designee will assign random ID numbers to each eligible student and randomly choose the students to be tested each cycle. MT will conduct all testing under the supervision of our administrative/health care staff. Specifics are outlined in the testing policy.