

Recommended Changes To The SHS Drug Testing Policy 11/30/06

Page Numbers Recommended for Change to BP #504.15.1, Mandatory Drug Testing Policy for Students Involved in Extracurricular Activities – Senior High School and SHS Student Handbook:

- Page 2 – Paragraph 1, Revision
- Page 2 – Paragraph 2, Sample Collection: Revision
- Page 4 – Letter E: New language

Rationale for Change:

1. Page 2 – Paragraph 1
To remove confusion regarding the right to test I am requesting the phrase “except during the summer weeks when activities are not in session” be removed. The sentence behind that strike is added to state our right to test a student who has tested positive as seen in item #3 below.
2. Page 2 – Paragraph 2
The recommended change in this section is to simplify what happens when a student is selected for testing but is not present that day. It is difficult to bring the person who does the testing back whenever the student returns. We average approximately 2 students a week who are not present to take the test. WPCI provides a separate list of alternate students who could be tested if necessary. The change in policy enables us to legally test alternates.
3. Page 4 – Procedure, #1, Letter E
This is recommended new language to our policy. An important question is - Do we give students who test positive 3 months off during the summer? Our goal is to support students with testing so they will have a good reason to abstain from drug or alcohol use during the summer months. This is one more piece which can help a student with peer pressure.